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REPOSITORIES OF ROBINSON’S LETTERS

Robinson's autograph letters—estimated at about 4,000—are scattered over a field of around sixty repositories. Fortunately, almost half of the known letters are housed in only two of these (Colby and Harvard), as will be clear by consulting the letter counts for each collection below. The following guide is not by any means complete, accounting for only about half of the known letters and being meant rather to serve as a rough indication of the major repositories, as well as some smaller ones, than as a comprehensive list of all repositories. It will, however, be augmented as further repositories are identified, and should be helpful as a starting point for researchers.

The repositories are listed in alphabetical order. There is an exact or estimated letter¹ count listed below the institution’s name, along with a link to the respective collection’s finding aid, where more details about that collection may be found. The quality of these finding aids varies greatly: some include detailed lists of individual letters, with their dates and recipients’ names; others contain only general information about the collection. The easiest way to find information about the letters in any collection is to search within the finding aid for “Robinson,” if it is a general collection, or “letter” or “correspondence” if it is a Robinson-specific collection. Further information can be acquired by contacting the institution in question.

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE LIBRARY (LOUIS O. COXE PAPERS - MO40)

9 letters (recipients not listed).

Note: *Further details relating to this collection can be found online at this address:*

<https://library.bowdoin.edu/arch/mss/m040.shtml#idm11568528>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT COLBY COLLEGE'S SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

¹ “Letter” here means a document written (or typed) by Robinson and addressed to a correspondent. In fact, this can be anything from a traditional written epistle, to a small Christmas card or postcard.

1,083 letters²

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this repository can be found at Colby College Libraries' Robinson Collection finding aid, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://www.colby.edu/specialcollections/wp-content/uploads/sites/114/2014/09/ear-findingaid.pdf>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

1 letter (confirmed by librarian)

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/hubbelljay/#aspace_ref26_b1d

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT HOUGHTON LIBRARY (HARVARD) (VARIOUS COLLECTIONS):

****742 letters total at Houghton Library****

Letters from the "Wallace Ludwig Anderson Collection on Edwin Arlington Robinson"
Call No.: MS Am 1337.7

73 letters

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found in the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou00017>

Letters to Witter Bynner
Call No.: MS Am 1629-1629.1

18 letters

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found in the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou00783>

Letters to Arthur Raymond Gledhill

² This is my count, though Special Collections claims it has "[o]ver 1200 letters by Robinson" (see finding aid).

Call No.: MS Am 1337.5

43 autograph and typescript letters written between 1889 and 1896

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this repository can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/deepLink?_collection=oasis&uniqueId=hou02797

Letters to George W. Latham

Call No.: MS Am 1337.2

26 autograph manuscript letters written between 1893 and 1921

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this repository can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou02631>

Letters to the Palmer Family

Call No.: MS Am 2274

15 letters

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this repository can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou00177>

Letters in the "Edwin Arlington Robinson Miscellaneous Papers, 1882-1935" Collection

Call No.: MS Am 1337.1

332 letters

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found in the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01461>

Letters in the "Bliss Perry Letters from Various Correspondents" Collection

16 letters to Bliss Perry

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found in the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01283>

Letters to Rosalind Richards

Call No.: MS Am 2187

6 letters

***Note:** Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01388>

Letters to Rosalind Richards

Call No.: MS Am 2169

18 letters

***Note:** Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01413>

Letters in the "Howe, Richards, and Robinson Family Papers" Collection

Call No.: MS Am 2127

3 letters to Laura Elizabeth [Howe] Richards

***Note:** Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou01111>

Letters to Harry de Forest Smith

Call No.: MS Am 1512

192 letters

***Note:** Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hou00936>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

9 letters

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found at the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/service/mss/eadxmlmss/eadpdfmss/2000/ms000006.pdf>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY (ELIZABETH WHITCOMB HOUGHTON COLLECTION)

3 letters to "Will"

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found at the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/EWH/EWH-main.shtml>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

"It includes eighteen [18] letters written by Robinson. . . ."

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this repository can be found at the finding aid for this call number, which can be accessed online at this address:*

<https://www.library.unh.edu/find/archives/collections/edwin-arlington-robinson-papers-1915-1953>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY (VARIOUS COLLECTIONS)

Letters in the "Edwin Arlington Robinson Letters, 1918-1934" Collection

8 letters (confirmed by a librarian):

A.L.S., 1918, Feb 20, EAR, at Brooklyn, to "Miss Maskowitz(?)" at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1922 Mar. 13, E.A.R., at N.Y. 1p.

A.L.S., 1922 April 14, E.A.R. at N.Y. to E.K. Broadus?, at Edmonton Alberta, Canada. 1p.

A.L.S., 1925 June 28, E.A.R., at Petersborough, N.H. to Miss Nitta Dicksteen, at N.Y. 1p.

A.L.S., 1926 Sept. 23, E.A.R., at Boston, to John Macy, at N.Y. 1p.

A.L.S., 1927, Nov. 4, E.A.R., at Boston, to Dr. Edwin Leonard (Pharmaceutical Advance), at N.Y. 1p.

A.L.S., 1928, May 25, E.A.R., at Boston, to "Dear Griffith", at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1930, May 10, E.A.R., at Boston, to ?

