

# **Guide to the Matilda Tyler Collection of Rudyard Kipling**

**GEN MSS 1289**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1289

**CREATOR:** Tyler, Matilda , collector

**TITLE:** Matilda Tyler Collection of Rudyard Kipling

**DATES:** 1886-1992

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5.74 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Manuscripts, correspondence, printed material, and memorabilia by Rudyard Kipling, as well as material about Kipling, collected by Matilda Tyler.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.tylerkipling>

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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.tylerkipling>.

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

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift and bequest of Matilda Tyler, 1988-1995.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## 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 and minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list, titled according to month and year of acquisition.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This collection includes materials previously identified by former call numbers: Uncat MS Vault File Kipling, Uncat MS Vault 542, Uncat MS Vault 565, Uncat MS Vault File 630, Uncat MS Vault 659, Uncat MS Vault 751, Uncat MS Vault 830, Uncat MSS 80.

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## Matilda Tyler (1916-1992)

Matilda Tyler (1916-1992), a descendant of John James Audubon, attended Bryn Mawr, graduated from Barnard College and worked as a teacher at Wallingford High School, in Wallingford, Connecticut, from 1956 until 1979. Tyler was a lifelong collector of Kipling-related books, ephemera, and manuscripts, amassing more than two thousand printed volumes that included pirated and popular editions and many association copies. She was an active member of the Kipling Society.

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## Scope and Contents

Manuscripts, correspondence, printed material, and memorabilia by Rudyard Kipling, as well as material about Kipling, collected by Matilda Tyler. Kipling materials include 33 letters from Kipling to Thacker, Spink and Company, as well as letters to Samuel Clemens and William Ernest Henley; manuscripts of "Follow Me 'Ome" and "A Hole in the Lake;" photographs of Kipling; and the red clay model of the insignia used on many editions of Kipling. Other material includes bookseller correspondence, clippings, and auction catalogs documenting Matilda Tyler's collecting activities.

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## Arrangement

Organized into 8 groupings: December 1988 Acquisition, 1899, undated; December 1989 Acquisition, 1895-1919; December 1990 Acquisition, 1894-1935, undated; October 1990 Acquisition, 1890, undated; June 1992 Acquisition, 1886-1890; September 1992 Acquisition, 1894-1990, undated; January 1993 Acquisition, 1893-1992, undated; August 1995 Acquisition, 1918-1992, undated.

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## Collection Contents

### December 1988 Acquisition, 1899

*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.542

b. 1 (Oversize)	<a href="#">Plaque depicting elephant and swastika</a>	undated
b. 11 (Oversize)	Photograph of John Lockwood Kipling, autographed to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Bok	1899 September
b. 11 (Oversize)	Doily depicting house, with the word "Swastika"	undated

**December 1989 Acquisition, circa 1919 January**

*2 Folders*

Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File

b. 2	The Scholars: proof with manuscript corrections Uncat MS Vault File	circa 1919 January
b. 2	Leading Stoker-Devil: More coals for the admiral. Pen and Ink drawing, signed with initials Former call number: Uncat MS Vault 565	circa 1895

**December 1990 Acquisition, 1894-1923***8 Folders*

Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File and Uncat MS Vault File 630

b. 2	3 autograph letters, signed, to May Catlin from Rudyard and Caroline Kipling. Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	[1894]-1896
b. 2	1 typed letter signed to Julio Kilyeni, accompanied by the Kilyeni medal Former call number: Uncat MS Vault 630	1935
b. 2	2 typed letters, signed, and two telegrams to J. Coudurier from Rudyard Kipling. Accompanied by carbons of Coudurier's letters to Kipling, as well as corrected typescript carbons of Coudurier's "Chez Kipling" and "Stanley Baldwin." Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	1923 January-March
b. 2	3 autograph letters, signed, to Raymond Hunt from Rudyard Kipling. Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	1894-1896
b. 2	For Empire Day: typescript (carbon), signed, with manuscript note preceeding text. Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	1916
b. 2	Kim: galley proofs for magazine publication. 12 sheets, numbered 5a to 14b Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File	circa 1900
b. 2	The Neutral: typescript poem, signed Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File	undated
b. 2	"When Drake went down to the horn...": autograph manuscript, corrected. Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	undated

