

**THE FRANK P. PISKOR COLLECTION OF EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON
COLLECTION #63**

Scope and Contents

These materials, occupying .66 linear feet, supplement the collection of editions of Robinson's own work and critical books about the poet donated to St. Lawrence by former president Dr. Frank Piskor. Included are three holograph Robinson letters as well as photocopies of letters from other collections. Also included are photographs, information about the MacDowell Colony, Robinson criticism from periodicals, information on other collections of Robinsoniana, and Dr. Piskor's correspondence about his collection. The dates of the materials range from 1897-1963.

Biographical

Edwin Arlington Robinson was born in 1869 in Head Tide, Maine. Shortly after his birth, his family moved a few miles away to Gardiner, Maine, the town which he immortalized in his poems as Tilbury Town. Although he attended Harvard for two years, he did not fit into the literary set there, and he returned to Gardiner where financial reverses were rapidly dragging his family into poverty. After the final disintegration of the family estate, Robinson moved to New York City, where he lived until his death in 1935. The MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H., was his second home and a place where he could talk to other writers.

In 1896, Robinson published--at his own expense--his first book of poems, The Torrent and the Night Before. His reputation grew, and he eventually earned three Pulitzer Prizes, although critics and readers often found his work baffling and bleak. Although his poetry is traditional and Romantic in some ways, it is starkly realistic, always dealing with the theme of man living in a hostile and lonely world.

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- 1 1918, September 8. to Margaret Widdemer, photocopy.
1919, July 13. to Margaret Widdemer, photocopy.
1920, May 4. to Margaret Widdemer, photocopy.
- 2 1920, March 5. to Mrs. Harold Atwood Brown. als.
- 3 1928, January 13. to Mr. Cates [?], photocopy.
- 4 1930, September 30. to a collector [name erased]. als.
- 5 1932, December 17. to J. Stuart Green. als.

B. Photocopies of Edwin A. Robinson letters from the collection of Syracuse

- 6 1913 - 1921
- 7 1922 - 1924
- 8 1925 - 1926
- 9 1927 - 1929
- 10 1930 - 1931
- 11 1932 - 1934
- 12 Undated

II. Photographs

- 4 Edwin Arlington Robinson [with 1930, September 30 letter]
- 13 Edwin Arlington Robinson with Pope and Robbins, taken 1897.
- 19 Margaret Widdemer [with her paper on the MacDowell Colony]

III. Robinson Items Photocopied from the Collection of Syracuse University

- 14 Thoreau's Last Letter with a note by Robinson, Amenia, NY: Troutbeck Press, 1925.
- 15 Miscellaneous Items
- 16 Promotional Leaflet for Robinson's Collected Poems

IV. Other Collections of Robinsoniana

- 17 Syracuse University
- 18 Williams College

V. The MacDowell Colony

- 19 Widdemer, Margaret. "The Macdowell Colony and Mr. Robinosn." typed copy.
- 20 The Edward MacDowell Association, 1907-1930. Photocopy of a pamphlet from the collection of Syracuse University.

VI. Correspondence of Dr. Frank Piskor Concerning the Collection

- 21 Louis Coxe
- 22 Louis Untermeyer
- 23 Cora McDevitt of Book and Print Shop
- 24 Various rare book and manuscript dealers

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