

Guide to the Lawrence Gilman Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 407

CREATOR: Gilman, Lawrence, 1878-1939

TITLE: Lawrence Gilman papers

DATES: 1864-1971

BULK DATES: 1913-1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 14.4 linear feet (11 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of letters to Lawrence Gilman from various writers, poets, editors, and musicians, including Winifred Welles, Carl Van Vechten, Winston Churchill, John Farrar, Otto Klemperer, Marian MacDowell, H. L. Mencken, Ezra Pound, Bruno Walter, John Butler Yeats, and William Butler Yeats. A small amount of letters are from Gilman family members and an unidentified correspondent. Other papers include a draft of Gilman's "Bach the Great Modern," two notebooks, and clippings.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Elizabeth L. Anderson, 1951-1984.

December 2016 acquisition: Gift of Joseph Gilman, 2016.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call numbers: Za Gilman, Uncat ZA File 42, Uncat Za File 46, and Uncat Za File 47.

Lawrence Gilman

Lawrence Gilman, American author and music critic, was born on July 5, 1878 in Flushing, New York to Arthur Coit Gilman and Bessie Lawrence Gilman. His great uncle was the educator Daniel Coit Gilman. He studied at Collins Street Classical School in Hartford, CT, where he exhibited great talent for music theory and proficiency with several instruments. He worked for the *New York Herald* from 1896 to 1898 and as a music critic for *Harper's Weekly*, where he advanced to the position of managing editor, which he held from 1901 to 1913. Gilman worked as a general arts critic for the *North American Review* from 1915 to 1923, and for the *Herald Tribune* from 1925. On August 1, 1904, he married Elizabeth Wright Walter, with whom he had one child, Elizabeth "Betty" Lawrence Gilman in 1905. Gilman died on September 8, 1939 in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of letters to Lawrence Gilman from various writers, poets, editors, artists, and musicians, including Winifred Welles, Carl Van Vechten, Winston Churchill, John Farrar, Otto Klemperer, Marian MacDowell, H. L. Mencken, Ezra Pound, Bruno Walter, John Butler Yeats, and William Butler Yeats. A small amount of letters are from Gilman family members and an unidentified correspondent. Other papers include a draft of Gilman's "Bach the Great Modern," two notebooks, clippings, and scrapbooks of his reviews and articles for the *New York Herald Tribune*.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Correspondence, 1886-1953. II. Writings and Other Papers, 1921-1971. III. December 2016 acquisition, 1864-1956.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1886-1953

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	Adams, Franklin Pierce	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Aiken, George	1940 January 22
b. 1, f. 1	Anderson, Elizabeth Includes draft of poem, "From a Kitten to Her Mistress"	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Bangs, John Kendrick	1913 May 25
b. 1, f. 1	Barber, Samuel	1939
b. 1, f. 1	Barrère, Georges	1938 November 15
b. 1, f. 1	Beaux, Elizabeth	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Benét, Stephen Vincent	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Bennett, Arnold	undated
b. 1, f. 1	Bok, Mary L.C.	1932 January 20
b. 1, f. 1	Bolton, Laetitia On behalf of Little, Brown & Company	1935 May 25
b. 1, f. 1	Bori, Lucrezia	1937 December 29, 1947 October 29
b. 1, f. 1	Bowen, Catherine	1935 June 18
b. 1, f. 1	Bridges, Robert	1915 November 5, 1916 March 1
b. 1, f. 1	Churchill, Winston	1922
b. 1, f. 1	Damrosch, Walter	1925, 1934, undated
b. 1, f. 1	Davis, Bette	1940 September 30
b. 1, f. 1	Einstein, Alfred	1939 February 15
b. 1, f. 1	Farrar, John	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Field, Rachel	1934-1942
b. 1, f. 3	Finck, Henry T.	1909 January 11, undated

b. 1, f. 3	Flagler, H.H.	1934 October 22
b. 1, f. 3	Fremstad, Olive	1934
b. 1, f. 3	Garland, Hamlin	1917, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Gilder, Richard Watson	1907
b. 1, f. 4	Gilman family Includes letters from Mrs. Edward C. Gilman and Miss Carrie T. Gilman	1886, 1893
b. 1, f. 5	Goossens, Eugene	1936 March 12
b. 1, f. 5	Grant, Perry Stickney	1920 July 30
b. 1, f. 5	Hackett, Francis	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Hadow, Sir W. Henry	1929 December 3
b. 1, f. 5	Hastings, Fanny de Groot Includes drafts and clippings of poems by Hastings	1940-1951
b. 1, f. 5	Hermann, Bernard	1939 April 25
b. 1, f. 5	Hertz, Alfred	1907
b. 1, f. 5	Howells, William Dean	1906, 1916
b. 1, f. 5	Johnson, Edward	1935
b. 1, f. 5	Keith, Agnes Newton	1946 December 13
b. 1, f. 5	Kirkpatrick, John	1939
b. 1, f. 5	Klemperer, Otto	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Le Gallienne, Richard	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Lippmann, Walter	1915 July 27
b. 1, f. 5	Lodge, Oliver J.	1917 March 29
b. 1, f. 5	Lowell, Amy	1919-1920
b. 1, f. 6	MacDowell, Marian Photocopies of original letters. Includes 1972 letters from Elizabeth Anderson to Yale regarding the photocopies	1904, 1939
b. 1, f. 7	Mason, Daniel Gregory	1937 November 14
b. 1, f. 7	Matzenaur, Margaret	undated
b. 1, f. 7	McArthur, Edwin D.	1939, 1963

