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Descriptive Summary

Title: Norman Douglas Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1879-1952

Collection number: 111

Creator: Douglas, Norman, 1868-1952

Extent: 17 boxes (8.5 linear ft.)

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: George Norman Douglas (1868-1952) was a British author, scientist, diplomat, and editor. The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, corrected proofs, and notebooks related to Douglas' early scientific interests and literary career.

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Biography
George Norman Douglas was born December 8, 1868 in Falkenhorst, Thuringen, Austria; recognized as British author, scientist, diplomat, and editor; began writing career composing zoological texts while in foreign service; published first work of fiction, *Unprofessional tales* (1901), under pseudonym Normyx; contributor and assistant editor, *English review*; best known as novelist and travel writer; greatest American success was with novel, *South wind* (1917); other novels and publications include *Siren land* (1911), *Old Calabria* (1928), *Looking back* (1933), *Late harvest* (1946); died on the island of Capri, 1952.

Scope and Content

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence (Boxes 1-5).
2. Manuscripts, notebooks, proofs, clippings, photographs, typescripts, and ephemera (Boxes 6-8, 17).
3. Limited editions of some of Douglas's works (Box 9).
4. Books from Douglas' library (Boxes 10-17).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Douglas, Norman, 1868-1952--Archives.
Authors, English--Archival resources.
Scientists--Archival resources.
Correspondence

Note
The guide should be consulted for greater details, keeping in mind that the grouping has been greatly altered, as indexed here:

Box 1

Index of Correspondents: (In individual folders)
Scope and Content Note
Boulenger, Georg Albert, 1858-. 10 items (to N. Douglas).
Crotch, Martha Gordon, Auntie 70 items.
Curle, Richard, 1883-. 46 items (from N. Douglas).
Dibben, W.H., 23 items (from N. Douglas).
Gelber, Leon 18 items (from N. Douglas).
Girtanner, Albert, 1839-1907. 15 items (to and from N. Douglas).
Harris, Frank, Letters...1939. 4 items (from N. Douglas).
Harting, James Edmund, 1841-1928. (to and from N. Douglas) 17 items.
Honn, Alice E. 2 folders, 72 items (from N. Douglas).
Hudson, William Henry, 1841-1922. 4 items (to N. Douglas).

Box 2

Index of Correspondents (Continued)
Scope and Content Note
Lownfels, Walter, 1897-. 53 items (from N. Douglas).
Leydig, Franz, 1821-1908. 26 items (to and from N. Douglas).
Mac Pherson, Hugh Alexander, 1858-1901. 25 items (to and from N. Douglas).
Searle, W. Townley 25 items (from N. Douglas).
Straus, Ralph, 1882-1950. 4 folders, 187 items (from N. Douglas).
Terzian (photocopies) 21 items (from N. Douglas).
Turner, Reginald, d. 1939. 31 items (from N. Douglas).

Box 2

General Correspondence. Letters from Norman Douglas to various persons, 1916-1936.
Physical Description: 1 folder, 26 items.
Scope and Content Note
Dear Bunny
Flight, F.L.
Gilbertson, I.S.
Gye, Ernest Frederick, 1879-. 
Ives, George Burnham, 1856-1930 [2].
Lane, John, 1854-1925.
W. Jackson [London Bookseller].
Lawrence, Frieda (von Richthofen), 1879-. 
Nicolson, Hon. Harold George, 1886-. -[form ORIOLI].
Parsons, Ian [letters drafted by N.D. for Orioli] [2].
Sabatini, Rafael, 1875-. 
Savage, Derek (?) [probably Henry Savage] [2].
Secker, Martin [4].
Richards, Grant, 1872-. [3].
Venn, M. [5].
[Dear Sir, February 12, 1925].
[Dear Bill, January 6, 1945].
Box 2

**Letters to Norman Douglas from various persons, 1914-1950.**

Physical Description: 1 folder, 14 items.
Scope and Content Note
Adelswärd-Fersen, Jacques d', baron.
Banca Nazionale, Firenze.
Cook's, Rome (Sr. Guglielmi).
Newton, Eric, 1893- .
Petrina, Carlotta, 1901- . (1 letter to N. Douglas, 1930; 2 letters to George Macy re illustrations for *South Wind*, 1931).
Sigerist, Henry Ernst, 1891- .
Summers, Montague, 1880- .
Von Hagen, Victor Wolfgang, 1908- .

Box 2

**Scientific correspondence, 1889-1901.**

Physical Description: 20 items.
Scope and Content Note
Barington, E.C.
Barrington.
Beaman, S.G. Hulme.
Carus, J. Victor, 1823-1903.
Günther, Albert Carl Ludwig, 1830-1914.
Mackie, Henry Brown.
Mitchell.
Service, Robert William, 1876- .
Sim, G.
Smith, Edgar Albert, 1874- .
Traube-Mengarini, Margherita.
Wallace, Alfred Russell, 1823-1913.
Waterhouse, Charles Owen, 1843-1917.

Boxes 2, 3

**Correspondence of Edward Hutton, 1875- with Norman Douglas, 1918-1950, as well as with various others of their mutual acquaintance, 1918-1942.**

Physical Description: 9 folders, 486 items.
Scope and Content Note
[Hutton to Douglas correspondence, 1919-1950].
Cosson, de, baron. 11 items.
Douglas, Archie 11 items (To E. Hutton).
Orioli, Giuseppe, 1884-1942. 7 items (To E. Hutton).
Turner, Reginald, d. 1938. 39 items (2 folders) (To E. Hutton).