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://archives.nypl.org/mss/4601>

Letters in the “Alfred Williams Anthony” Collection

2 letters (confirmed by a librarian):

A.L.S., 1922 March 3, Edwin A. Robinson, at 28 west 8th street, New York to Mr. [Ernest] Ingersoll, at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1922, Dec. 26th, E.A. Robinson, at 28 West 8th Street, New York to Mr. [Ernest?] Ingersoll, at ? 1p.

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://archives.nypl.org/mss/115#c1345747>

Letters in the “Century Company Records, 1870-1930s” Collection

8 letters (confirmed by a librarian):

A.L.S., 1905 Jan. 30, E.A. Robinson, at Boston, to Richard Watson Gilder, at ? 2p.

A.L.S., 1905 Nov. 16, E.A.R. at B. to [RW] G. at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1905 Nov. 23, E.A.R. at B, to R.W. Johnson, at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1905 July 1, E.A.R. at N.Y. to RW Gilder at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1909 June 24, E.A.R. at N.Y. to R.W. Johnson at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1909 July 24, E.A.R. at Brooklyn, N.Y. to R.W.G, at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1909 Aug 2, E.A.R., at Brooklyn, N.Y. to R.W.G. at ? 1p.

A.L.S., 1913 Nov. 26, E.A.R. at "LaTourette, Richmond, Staten Island, NY to R.W. Johnson, at ? 1p.

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://archives.nypl.org/mss/504#c1149598>

Letters in the “Macmillan Company Records, 1889-1960” Collection

16 letters (confirmed by a librarian)

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://archives.nypl.org/mss/1830#overview>

Letters in the “Merle De Vore Johnson Papers, 1849-1935” Collection

2 letters

Note: *Further information about this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://archives.nypl.org/mss/1574#c1174877>

IN ADDITION: Further letters by Robinson can be found in the following collections (see their respective finding aids for more information):

The Lewis M. Isaacs collection of E.A. Robinson Papers, 1896-1967³

<http://archives.nypl.org/mss/2590#overview>

The Kenneth W. Porter Papers 1912-1984

<http://archives.nypl.org/scm/20684#overview>

Lydenberg, Hopper and Beals General Correspondence, 1926-1957

<http://archives.nypl.org/nypla/4952#overview>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT OBERLIN COLLEGE

22 letters: 19 handwritten and 3 typed (confirmed with a librarian)

<http://www2.oberlin.edu/library/special/edwin-arlington-robinson.html>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Call No.: 1988-0071R A-S

1 letter E.C. Stedman, 1902 Nov. 10

Note: For more information, see:

<http://cat.libraries.psu.edu/uhtbin/cgiisirsi/?ps=WIMeDSQuoR/UP-PAT/8230022/9>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

41 letters to Mrs. Edward P. Mason, dated 1900 to 1911.

Note: *Further details relating to the letters in this repository can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<https://findingaids.princeton.edu/collections/C0193/c008>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

³ This collection seems to have a significant amount of letters, though I have been unable to confirm the exact or estimated number with the librarians.

4 letters

Note: *Further details relating to this repository can be found here:*

<https://archives.lib.siu.edu/?p=collections/controlcard&id=2682>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY (THE FRANK P. PISKOR COLLECTION OF EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON)

3 letters

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://www.stlawu.edu/library/sites/default/files/finding-aids/MSS63fa.pdf>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

9 letters

Note: *Further details relating to each individual letter in this collection can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

https://library.syr.edu/digital/guides/print/robinson_ea_prt.htm

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT TRINITY COLLEGE (HARTFORD, CT.)

"Over 90 manuscript letters from Robinson. . . ."

Note: *Further details relating to this repository can be found in the finding aid, accessible online at this address:*

<http://illiad.trincoll.edu/watk/manuscripts/robinson.htm>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

These are all, apparently, held within the Clifton Waller Barrett Library of American Literature at the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. The description of the Clifton Waller Barrett Library claims that there are "several hundred letters" by Robinson in the collection. The majority of these letters appear to be contained in the Edward Arlington Robinson Papers collection, though there is no detailed finding aid for the collection.

Note: *Further information regarding the Clifton Waller Barret Library can be accessed here:*

<http://small.library.virginia.edu/collections/featured/the-clifton-waller-barrett-library-of-american-literature/>

Further information regarding the Edwin Arlington Robinson Papers collection can be found here:

<http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u5557233>

ROBINSON'S LETTERS HELD AT YALE

The precise number of letters is uncertain because the contents of the containers are not always clearly described. For certain, there are "54 autograph letters, signed, and four telegrams to Lawrence W. Lamm". There are also "Forty-seven [47] autograph letters, signed, to Lucius Beebe." However, according to the finding aid, there are also various containers holding just one or two letters, and a few other containers holding unspecified quantities of "letters" to various recipients.

Note: *For further details on this collection, please see the finding aid, which is accessible online at the following address:*

<http://drs.library.yale.edu/HLTransformer/HLTransServlet?style=yul.ead2002.xhtml.xsl&pid=beinecke:robinson&query=&clear-stylesheet-cache=yes&hlon=yes&big=&adv=&filter=&hitPageStart=&sortFields=&view=all>