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### Edith Hamilton Collection, 1930-1971: Finding Aid

#### Summary Information

<b>Call number:</b>	C0253
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<b>Size:</b>	1.35 cubic feet (3 boxes)
<b>Language(s) of material:</b>	English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Edith Hamilton was a classics scholar with a particular interest in Greek civilization. The collection consists of typescript and galley proofs of her book <i>The Ever-Present Past</i> , notebooks on classical civilization, and correspondence.

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## Biography of Edith Hamilton

Hamilton became well-known through her writings as a popularizer of classical values and Greek civilization. A full-time writer from 1922 on, she became an honorary citizen of Athens, Greece, in 1950.

## Description

The collection contains typescript and galley proofs of Hamilton's work *The Ever-Present Past*, 29 notebooks on various topics relating to Greek/Roman civilization, and correspondence, consisting of letters to John Mason Brown (1931-1961) and from Storer B. Lunt, her publisher at W. W. Norton (1957). There are also copies of letters to Hamilton from John Mason Brown (1930-1963), some newspaper clippings, and some obituary material.

### Series 1: Writings

### Series 2: Correspondence

### Series 3: Material about Edith Hamilton

## Arrangement

Organized into the following series:

Series 1: Writings

Series 2: Correspondence

Series 3: Material about Edith Hamilton

## Access and Use

### Access

Collection is open for research use.

### Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

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## Processing and Other Information

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Edith Hamilton Collection, Box and Folder Number; Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

### Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Techbooks, Cristela García-Spitz, and Diann Benti on April 13, 2007. Created from MARC record via MarcEdit and XSL stylesheets in 2007.

### Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

## Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Authors and publishers -- United States -- 20th century.
- Classicists -- United States -- 20th century.
- Civilization, Greco-Roman.
- Women authors, American -- 20th century.
- Greece -- Civilization.
- Notebooks.
- Galley proofs (Printing)
- Manuscripts (for publication)
- Brown, John Mason, 1900-1969.
- Classical literature

<b>Contents List</b>
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**Series 1: Writings**


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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
“The Ever-Present Past”:		
TMss (with holograph corrections)	1	1
TMs (with holograph corrections): pp. 1-99	1	2
TMs (with holograph corrections): pp. 100-194	1	3
galley proof	1	4
galley proof	1	5
notebooks (27): original AMss	2	
speeches: Tmss (including speech on centennial of Vassar College)	3	1
fragments of AMss	3	2

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**Series 2: Correspondence**


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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Brown, John Mason and Catherine by Hamilton, Edith, (1931-1961): 71 letters	3	3
Brown, John Mason to Hamilton, Edith, (1930-1963): photocopies, 67 letters	3	4
Lunt, Storer B (Publisher, W.W. Norton & Co.), letters to (1957): 66 letters and other misc. matter	3	5
Reed, Doris Fielding, letters received by (1963-1968): 5 letters	3	6
miscellaneous: 8 letters	3	7

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**Series 3: Material about Edith Hamilton**


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**Series 3: Material about Edith Hamilton ... (Continued)**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
clippings	3	8
“The Heritage of Edith Hamilton: 1867-1963” by Brown, John Mason and other obituary material (copies)	3	9