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Biographical note

Logan Pearsall Smith (1865-1946) was born on October 18, 1865, in Millville, N.J., the son of Robert Pearsall and Hannah Whitall Smith. He attended Haverford College, Harvard, and Balliol College in Oxford, England. Smith was an essayist and critic, and published a number of works, including: The Youth of Parnassus, and other stories (1895), Trivia (1902), Afterthoughts (1931), and Last Words (1933). He also wrote biographies and criticisms such as The Life and Letters of Sir Henry Wotton (1907), On Reading Shakespeare (1933), and his autobiography Unforgotten Years (1938). In his later years he wrote mostly letters, especially to his young students such as Robert Gathorne-Hardy, John Russell, Desmond MacCarthy, R.C. Trevely, and Hugh Trevor-Roper. Smith died on March 2, 1946.

Information from: Kent State University, Special Collections and Archives, Logan Pearsall Smith Manuscripts, 18881-1943 Finding Aid.

Scope and Content note

This collection is composed of the single volume handwritten manuscript of Logan Pearsall Smith's "On Reading Shakespeare,' originally published in 1933. The manuscript explores Shakespeare's writing, particularly his characterization and command of language. The manuscript is handwritten and includes various edits and annotations made by Smith.

Also included are the notes on the manuscript from Scribners (where the manuscript was purchased by Christopher Morley), and a letter by Morley written at the time of his donation of the manuscript in 1952.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections October 2015

Use Restrictions

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).
Custodial History

Christopher Morley purchased the manuscript from Scribner's in the Fall of 1951, and donated the manuscript, with a letter written by Morley, in May of 1952. The letter Morley sent with the manuscript, and the description provided by Scribner's is also included in the collection.

Acquisition

"On Reading Shakespeare" was donated to Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, in 1952 by Christopher Morley.

Processing Information

Processed by Kara Flynn; completed October 2015.

Related Materials

Relate materials
- MC 807 Morley family papers
- MC 950.164 Hannah Whitall Smith correspondence

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
- Manuscripts

Personal Name(s)
- Shakespeare, 1564-1616

Subject(s)
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- Academic writing.
- Literature
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