**October 1991 Acquisition, 1890 and undated**

*2 Folders*

Former call number: Uncat MS Vault File

b. 2	Autograph letter, signed, to Mr. Craik from Rudyard Kipling. Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	1890 November 8
b. 2	"Follow me 'ome", autograph manuscript. Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.File	undated



## **June 1992 Acquisition, 1886-1890**

*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Former call number: Uncat MS Vault 659

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| b. 3 | 33 autograph letters, signed, to Thacker, Spink and Company from Rudyard Kipling. 1886-1890<br>Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.659 |
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**September 1992 Acquisition**

Former call number: Uncat.MS Vault.830

## Kipling Manuscript Material

## Correspondence

## Kipling, Caroline

b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to H. Percy Robinson	1899 March 30
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## Kipling, Rudyard

b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to Bigelow	1894 May 7
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to Mr. Chichester Accompanied by transcription and photocopies	1895 June 3
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to Samuel Clemens Accompanied by transcription, photocopies, and clipping	1901 May 6
b. 4	12 autograph letters, signed, to Sir J. R. Dunlop-Smith Accompanied by transcripts	1910-1920
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to Durand	[1914?] September 14
b. 4	5 autograph letters, signed, to H. S. W. Edwardes Includes 2 envelopes	1902-1906
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to W. A. Fraser Includes envelope, transcription, catalogue entry, and photocopies.	1897 February 23
b. 4	Typed letter, signed, to W. A. Fraser	1925 April 9
b. 4	6 autograph letters, signed, to [Sir Edward] Gamon(?)	1903-1918
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to [William Ernest Henley]	undated
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to [Charles Hughes]	[1906] November 29
b. 4	Typed letter (callotype?), signed, to Mr. Kilenyi	1935 December 6
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to J. W. Mack Includes envelope, transcription, and photocopies.	1908 June 6
b. 4	2 autograph letters, signed, to J. W. Malet Includes one autograph addressed envelope	1897 January 23 and undated
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to Miss [Cecily] Nicholson Accompanied by "National Bands: A Speech by Rudyard Kipling, Delivered at the Mansion House on January 27, 1915" and book dealer material	1935 February 2

## Kipling Manuscript Material &gt; Correspondence &gt; Kipling, Rudyard (continued)

b. 4	2 typed letters, signed, to T. D. Pilcher	1903 October 30 and November 14
b. 4	4 autograph letters, signed; 8 typed letters, signed; and 1 sketch to H. Percy Robinson	1896-1928
b. 4	Typed letter, signed, to E. C. Rundle	1924 May 15
b. 4	3 autograph letters, signed, to Mr. Scrimgeour	1904-1933
b. 4	Autograph letter, signed, to Colonel Wright Includes transcription and photocopies	1897 [April?] 15
b. 4	Typed letter, signed, to J. C. Wright, framed	1924 March 10
Other Manuscript Material		
b. 4	Kipling, Rudyard: "A Hole in the Lake," corrected typescript	undated
b. 4	Kipling, Rudyard: Untitled autograph manuscript	undated
Other Material		
b. 5	Cup and Saucer	
Matilda Tyler Papers		
b. 7	Kipling Society papers: letters, photographs, etc.	
b. 7	<i>Nautilus 90 North</i> , by William R. Anderson	
b. 7	Notebooks	
b. 7	Personal papers: receipts, clippings, membership cards, etc.	
b. 7	Research and correspondence related to Kipling	
b. 7	Photocopies of Kipling poems and title pages	
b. 7	"From Palm to Pine: Rudyard Kipling, 1865-1936." Correspondence with the library at the University of Virginia	
b. 7	Photograph of Kipling with officers of the Alpini and explanatory letter	
b. 7	Notes and correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 7	Kipling's Vermont Period: typescript by Howard Rice, Jr.	
b. 7	Kipling research <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 7	On gifts to the Beinecke and other papers and correspondence	
b. 7	Scrapbook on Kipling	
b. 7	Notes and correspondence on Kipling	

## Matilda Tyler Papers (continued)

b. 7	Reproduction of a silhouette of Rudyard Kipling by William Nicholson
b. 7	Photocopies of "Some Notes on a Bill" by Rudyard Kipling
b. 7	Photocopies for Kipling research
b. 7	Photocopies from <i>Rudyard Kipling: His Life and Work</i> by Charles Carrington
b. 7	Photocopies from <i>Rudyard Kipling: A Study in Literature and Political Ideas</i> by Edward Shanks
b. 7	Notes and Correspondence
b. 7	Correspondence
b. 7	"Kipling Discovers America in 1889" by Thomas Pinney
b. 7	Correspondence concerning Kipling research
b. 7	Notes and photocopy of a letter from Matilda Tyler
b. 7	Photocopies from <i>Rudyard Kipling: A New Appreciation</i> by Hilton Brown
b. 7	Photocopies from <i>Life's Handicap, being Stories of Mine Own People</i> by Rudyard Kipling
b. 7	Copies and typescripts of Kipling correspondence with Thacker, Spink, & Co.

