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## Guide to the Francis Gilbert Webb Correspondence Collection

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**Title:** Francis Gilbert Webb Correspondence Collection

**Creator:** Webb, Francis Gilbert, 1853-1941

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**Extent:** 2.50 linear feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1769-1934

**Date (bulk):** 1889-1915

**Abstract:** Francis Gilbert Webb (1853-1941) was a well-known English music critic and musicologist writing from the turn of the 19th century until 1932 as "Lancelot" of *The Referee*. The collection consists of the correspondence files of Mr. Webb and the correspondence of Lady Monckton and a few other letters addressed to different people found in the Webb collection. The correspondence in Webb's files includes letters from many music personalities such as Samuel Coleridge Taylor, H. H. Lyell-Taylor, Sir Charles Parry, and Albert Visetti.

**Language of Material:** English

**Biographical Information:**

Francis Gilbert Webb (1853-1941) was a well-known English music critic and musicologist writing from the turn of the 19th century until 1932 as "Lancelot" of *The Referee*. He wrote for several dailies: *The Yorkshire Post*, *The Standard*, *Morning Post*, *Daily Telegraph*, *The Observer*, and *The Sunday Times*. He was one of the founders of the *Musical News* and the *Folk Song Society*, and co-authored two books on music, *Indian Music* (1914) and *Oostersche muziek* (1921).

**Scope and Contents**

The *Francis Gilbert Webb Correspondence Collection* consists of the correspondence files of Mr. Webb, the correspondence of Lady Monckton, and a few other letters addressed to different people. The correspondence in Webb's files includes letters from many music personalities such as Samuel Coleridge Taylor, H. H. Lyell-Taylor, Sir Charles Parry, and Albert Visetti. Internal evidence in the collection does not explain how Lady Monckton's correspondence became part of Francis Webb's collection. Lady Monckton was the mother of Lionel Monckton, a friend of Webb. Lady Monckton, an amateur actress, was married to Sir John Monckton, London's town clerk. The collection is divided into two series: **Webb Correspondence** (1889-1934) and **Lady Monckton and other Correspondence** (1769-1933).

Series I, **Webb Correspondence**, consists of letters written to Webb. They were written during the years 1889 through 1934 with most dating from 1889-1915. The authors were contemporary musical figures and readers of Webb's reviews.

Series II, **Lady Monckton and other Correspondence**, consists of 312 letters addressed to Lady Mockton and others. They are from musical, literary, theatrical, and political figures written between 1769 and 1933 with most having 19th century dates.

**Arrangement of Materials:**

Series I: Webb Correspondence, 1889-1934

Series II: Lady Monckton and other Correspondence, 1769-1933

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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