b. 1, f. 7	Melchior, Lauritz	1937 November 17
b. 1, f. 7	Mencken, H. L.	1916, 1919
b. 1, f. 7	Moore, Douglas	1939
b. 1, f. 7	Newman, Ernest	1933 February 20
b. 1, f. 7	Norris, Charles G.	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Ormandy, Eugene	1936, 1938
b. 1, f. 7	Parker, Henry T.	1923, 1928
b. 1, f. 7	Phelps, William Lyon	1916-1938
b. 1, f. 7	Pollock, Channing	1931 November 25
b. 1, f. 8	Pound, Ezra	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Reiner, Fritz	1951 March 4
b. 1, f. 9	Rockefeller, John D., Jr., and Abby	1938, 1942, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Schauffler, Robert Haven	1928
b. 1, f. 9	Seymour, George Dudley	1929 October 7
b. 1, f. 9	Shearer, Harold H.	1921, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Sherman, S. P.	1925 February 19
b. 1, f. 9	Speyer, Leonora	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Stokowski, Leopold	1921-1939
b. 1, f. 9	Stokowski, Olga Samaroff	1939, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Strong, Templeton	1914 April 24
b. 1, f. 9	Taylor, Deems	1925-1926
b. 1, f. 9	Thompson, Oscar	1936
b. 1, f. 9	Tibbett, Lawrence	1935 June 13
b. 1, f. 9	Torrence, Ridgely	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Toscanini, Walter	1953 January 8
b. 1, f. 9	Vallas, Leon	1933 May 10
b. 1, f. 9	Van Loon, Hendrik	1939 February 19
b. 1, f. 9	Van Vechten, Carl	1921 February 16
b. 1, f. 9	Wagner, Siegfried	1927

b. 1, f. 9	Wagner, Winifred	1939
b. 1, f. 9	Walter, Bruno	1934
b. 1, f. 10-13	Welles, Winifred Includes a folder of poem drafts	1916-1939
b. 1, f. 14	West, Rebecca	1924-1927, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Wilson, Woodrow	1911
b. 1, f. 14	Winter, William	1911 April 9
b. 1, f. 14	Woollcott, Alexander	1911-1943
b. 1, f. 15	Wyatt, Edith Franklin	1917
b. 1, f. 16	Yeats, John Butler	1915 October 2
b. 1, f. 16	Yeats, William Butler	undated
b. 1, f. 16	Young, Stark	undated
b. 1, f. 17	Ziegler, Edward Previously Uncat ZA File 42	1923-1938
b. 1, f. 18	Correspondence with Lawrence and Elizabeth Gilman, photograph of Bessie Amelia Lawrence Gilman, and the pamphlet "An Analysis of the Drama of the Bibelung's Ring" by Julia S. Gilman Includes letters to the Gilmans from Minna Lederman (photocopy), Constance Lindsay Skinner Previously Uncat Za File 47	1894-1939, undated
b. 1, f. 18a	Letter from Arthur Gilman to E. W. Gilman, 1864 January 25, enclosing Gilman genealogical information, manuscript copy of the epitaph of Nicholas Gilman (d. 1478), and photograph of Julia Silliman Gilman (Mrs. Edward Whiting Gilman), 1850. Previously Uncat Za File 46	1850-1864
b. 1, f. 19	Unidentified correspondence	1956 January 29

Series II: Writings and Other Papers, 1921-1971*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 2, f. 20	Draft and outline for "Bach the Great Modern" Includes correspondence with Otto Strobe	1937-1939
b. 2, f. 21-22	Two notebooks with writings and clippings Includes source materials for quotations; clippings and writings are pasted and laid in.	1921-1934
b. 1, f. 23	Clippings	1935-1971

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Authors, American -- 20th Century
Music critics -- 20th Century

Names

Churchill, Winston, 1871-1947
Gilman, Lawrence, 1878-1939
Klemperer, Otto, 1885-1973
MacDowell, Marian, 1857-1956
Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964
Walter, Bruno, 1876-1962
Welles, Winifred, 1893-1939
Yeats, John Butler, 1839-1922
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939

Corporate Body

New York Herald Tribune (Firm)