

Guide to the Siegfried Sassoon Papers

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 768

CREATOR: Sassoon, Siegfried, 1886-1967

TITLE: Siegfried Sassoon papers

DATES: 1914-1967

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.46 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of correspondence, writings, photographs, a scrapbook, and other papers by or related to Siegfried Sassoon. Spanning from the beginning of the first World War to Sassoon's death in 1967, the papers document his writings, including the novel *Sherston's Progress*, the poetry collections *Satirical Poems* and *The Heart's Journey*, and other works.

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Requesting Instructions

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William S. Reese (Yale 1977), 2007 and 2015.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Siegfried Sassoon Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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 as they are acquired, 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 below and 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 below 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 finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Sassoon, Siegfried (1886-1967)

Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967) was an English poet, writer, and soldier. A decorated veteran of World War I, he was one of the leading poets of the war and an outspoken anti-war advocate. Sassoon later worked as a literary editor and novelist.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into two groupings: November 2007 Acquisition; and January 2015 Acquisition.

Collection Contents

November 2007 Acquisition, 1914-1967

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b.1	Correspondence	1914-1957
b.1	De le Mare, Richard	1938 January 21
b.1	Graves, Charles	1917 March 26
b.1	Graves, Robert	1925 April 29
b.1	McCallum, Neil - Journey with a Pistol - proof with correspondence	1959
b.1	Palmer, Hebert	
b.1	Palmer, Hebert	1937 February 1
b.1	The Royal Welch Fusiliers, Presentation of Colours to the 1st, 2nd & 4th Battalions by Her Majesty The Queen	1954 July 23
b.1	Scrapbook	1916-1918
b.1	War Resisters' International	1940
b.1	Sassoon, Siegfried - To Victory	1916 January 1
b.1	Sassoon, Siegfried to William Heinemann	[1917] August 10
b.1	Sassoon, Siegfried - Notes	circa 1919
b.1	Sassoon, Siegfried - 3 ALS to Sacheverell and Georgia Sitwell - 2 photographs	1923-1932
b.1	Sassoon, Siegfried - Satirical Poems	1920
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Heart's Journey	1927
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - To My Mother <i>2 Folders</i>	1928
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - 10 postcards to Stephen Tennant	1931-1937
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Sherston's Progress - 1936 <i>2 Folders</i>	1936
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Questionnaire	1937 April 1
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Collected Poems - proof	1947
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Sport and Literature	1950s
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - The Tasking	1954
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried to Desmond Flower	1967 May 16
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried to Desmond Flower	1967 May 26
b.2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Omar - variants	undated

b. 2	Sassoon, Siegfried - Photograph	undated
b. 3	Sassoon, Siegfried - <i>Complete Memoirs of George Sherston</i> , proof copy	1935
b. 4	Materials removed from books <i>38 Folders</i> Also contains loose correspondence.	1930s-1950s

January 2015 Acquisition, 1928, 1942

(2 folders)

b. 4	J. C. Dunn autograph letter signed to Siegfried Sassoon	1928 December 13
b. 4	John W. Davies autograph letter signed to Siegfried Sassoon	1942 June 24

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 poetry -- 20th Century
Poets, English -- 20th Century
Soldiers -- Great Britain
World War, 1914-1918
World War, 1914-1918 -- Literature and the war
World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narrative,
English

Genres / Formats

Photographs

Occupations

Authors -- Great Britain -- 20th Century
Poets -- Great Britain -- 20th Century
Soldiers -- Great Britain -- 20th Century

Names

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