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Descriptive Summary

Title: W. Graham Robertson Papers,

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Collection number: 2085

Creator: Robertson, W. Graham (Walford Graham), 1866-1948

Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.) 1 oversize box

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Abstract: W. Graham (Walford Graham) Robertson (1866-1948) was a dramatic author, and author/illustrator of several books, including: Pinkie and the fairies (1908), A masque of May morning, Gold, Frankincense and myrrh, The slippers of Cinderella, and The town of the Ford. The collection contains scrapbooks of clippings about Robertson's work, and photographs of Robertson and actors and actresses such as George Alexander, Ellen Terry, and Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

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Biography

Robertson was born on July 8, 1866; his works as a dramatic author include: Pinkie and the fairies (1908), A masque of May morning (1919), and a comic opera titled, The fountain of youth (1929); also wrote and illustrated several books, including: A masque of May morning, Gold, Frankincense and myrrh, The babies' day-book, The slippers of Cinderella, Old Chiddingfold, and The town of the Ford; died in 1948.

Scope and Content
Collection contains scrapbooks of clippings about Robertson's work as a playwright and artist. Also contains approximately 100 photographs of Robertson from birth through his childhood, many of which show him as a young boy performing in theatricals. Includes photographs of fellow actors and actresses, such as George Alexander, Ellen Terry, and Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Photographs (Box 1).
2. Ephemera and photographs (Box 2).
3. Scrapbooks (Box 3).
4. Portraits of W. Graham Robertson (Box 4).

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Robertson, W. Graham (Walford Graham), 1866-1948--Archives.
Dramatists, English--Archival resources.
Photographs.

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**Photographs**

**Box 1, Folder 1**

**Portraits of W. Graham Robertson in costume for amateur (?) theatricals.**

Scope and Content Note
9 of him alone, 17 of him with other performers.

**Box 1, Folder 2**

**28 portraits of Robertson.**

Scope and Content Note
From the time he was a young man through his later years. Several of them are with his dog, Mouton.

**Box 1, Folder 3**

**15 images.**

Scope and Content Note
Mostly portraits of Robertson's family and pets, a few views of his home, Sandhills.

**Box 1, Folder 4**

**14 portraits of actors, actresses, and friends of Robertson.**

Scope and Content Note
4 of Ellen Terry.
1 of Julia Neilson.
2 of Mrs. Patrick Campbell.
4 of Sir George Alexander.
1 of Miss E. Farren and Mr. E.W. Royce.
1 of Elise Graven.
1 unidentified snapshot.

**Box 1, Folder 5**

**Photograph album.**

Physical Description: 21 images.
Scope and Content Note
Beginning with a carte-de-visite of Robertson as in infant in August 1866, showing him at various stages of childhood and adolescence.

**Ephemera and Photographs**
| Box 2, Folders 1-2 | **Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, 1931.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_re W. Graham Robertson's autobiography, Time Was_ |
| Box 2, Folders 3-11 | **Unmounted newspaper clippings.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_re various Robertson publications and activities including his gift of some Blake drawings to the Tate Gallery._ |
| Box 2, Folder 12 | **4 open letters, 1942-1943.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_From Swift Newton (son of A. Edward Newton), written about his service with the American Red Cross during the war, distributed by his family to his friends._ |
| Box 2, Folders 13-14 | **Article about the life of Alberto Martini by Vitorio Pica.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_Typescript and galleys, written in French._  
INCLUDED ARE 6 PHOTOGRAPHS OF MARTINI ILLUSTRATIONS FOR WORKS OF EDGAR ALLEN POE._ |
| Box 2, Folder 15 | **Manuscript and article on Lithography by Aloys Senefelder.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_Published in *The Art Chronicle*, December 1913._ |
| Box 2, Folder 16 | **The Studio, November 15, 1905.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_Contains an article on Robertson's work by T. Martin Wood._ |
| Box 2, Folder 17 | **Snapshot album.**  
Physical Description: 23 images.  
Scope and Content Note  
_Contains a few photographs of Robertson with his dogs, but mostly photographs of small children, possibly used as studies for his drawings._ |

**Scrapbooks**

| Box 3, Folder 1 | **Scrapbook.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_re World War I, articles possibly written by Robertson as special news correspondent, published anonymously._ |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | **Scrapbook, 1953.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_re 2 posthumous publications, a book on Robertson's Blake Collection and *Letters from Graham Robertson._ |
| Box 3, Folder 3 | **Scrapbook, 1929-31.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_re Robertson's plays for children._ |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | **Scrapbook, 1932-43.**  
Scope and Content Note  
_re Robertson's plays for children._ |
| Box 3, Folder 5 | “The Studio,” June 15, 1908.  
Scope and Content Note  
Article mentioning and a re-production of “Mdlle. X” by Robertson. |
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| Box 3, Folder 5 | **Catalog issued by Grafton Galleries, June 5-July 11, 1914.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contains works by Robertson. |
| Pkg. I          | 7 portraits of W. Graham Robertson at different ages.                                           |