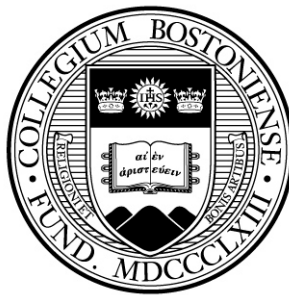


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Summary Information

Creator:	Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Title:	Boston College collection of Lady Gregory
ID:	MS.1995.028
Date [inclusive]:	1881-1932, undated
Physical Description	0.25 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This collection includes correspondence and a typescript of "The Old Woman Remembers" by Irish author Lady Gregory, as well an article about her and her estate, Coole Park, in County Galway.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Restrictions on access

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Provenance

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Biographical Note

Lady Gregory was born Isabella Augusta Persse on March 15, 1852, in Roxborough House, Galway, to Dudley Persse and Frances (Barry) Persse. She was educated at home and heavily influenced in her interests by her nurse, Mary Sheridan. In 1880 she married Sir William Gregory, who owned Coole Park, an estate in County Galway. They had one child, Robert Gregory, born in 1881. The couple involved themselves in the London literary scene and traveled around the world, including Egypt and Ceylon. She became romantically linked with the poet Wilfred Scawen Blunt in 1882 while in Egypt, and during this time she published her first work under her own name, *Arabi and His Household* (1882) as well as a series of poems called *A Woman's Sonnets* which appeared anonymously in a work of Blunt's.

In 1892, Sir William Gregory died and Lady Gregory edited his autobiography. In the 1890s she began to study Irish language and culture in earnest and eventually became involved in the Irish nationalist movement. She collected Irish fairy tales and legends; composed poems, plays, and other literary works; and wrote pamphlets and articles concerning home rule. Lady Gregory befriended W. B. Yeats in 1896, and together they founded the Irish Literary Theatre in 1899. In 1918, her son, Robert Gregory, was killed in action in Italy while serving as a fighter pilot during World War I.

In 1927 Lady Gregory sold Coole Park to the Irish Forestry Commission but continued to live there. She died at home on May 22, 1932 from breast cancer.

Sources

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Scope and Content Note

The Boston College collection of Lady Gregory includes correspondence, a typescript, and an article concerning Lady Gregory and her estate, Coole Park, in County Galway.

Collection Inventory

"Coole Park, the Home of Lady Gregory, was the Birthplace of Irish Drama," <i>The Kansas City Star</i> , photocopy of clipping, 1932 June 8	box 1	folder 1
Gregory, Lady, "The Old Woman Remembers", corrected typescript, undated	box 1	folder 2
Gregory, Lady to Miss Morse, correspondence, undated	box 1	folder 3

