

Guide to the D. H. Lawrence Collection

GEN MSS 1093



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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1093

CREATOR: Lawrence, D. H. (David Herbert), 1885-1930

TITLE: D. H. Lawrence collection

DATES: 1912-1963

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.34 linear feet (6 boxes) + 1 art object

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of correspondence, writings, agreements and contracts, photographs and artwork. The material documents Lawrence's writing career, his relationships with friends and publishers, and his travels in New Mexico, Mexico and Europe. Included is correspondence between his wife, Frieda Lawrence, and their mutual friends, and records relating to the rights to D. H. Lawrence's works after his death.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.lawrencedh>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to beinecke.images@yale.edu.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired by gift and purchase, 1957-1989. For more information consult the appropriate curator.

Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit. This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing, in 2014.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as MS Vault Shelves Lawrence, MS Vault Lawrence, Uncat MS Vault File, Uncat MS Vault 133, Uncat MS Vault 554.

The finding aid for this collection is partially compiled from individual catalog cards that were created at or around the time of receipt by the library. Information from the catalog cards was repurposed in the finding aid in accordance with current archival descriptive standards. Some catalog cards, copies of which are filed with the collection, include more detailed descriptions of individual items and/or provenance notes. Descriptions for items not represented by catalog cards were derived from accession records, folder labels, or other available descriptive material.

D. H. Lawrence (1885-1930)

D. H. (David Herbert) Lawrence was an English writer and painter.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into ten groupings: I. Pre-1960 Acquisitions. II. 1964 Acquisition. III. 17 January 1966 Acquisition. IV. 27 January 1966 Acquisition. V. September 1966 Acquisition. VI. August 1969 Acquisition. VII. December 1969 Acquisition. VIII. 1971 Acquisition. IX. 1973 Acquisition. X. May 1989 Acquisition.

Collection Contents

Pre-1960 Acquisitions 1912-1956
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Gifts of H. Bacon Collamore, 1957-1958; Dudley Nichols, 1959; and the Yale Library Associates, 1958.

Former call numbers: MS Vault Lawrence, MS Vault Shelves Lawrence.

Arranged by type of material.

Writings

b. 1	"A Chapel Among the Mountains," autograph manuscript, 16 pages	[1912 August]
b. 1	"Clouds," autograph manuscript, 12 leaves, written in an exercise book, signed on back cover	undated
b. 1	"The Lovely Lady," typescript with corrections, 42 leaves	undated
b. 1	"Making Love to Music," autograph manuscript, 14 pages; with note probably addressed to Nancy Pearn of Curtis-Brown added at end	1929 April 26
b. 1	"The Novel: An Essay," typescript and autograph manuscript, 12 leaves	undated
b. 1	Poems: "Ruination," autograph manuscript; "Last Hours," "On the March," "Rondeau of a Conscientious Objector," and "Tommies in the Train," typescripts with autograph corrections, 7 leaves	undated
b. 1	"Sea and Sardinia," typescript with autograph corrections, 305 leaves; accompanied by an original map of Sardinia, drawn in ink, titled and initialed on verso by Lawrence, with an envelope addressed to Thomas Seltzer	undated
b. 1	"We Need One Another," "Nobody Loves Me," and "The Real Thing," autograph essays, signed, 17 pages written in an exercise book labelled "Three Essays for Vanity Fair"	undated
D. H. Lawrence correspondence		
b. 1	Falk, Bernard	1929 February 24
b. 1	Mathews, Elkin	1929 February 12
b. 1	Pinker, J. B.	undated
b. 1	Savage, Henry	1913-1914
b. 1	Seltzer, Thomas Written on verso of a photograph of Lawrence.	April 27
b. 1	Squire, Sir John	1920 June 24
b. 1	Wilson, Charles	1928 December 11
b. 1	Unidentified recipient	1928 July 1