**January 1993 Acquisition**

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## Matilda Tyler Papers

b. 6	Mounted clippings of newspaper series, "Kipling's Autobiography"	circa 1937
b. 6	The New York Times	1933 July 13
b. 6	Newspaper clippings and note to Matilda Tyler	
b. 6	Notes on Tyler collection at Beinecke Library, including box lists, book plates, etc.	
b. 6	Note on Winifred Primrose and clipping about Kipling's estate	
b. 6	Clippings about Pakistan	
b. 6	Newspaper clippings about Kipling	
b. 6	New York Herald Tribune, Books section, and advertisement for the Mandalay edition of Kipling's works	1936 January 12 and undated
b. 6	Child's note to Matilda Tyler, typed letter and advertisement recommending the theater show, "Kipling"	1984 and undated
b. 6	Alphabetization of contents of "Early Verse by Rudyard Kipling, 1879-1889," autograph manuscript by Matilda Tyler and other list	
b. 6	Printed editions of "The Song of the Dead" and "The Song of the English" by Rudyard Kipling	1893
b. 6	The Dummerston Historical Society Newsletter, and manuscript notes by Matilda Tyler (possibly transcription)	1990 April and undated
b. 6	Clipping of "Rudyard" and "Kipling" mounted on board	undated
b. 6	Article: "Browsing through History: London's Antiquarian Booksellers," San Francisco Examiner	1989 September 3
b. 6	London Sunday Times	1935 February 3
b. 6	Three Blind Mice, illustrated song book	undated
b. 6	Newspaper clippings on Kipling	
b. 6	Clippings and photocopies on Kipling	
b. 6	Scapbook on Kipling	1903-1919
b. 6	Printed portrait of Rudyard Kipling at his writing desk	undated
b. 6	Clippings, correspondence, notes, etc.	
b. 6	Notes, correspondence, etc.	
b. 6	Notes, clippings, etc. <i>2 Folders</i>	

## Matilda Tyler Papers (continued)

b. 6	Parke-Bernet Galleries auction catalogue	1948 February 17-18
b. 6	Henzel Galleries auction catalogue	1973 September 23-24
b. 6	American Art Association, Anderson Galleries auction catalogue	1930 January 9
b. 6	Parke-Bernet Galleries auction catalogue	1942 January 21-22
b. 6	The Kipling Journal	1983 September, 1987 June
b. 6	The Kipling Journal	1991 December, 1992 March
b. 6	Manuscript note written on a calling card for Mrs. Benjamin C. Lum	undated
b. 6	Manuscript postcard to "Dear May"	undated
b. 8 (Oversize)	"The Female of the Species" by Rudyard Kipling, printed in The Ladies Home journal Accompanied by a poster for the [Beinecke?] exhibition of Kipling material, and printed map: "Johnson's Hindoostan and Farther India"	1911 November
b. 8 (Oversize)	Scrapbook on Kipling	
b. 6	Items removed from books in the Tyler Kipling collection	circa 1912-1942

**August 1995 Acquisition**

Former Call Number: Uncat.MS Vault.751

## Matilda Tyler Papers

b. 9	Antiquarian booksellers data	
b. 9	Correspondence regarding the Beinecke deposit	
b. 9	Photocopies and notes on correspondence with Mr. Watkins	
b. 9	Correspondence with booksellers, libraries, etc. <i>5 Folders</i>	
b. 9	Clippings, notes, correspondence, receipts, etc.	
b. 9	Kipling, Rudyard: Typed letter, signed, to Sir Edward Poynter	1918 March 7
b. 10	Correspondence, notes, etc.	
b. 10	Correspondence, notes, receipts, etc. <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 10	Auction catalogues	

## **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

### **Occupations**

Book collectors -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936  
Tyler, Matilda