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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Gilbert Cannan fonds
ID:	MsE 2
Date:	1923 (date of creation)
Physical description:	2 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Gilbert Cannan (1884-1955) was a British novelist and dramatist. Born in Manchester of Scottish descent, he was educated at Manchester Grammar School and King's College, Cambridge; he started on a legal career, but turned to writing in 1908, after a short spell as an actor. He worked first as a translator, and reviewed in London publications. Many of his novels are in part autobiographical, and fit into a novel sequence the "Lawrie Saga", around the character Stephen Lawrie. During World War I he was a pacifist and then conscientious objector. After the war Cannan wrote and translated a great deal, and traveled. A breakdown in 1923 proved untreatable and he spent the rest of his life confined to a mental hospital.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of one bound copy of six plays in manuscript. The volume is entitled Mr. Seckers Manuscript, Secker being the prominent British publisher, Martin Secker. According to Seckers handwritten note at the front of the volume, these plays formed part of a volume he published in 1923.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- Publication status: published
 - Level of detail: Full
 - Status description: Published
 - Alpha-numeric designations: BCAUL control number: SFL--2327
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Access points

- Cannan, Gilbert (subject)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Arts and culture (subject)
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Series descriptions
