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**TITLE:** Robert Service Photograph

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B1970.061

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: circa 1900

Extent: 1 item

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Robert William Service

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Robert William Service was born in Lancashire, England on January 16, 1874.<sup>1</sup> Service sailed to western Canada in 1894, working there and earning his reputation as “Bard of the Yukon.”<sup>2</sup> He published many poetry collections, including *Songs of a Sourdough or Spell of the Yukon and Oter Verses* (1907), two autobiographies, and six novels. Service’s famous poems include “The Cremation of Sam McGee.”<sup>3</sup> He moved to France in 1913 and served as an ambulance driver there during WWI, remaining after the war. Service married Germaine Bougeoin in 1913, with whom he lived until his death on September 11, 1958.

**Scope and Content Description:**

This collection consists of one signed photographic print of Robert William Service.

Arrangement: Not applicable

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_W.\\_Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_W._Service)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/robert-w-service>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45081/the-cremation-of-sam-mcgee>

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Virginia Johnson.

Processing Note:

Previous finding aid titled collection "AHFAML." No other mention of this collection title in associated paperwork.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

B1964.001 John Urban Collection

B1974.005 Edward Coke Hill Collection

B1985.027 Wien Collection

B2016.006 William C. and Frances P. Ray Slides

B2017.001 Michael Barron Collection

B2017.19 Elanor Marie Johnston Collection

B2017.029 Kay McFarland Jackson Slides

## **SUBJECTS**

Service, Robert W. (Robert William), 1874-1958

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Robert W. Service [back: Robert Service] [portrait photograph of Robert William Service with signature. Edited bust]

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