

A Richer Dust: Rupert Brooke & The Culture of Mourning

Rupert Brooke was a poet and an icon of youth for the literary and artistic circles of the early twentieth century. In April 1915, while serving in the Royal Navy during the First World War, Brooke died of blood poisoning. Brooke’s poem “The Soldier” – “If I should die, think only this of me:/ That there’s some corner of a foreign field/ That is for ever England” – is one of the most famous war poems of all time, and has become a symbol of the war’s early patriotic fervor. Rauner Special Collections Library holds one of the world’s finest collections of Brooke-related material. Brooke’s legacy unfolds in books, letters, and the print culture of the First World War era.

The exhibition was curated by Laura Braunstein and Morgan Swan and was on display in the Class of 1965 Galleries from June 4 through July 31, 2014.

Materials Included in the Exhibition

Case Title	Materials included
<p>Case 1. Testaments of Youth</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="873 835 1393 940">1. W. F. Barry. <i>The Times Law Reports</i>. London, 1906. Brooke KD288 .A5 v.22 no.20 <li data-bbox="873 945 1393 1192">2. Gaius Valerius Catullus. Catulli, Tibulli et Propertii Carmina. <i>Ad praestantium librorum lectiones accurate recensuit C. H. Weise. Lipsiae, sumtibus et typis Caroli Tauchnitii</i>, 1843. Brooke Library PA6274 .A2 1843 <li data-bbox="873 1197 1393 1381">3. Arthur Conan Doyle. <i>The Last Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. Being a New Edition of His “Memoirs.”</i> London: G. Newnes, 1897. Brooke Library PR4622 .L3 <li data-bbox="873 1386 1393 1570">4. Rupert Brooke. <i>Letters from America</i>. With a preface by Henry James. New York: Scribner’s Sons, 1916. Brooke 29. This item has also been digitized by the Hathitrust. <li data-bbox="873 1575 1393 1717">5. <i>The Blue Review</i>. 1.3 (July 1913). Brooke 9 v.1, no.1-3 My.-Jl.1913 and Brooke Library AP4 .B62 v.1, no.2 Je.1913 <li data-bbox="873 1722 1393 1864">6. Rupert Brooke. <i>John Webster and the Elizabethan Drama</i>. London: Sidgwick & Jackson, 1916. Brooke 25 (3 copies). <li data-bbox="873 1869 1393 1890">7. Sherrill Schell. Portraits of Rupert

	<p>Brooke, 1913.</p> <p>8. Lilian Street. <i>Rupert and Other Dreams</i>. London: Elkin Mathews, 1909. Brooke Library PR5499.S185 R8</p>
<p>Case 2. “An Amusing Experience”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rupert Brooke. “The Life Beyond.” 1911. 2. Rupert Brooke. <i>War Poems</i>. London: Privately printed, 1915. Brooke PR6003.R4 W6 3. Rupert Brooke. “1914,” <i>Five Sonnets</i>. London: Sidgwick & Jackson, 1915. Brooke 36 (2 copies) 4. Rupert Brooke. <i>1914 and Other Poems</i>. London: Sidgwick & Jackson, 1915. Brooke 35 5. Rupert Brooke. <i>1914 and Other Poems</i>. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, Page & Company, 1915. Brooke 34 6. Rupert Brooke. “1914.” <i>Poems, by Rupert Brooke</i>. Transcribed into Braille by E. I. F. Williamson. [n.d.] Brooke 33 7. Rupert Brooke. <i>The Collected Poems of Rupert Brooke</i>. Editions for the Armed Services, 1940. Brooke PR6003 .R4 1940 8. Rupert Brooke. Letter to Edmund Gosse, 19 February 1915. MSS 915169.1 9. Sydney H. Nicholson. “1914.” <i>Poems by Rupert Brooke, Set to Music for Solo, Chorus and Orchestra</i>. London: J. Curwen, 1917. Brooke 24 and Brooke M1740 .N535 10. Sydney H. Nicholson. "In Remembrance (1914)." <i>Sonnets by Rupert Brooke, Set to Music for Solo, Chorus and Orchestra</i>. London: J. Curwen, 1917. Brooke 24 and Brooke M1740 .N535

Case 3. In Memoriam R. C. B.

1. Rugby School. *Memorials of Rugbeians Who Fell in the Great War*. [London]: Printed for Rugby School by P. L. Warner, 1916. [Brooke 136](#)
2. Edward Thomas. Letter to Robert Frost, 19 October 1916. From [MS-1178 \(Box 10, Folder 33, 34, or 35\)](#)
3. C. E. Byles. *Rupert Brooke's Grave, and Other Poems*. London: E. Macdonald, 1919. [Brooke 52](#). This item has also been [digitized by the Hathi Trust](#).
4. *Georgian Poetry, 1913-1915*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1916. [Brooke PR1225 .G4 1915a](#)
5. Conrad Aiken. "Rupert Brooke (Died at the Dardanelles, April, 1915)." *The Atlantic Monthly* 116.1 (1915), 98. [Brooke 2](#)
6. Jeanne Perdriel-Vaissière. *Rupert Brooke's Death and Burial*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1917. [Brooke 124 and Brooke Y12pe](#). This item has also been [digitized by the Hathi Trust](#).
7. Stanley Casson. *Rupert Brooke and Skyros*. London: E. Mathews, 1921. [Brooke 53 and Baker Berry 827 B79 BC2](#). This item has also been [digitized by the Hathi Trust](#).
8. Edward Thomas. "Rupert Brooke." *The English Review* 20.3 (June 1915): 325-28. [Brooke 152](#)