



**Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939.**

**W. B. (William Butler) Yeats letter to George MacDonald  
1938 and undated**

**Abstract:** Letter from W. B. Yeats to George MacDonald and a letter from MacDonald's secretary to W. B. Yeats. These items were originally laid in W. B. Yeats's *A Speech In Two Poems* (1937).

## Descriptive Summary

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**Title:** W. B. (William Butler) Yeats letter to George MacDonald  
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## Biographical Note

### William Butler Yeats (1865–1939)

William Butler Yeats, one of the twentieth century's best known poets, was also an accomplished Irish playwright and co-founder of the Irish Literary Theatre. Born on June 13, 1865, in Sandymount, Ireland, he was the eldest child of the renowned Irish painter, John Butler Yeats. W. B. Yeats died on January 28, 1939, in Roquebrune, France.

#### Sources:

Draper, James P. and Susan M. Trosky (eds.) *Contemporary Authors. New Revision Series*, Volume 45. New York: Gale Research, Inc., 1995. pp. 483-491.

### George MacDonald (1824–1905)

George MacDonald (1824–1905) was a Scottish author of poems, novels, and fairy tales.

#### Sources:

"MacDonald, George, 1824–1905." *Literature Online*. <http://lion.chadwyck.com> (accessed April 10, 2007).

## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a typed note signed by W. B. Yeats to Scottish writer George MacDonald which was originally laid in Yeats' *A Speech & Two Poems* (Special Collections call number: SPEC S22 PR 5904 .S63 1937). There is a response to Yeats' letter from George MacDonald's secretary stating that the book and letter have been received. This is dated March 9, 1938.

## **Selected Search Terms**

### **Personal Names**

MacDonald, George, 1824-1905.

### **Topical Terms**

Authors, Irish--20th century--Correspondence.

### **Form/Genre Terms**

Letters (correspondence)

### **Occupation**

Poets.

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MSS 126 William Butler Yeats Collection

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

W. B. (William Butler) Yeats letter to George MacDonald, 1938 and undated [Box 18 F325]

One typed note signed with autograph additions and one typed carbon note not signed, 2 pp.

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