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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 195

CREATOR: Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939

TITLE: Havelock Ellis papers

DATES: 1871-1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence and manuscripts on literary and psychological subjects, particularly on the question of sex. Important correspondents are Thomas Hardy, William James, Leo Tolstoy, Amy Lowell Rockwell Kent, Bertrand Russell, Herbert Spencer, Upton Sinclair, Rebecca West and Sigmund Freud. There are only a few outgoing letters from Havelock Ellis. The bulk of the papers consists of manuscripts by Ellis, of which the longest is "My Confessions". This work is made up of seventy short pieces, each based upon a problem posed to Ellis by a correspondent. The literary essays are on Thomas Hardy's *Jude the Obscure*, Marcel Jouhandeau and William Morris.

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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

The Havelock Ellis Papers were purchased from the Charles Tuttle Company of Rutland, Vermont, in 1941.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Havelock Ellis Papers, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Other Finding Aids

For a listing of the outgoing correspondence of Havelock Ellis, please consult the [Correspondence Index](#).

Biographical / Historical

British essayist, editor physician and psychologist. He studied human sexual behavior and his research for *Man and Women* (1894) led to his major work, the seven volume, *Studies in the Psychology of Sex* (1897-1928). His last writings were the essays on literature and art reprinted in *Views and Reviews* (1932).

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of correspondence and manuscripts of Havelock Ellis. Ellis, 1859-1939 began his career in the medical profession but soon gave up general practice for literary and scientific work. The more popular researches of the Freudian school have to a considerable extent overshadowed the methods of Ellis, in which more emphasis is laid on biology and less on clinical experience.

There is very little of Ellis' own correspondence in the collection: the greatest part of the correspondence consists of letters to Ellis. The more interesting correspondents include Thomas Hardy, William James, Leo Tolstoy, Amy Lowell, Rockwell Kent, Bertrand Russell . Herbert Spencer, Upton Sinclair, Rebecca West and Sigmund Freud. Much of the correspondence consists of editorial matters and complimentary notes. Of greatest interest are the Freud letters. The collection will be of interest to the scholar interested in Ellis and in his relationship to Freud.

The bulk of the collection is composed of manuscripts by Ellis. Among them is a work entitled *My Confessional* made up of seventy short pieces. Each is based upon a problem posed to Ellis by one of his correspondents so that the author's opinion on a great number of topics is presented. Other manuscripts

include: Sex in Contemporary Life, Marcel Jouhandeau, Intro. to James Hinton's Life In Nature (NY 1934), concerning Jude the Obscure, The Problem of Sexual Potency, William Morris.

There is also a manuscript, by Sir T. Percy Nunn entitled "Eudation as a Biological Experiment."

Collection Contents

b.1	Correspondence	1871-1938, undated
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	Manuscripts	
b.2	Concerning Jude the Obscure	
b.2	Education ad a Biological Experiment (by Sir T. Percy Nunn)	
b.2	Introduction to James Hinton's Life in Nature	
b.2, f. 29	Marcel Jouhandeau A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at mssa.assist@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b.2	My Confessional (1-12)	
b.3	My Confessional (13-70)	
b.3	"The Problem of Sexual Potency" English	
b.3	"Sex in Contemporary Life" English	
b.3	William Morris	

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

Literature -- History and criticism
Psychology
Sex (Psychology)

Occupations

Psychologists

Names

Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939
Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928
James, William, 1842-1910
Jouhandeau, Marcel, 1888-1979
Kent, Rockwell, 1882-1971
Lowell, Amy, 1874-1925
Morris, William, 1834-1896
Russell, Bertrand, 1872-1970
Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968
Spencer, Herbert, 1820-1903
Tolstoy, Leo, graf, 1828-1910
West, Rebecca, 1892-1983