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Biographical Note

British poet Frances Cornford (1886–1960) was descended from a number of Cambridge intellectuals, including Charles Darwin and William Wordsworth. Her work was influenced by both the Georgian and modernist forms of poetry. She experimented with a variety of forms including the triolet and the villanelle and also translated a number of works from Russian and French.

Sources:

"Frances Cornford." Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 240: Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century British Women Poets (reproduced in Literature Resource Center).
Scope and Content Note

Four autograph letters signed from Frances Cornford to Alan Clodd. Cornford thanks Clodd for his praise of her work and answers questions about her poems. She also mentions her ill health. The collections also includes four undated manuscript poems in Cornfeld's hand.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Clodd, Alan.

Topical Terms

English poetry--History--20th century--Sources.

Poets, English--20th century--Correspondence.

Form/Genre Terms

Letters (correspondence)

Poems.

Occupation

Poets.

Related Materials in this Repository

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Letters to Alan Clodd, 1959–1960 4 items

- Autograph letter signed, 1959 September 7 [Box 53 810]
- Autograph letter signed, 1960 April 2 [Box 53 810]
  Letter partially in the hand of Cornfeld's grandson.
- Autograph letter signed, [1960 April 6] [Box 53 810]
  With envelope.
- Autograph card signed, 1960 April 28 [Box 53 810]

Poems, undated 4 items

- "Invocation for a Modern Marriage", undated [Box 53 810]
- "LF", undated [Box 53 810]
- "Mother to Father", undated [Box 53 810]
- "The Girl in the Blue-bell Wood", undated [Box 53 810]