Box 4


Physical Description: 12 folders, 455 items.

Box 5

**Norman Douglas, 1868-1952. Letters to Giuseppe Orioli; n.d. Scraps, etc.**

Physical Description: 1 folders, 58 items.

Box 5

**Letters from Giuseppe Orioli to Dr. Crummer, 1924-1931.**

Physical Description: 8 items.
Box 5  Drafts of letters composed by Douglas for Orioli's use.
Physical Description: 19 items.

Box 5  Letters to Orioli from various persons, re Norman Douglas.
Physical Description: 12 items.

Physical Description: 41 items.

Physical Description: 9 items.

Box 5  Letters to Robin Douglas re Norman Douglas, from various persons.
Physical Description: 6 items.

Manuscripts, Ephemera, and Books

Note
For detailed descriptions of the manuscripts, ephemera, and books contained in Boxes 6-9, the earlier guide should be consulted. This an index to the revised grouping. Boxes 1-5 contain the correspondence: grouping also revised.
Revised by E. Vécsey, February 8, 1962.

Box 6  Autobiographical materials: extracts from notebooks, letters. n.d.
Physical Description: 17 items.

Box 6  Correspondence, ephemera re emigration of Norman Douglas to the United States. v.p., 1941.
Physical Description: 15 items.

Box 6  [ De natura hominis] n.p., n.d.
Physical Description: Holograph manuscript in German. 21 leaves.

Box 6  Disiecta membra: materials for a description of Capri.
Physical Description: Photostats. 137 leaves.

Box 6  Douglas Calendar - index, correspondence with agents. ca. 1927.
Physical Description: 5 items.

Box 6  Ephemera - clippings, etc.
Physical Description: 6 items.

Box 6  List of important people in case of death. 1952(?).
Physical Description: 1 leaf.

Box 6  Material (on coloration of bird-eggs) 1887.
Physical Description: Holograph. 18 leaves.

Box 6  Notebooks, Germany and England, 1872-1886 (On natural science).
Physical Description: Holograph. 7 items.

Box 6  A plea for the German professor. n.p., during World War I.
Physical Description: Typescript. 3 leaves.
Box 6  Scientific ephemera: maps, notes, clippings, drawings.
Physical Description: 17 items.

Box 6  Theophilus, or They went. Author’s explanation. n.d.
Physical Description: Typescript. 8 leaves.

Box 6  Tribulations of a patriot. n.p., (during World War I) clipped article.
Physical Description: 5 leaves.

Box 6  Portraits, photographs of Norman, Robin Douglas, etc.
Physical Description: 22 items.

Box 7  In the beginning (Florence, 1927) 4 signatures, unbound.

Box 7  Last of the Medici (introduction) ca. 1930.
Physical Description: Holograph. 16 leaves.

Box 7  Late harvest. London, ca. 1946.
Physical Description: Typescript. Blue wrappers. 224pp.

Box 7  Table showing the results of an examination.
Physical Description: [Photostat] 1 leaf.

Box 7  Theophilus. (Dramatization) n.p., n.d.
Physical Description: Typescript. bound folio. 99pp.

Box 7  Venus in the kitchen by Pilaff Bey. n.p., n.d.
Physical Description: Typescript (carbon) orange boards. 217pp.

Physical Description: Typescript. Chapter 1. 15 leaves.

Box 7  An almanac, version corrected for press. Portugal, 1941.
Physical Description: Typescript with holograph introduction. Red slip-case.

Box 8  Alone. (Earlier manuscript). n.p., n.d.
Physical Description: Holograph, with markings. Bound folio. 325pp.

Box 8  Alone. Index to manuscript. Florence, n.d.
Physical Description: Holograph, typescript. In notebook. 50 leaves.

Box 8  Fountains in the sand, First and quite different version.

Box 8  The familiar spirit. n.p., ca. 1896.
Box 9

**Books** - privately printed, limited editions, etc.

Physical Description: 9 books.

Scope and Content Note

A fragment (in *The Fist Edition and Book Collektor*)


*On the Darwinian hypothesis of sexual selection* (pam).


Some Limericks. n.p., 1928. Yellow cloth (no.47).


*Venus in the kitchen*. Heinemann Limited Proof copy.

FOR ADDITIONAL MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL, SEE BOX 17.

Group IV Books from the Library of Norman Douglas

Note

Some of the books are plated with the armorial Douglas bookplate, some of them have N. Douglas' early signature on fly-leaf (G.N. Douglas), later purchases bear the rubber-stamp book-mark *N.D.*

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Physical Description: 3 vol.

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| Box 16 | 17: Gubernatis, Angelo de, Conte, 1840-1913. *Zoological mythology, or the legends of animals*, London, Trübner, 1872. vol.2 only. |


Note
Cataloged in Rare Book Catalogue

46: Sitziano, Giuseppe Taccone, marchese di. De tribus Basilidianis gemmis Iosephi Marchionis Tacconii... Neapoli, Ex typographeo Angeli Trani, 1824.


49: Giraldi, Lilio Gregorio: 1479-1552. De sepulchris & uario sepeliendi ritu libellus... Basileae, 1539.


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Cataloged in the Rare Book Catalog.


Scope and Content Note
Presentation copy to Willy with notes in the author's hand, and in the hand of William King.


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<td>Box 17</td>
<td>Douglas, Norman. <em>Looking back</em>. New York, Harcourt, Brace &amp; Company, 1933. 1 p.l., 135 leaves. Galley proofs, uncorrected. 15 illustrations are listed in the galleys, but only 8 were published.</td>
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