b. 1	Frieda Lawrence correspondence with Dudley Nichols and his wife Esta <i>2 Folders</i> Photograph of Frieda Lawrence and Robinson Jeffers enclosed with letter dated July 18, 1936. Some letters have postscripts by Angelo Ravagli, Frieda Lawrence's husband	[1936?]-1956
b. 1	Angelo Ravagli correspondence with Dudley and Esta Nichols Includes a letter dated August 23, 1956 describing the death of his wife Frieda.	1936-1956
b. 1	Photograph of Lawrence by Nickolas Muray	undated
b. 7 (Art)	"The Finding of Moses" oil painting	undated
	1964 Acquisition 2 Gift of H. Bacon Collamore, 1964. Former call number: Uncat MS Fault File.	1915
b. 2	Autograph letter signed from D. H. Lawrence to James B. Pinker; with typed transcript	1915 May 31
	January 17, 1966 Acquisition 3 Writings by D. H. Lawrence, Alice Long, and Mabel Dodge Luhan; correspondence between D. H. and Frieda Lawrence and Willard (Spud) Johnson and others; photographs of D. H. and Frieda Lawrence and friends; a drawing of D. H. Lawrence by Witter Bynner; and printed material regarding the death of D. H. Lawrence. Purchased from Willard Johnson on the William Robertson Coe Fund, George B. Alvord Fund, and the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 1966. Former call number: Uncat Ms Vault 133.	1922-1949
b. 2	"Just Back from the Snake Dance," manuscript on verso of letter to D. H. and Frieda Lawrence	undated
b. 2	"Mr. McKinley he aint' done no wrong," manuscript verse; with "The Cherry Tree," manuscript verse on verso	undated
b. 2	"The Nightingale," manuscript essay	undated
b. 2	Typescript about D. H. Lawrence by Mabel [Dodge Luhan]	undated
b. 2	Typescript carbon letter, signed, to "Chère Jeunesse" with cover note from Lawrence to Willard Johnson	1922 October 12
b. 2	Letters, manuscript signed, to Willard (Spud) Johnson from D. H. Lawrence	1922-1929, undated
b. 2	Letters, manuscript, to Willard Johnson from Frieda Lawrence	1938-1949, undated
b. 2	Telegram from John H. McGinnis and George Bond to Spud Johnson	1930 August 6
b. 2	Letters to Willard Johnson from the Centaur Book Shop and Curtis Brown Ltd.	1924-1930

b. 2	Note by unidentified sender to unidentified recipient	undated
b. 2	"Drawing of Lorenzo" by Witter Bynner, pen-and-ink drawing	undated
b. 2	Photographs of D. H. and Frieda Lawrence and friends	1923, 1926, undated
b. 2	"To D. H. Lawrence," manuscript poem by Alice Long	undated
b. 2	Printed material about D. H. Lawrence, including issues of <i>The Carmelite</i> from March 1930	1930, 1960
	January 27, 1966 Acquisition 4 Gift of H. Bacon Collamore, 1966. Former call number: MS Vault Lawrence.	1922
b. 2	Autograph letter, signed by D. H. Lawrence to "Chère Jeunesse"	1922 October 12
	September 1966 Acquisition 5 Gift of H. Bacon Collamore, 1966. Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File.	1916-1917
b. 2	Three autograph letters signed from D. H. Lawrence to James B. Pinker Gift of H. Bacon Collamore.	1916-1917
	August 1969 Acquisition 6 Gift of Ted Gikas, 1969. Former call number: MS Vault Shelves Lawrence.	undated
b. 2	Pen and ink sketch of D. H. Lawrence by Willard (Spud) Johnson	undated
	December 1969 Acquisition 7 Gift of Professor and Mrs. Cleanth Brooks, 1969. Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File	1914, 1963
b. 2	Autograph letter signed from D. H. Lawrence to Gordon H. Campbell, accompanied by typed carbon transcript and a typed letter signed from Sam A. Eisenstein to Cleanth Brooks about the letter with his typed carbon reply	1914, 1963
	1971 Acquisition 8 Gift of H. Bacon Collamore, 1971. Former call number: MS Vault Lawrence.	[1913]
b. 2	Two autograph letters signed from D. H. Lawrence to Henry Savage	[1913]

	1973 Acquisition 9	1914-1929, undated
	Volumes containing letters, postcards, writings, and photographs from D. H. and Frieda Lawrence to Catherine Carswell and her husband Donald Carswell.	
	Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund, 1973.	
	Former call number: MS Vault Lawrence.	
b. 3	Volume I of letters and postcards from D. H. Lawrence and Frieda Lawrence to Catherine Carswell	1914-1919
b. 4	Volume II of letters and postcards from D. H. Lawrence and Frieda Lawrence to Catherine Carswell; with an autograph manuscript of a theme for a novel to be written by D. H. Lawrence and Catherine Carswell, and 5 photographs of paintings by D. H. Lawrence	1920-1929
b. 5	Volume containing typed transcripts of letters and novel theme in Volumes I and II	undated
	May 1989 Acquisition 10	1913-1933, undated
	Correspondence, agreements, copyright registrations, photographs and other material relating to the publication of D. H. Lawrence's books in the United States. Represented in the papers are the firms of Thomas Seltzer, Inc.; Albert and Charles Boni, Inc.; Robert M. McBride and Company, Publishers; Mitchell Kennerley; and Little, Brown & Company, Inc. Correspondence of D. H. and Frieda Lawrence with these publishers is also included.	
	Purchased from Book Block on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 1989.	
	Former call number: Uncat MS Vault 554.	
b. 6	Manuscript, typescript, and printed agreements, correspondence, and other documents relating to the publishing and copyright of Lawrence works <i>7 Folders</i>	1913-1933, undated
b. 6	Copies of collection catalog cards	

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, English -- 20th Century
English literature -- 20th Century

Geographic Names

Europe -- Description and travel
Mexico -- Description and travel
New Mexico -- Description and travel

Genres / Formats

Drawings (visual works) -- England -- 20th Century
Photographs -- 20th Century

Occupations

Authors -- England -- 20th Century

Names

Lawrence, D. H. (David Herbert), 1885-1930
Lawrence, Frieda, 1879-1956