

Guide to the Eric Allen Osborne Papers Concerning In Letters of Red

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 512

CREATOR: Osborne, E. Allen (Eric Allen), 1906-

TITLE: Eric Allen Osborne papers concerning In letters of red

DATES: 1935-1938

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of letters and manuscripts documenting the publication of the anthology in 1938. Contributors include: W. H. Auden, John Brownson, Cecil Day Lewis, Lion Feuchtwanger, George de Fiedorowicz, Louis Golding, Geoffrey Grigson, Robert Herring, Herbert Hodge, James Lansdale Hodson, Jeffrey Eardley Jeffrey, Peter Lager, David Low, Louis MacNeice, Kingsley Martin, Siegfried Sassoon, John Strachey, Frank Tilsley, Edward Upward and Rex Warner.
Series I, Correspondence, contains letters from 15 of the 20 contributors to Osborne. Letters mention manuscripts, revisions, copyright and book royalties. All letters are accompanied by a typescript summary of the letter contents.
Series II, Writings, consists of typescript or printed versions of manuscripts from all contributing writers and biographical statements.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased on the Lord fund from Charles A. Stonehill, 1940.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Eric Allen Osborne Papers Concerning *In Letters of Red*. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Scope and Contents

The Eric Allen Osborne Papers Concerning *In Letters of Red* consist of letters and manuscripts documenting the publication of the anthology in 1938. The collection spans the years 1935-38.

The collection is housed in 1 box and organized into two series: Correspondence and Writings.

In Letters of Red was edited by Eric Allen Osborne, author of *The Facts about A Christmas Carol* (1937), and brings together the work of British poets, novelists, playwrights, scholars, journalists and others in what is described on the book jacket as a "crusade against Fascism." The book included work by both established and emerging authors, at the time of publication, and more than half the material appeared in print for the first time. Authors include: W. H. Auden, John Brownson, Cecil Day Lewis, Lion Feuchtwanger, George de Fiedorowicz, Louis Golding, Geoffrey Grigson, Robert Herring, Herbert Hodge, James Lansdale Hodson, Jeffrey Eardley Jeffrey, Peter Lager, Louis MacNeice, Kingsley Martin, Siegfried Sassoon, John Strachey, Frank Tilsley, Edward Upward and Rex Warner. There is also a cartoon by David Low.

[Series I, Correspondence](#), consists of correspondence to Osborne from 15 of the 20 contributors. The contributors not represented are Feuchtwanger, Grigson, Hodge, Lager, and Martin. In most cases correspondence is limited to a single letter and addresses the contribution to the anthology. Letters mention manuscripts, revisions, copyright, and book royalties. All original letters are accompanied by a brief typescript summary of the letter contents.

[Series II, Writings](#), consists of manuscripts from contributing writers. In this case there are roughly an equal number of typescript and printed versions (clippings) for all contributions. There is one holograph poem by Louis MacNeice, and there are holograph and typescript drafts of Osborne's editorial preface. All writings are accompanied by a typescript biographical statement.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1937-38

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Series I, *Correspondence*, is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh)	1937
b. 1, f. 2	Brownson, John	1938 Feb 3
b. 1, f. 3	Day Lewis, C. (Cecil)	1937 Oct 30
b. 1, f. 4	Fiedorowicz, George de	1938 Feb
b. 1, f. 5	Golding, Louis	1938 Feb 14
b. 1, f. 6	Herring, Robert	1937 Dec 1
b. 1, f. 7	Hodson, James Lansdale	1937-38
b. 1, f. 8	Jeffrey, Jeffrey E. (Jeffrey Eardley)	1938 Feb 7
b. 1, f. 9	Low, David	1937 Dec 28
b. 1, f. 10	MacNeice, Louis	n.d.
	Marston, Jeffrey See: Jeffrey, Jeffrey E.	
b. 1, f. 11	Sassoon, Siegfried	1937
b. 1, f. 12	Strachey, John	1937 Nov 30
b. 1, f. 13	Tilsley, Frank	1937 Dec 20
b. 1, f. 14	Upward, Edward	n.d.
b. 1, f. 15	Warner, Rex	1938 Feb 7

Series II: Writings, 1935-38

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Series II, *Writings*, is arranged alphabetically by name of author.

	Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh)	
b. 1, f. 16	"Dover," poem, clipping of printed version from <i>New Verse</i> , with editor's annotations	1937 Nov
	Brownson, John	
b. 1, f. 17	"Women are Fools," story, typescript, corrected	n.d.
	Day Lewis, C. (Cecil)	
b. 1, f. 18	"Bombers," poem, clipping from printed version, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 19	"Newsreel," poem, typescript, corrected, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 20	"On the Twentieth Anniversary of Soviet Power," poem, clipping of printed version from <i>Russia Today</i>	1937 Nov
	Feuchtwanger, Lion	
b. 1, f. 21	"Democracy and Dictatorship," chapter, clipping of printed version from <i>Moscow, 1937</i> , corrected	[1937?]
	Fiedorowicz, George de	
b. 1, f. 22	"Historical Survey of the Application of Sanctions," essay, typescript and reprint, corrected	n.d.
	Golding, Louis	
b. 1, f. 23	"Little Heinz from Wismar," story, typescript, corrected	n.d.
	Grigson, Geoffrey	
b. 1, f. 24	"In Munich, City of Art," poem, clipping of printed version Includes fragment of poem by "K. J. Raine" on verso	n.d.
	Herring, Robert	
b. 1, f. 25	"The News-reel," article, clipping of printed version, with editor's annotations	n.d.
	Hodge, Herbert	
b. 1, f. 26	"Cannibal Carnival," play, typescript, corrected, with editor's annotations	n.d.
	Hodson, James Lansdale	
b. 1, f. 27	"The Way of it," story, typescript, corrected, with editor's annotations	n.d.
	Jeffrey, Jeffrey E.	
b. 1, f. 28	"National Hypnotism," article, typescript, corrected, with editor's annotations	n.d.

	Lagger, Peter	
b. 1, f. 29	"Epitaph on a Disabled Ex-Serviceman," poem, typescript, corrected and signed Includes "Hungry Storm-Trooper's Nightmare"; "Celestial Faux-Pas"; "They shall not Grow Old"; "The Money Trail"; and "Anthropomorphism"	n.d.
	MacNeice, Louis	
b. 1, f. 30	"Bagpipe Music," poem, typescript, corrected and signed, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 31	"Salute," poem, holograph, signed Includes ALS to Osborne on verso	n.d.
	Martin, Kingsley	
b. 1, f. 32	"Thoughts on Spain," essay, typescript, holograph and clippings, corrected, with editor's annotations	n.d.
	Osborne, E. Allen (Eric Allen)	
b. 1, f. 33	[Editor's preface and frontmatter], holograph and typescript, corrected Includes clipping by Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell	[1938?]
	Sassoon, Siegfried	
b. 1, f. 34	"Ex-Service," poem, typescript, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 35	"News From the War-After-Next," poem, clipping of printed version, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 36	"The Ultimate Atrocity," poem, clipping of printed version, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 37	"An Unveiling," poem, clipping of printed version, with editor's annotations	n.d.
b. 1, f. 38	"The Writing on the Wall," poem, clipping of printed version from <i>The Left Review</i> , with editor's annotations	n.d.
	Strachey, John	
b. 1, f. 39	"The Education of a Communist," article, clipping of printed version from <i>The Left Review</i> , with editor's annotations Includes poem by "A. L. Morton"	n.d.
	Tilsley, Frank	
b. 1, f. 40	"Moore's Act," play, typescript, corrected	n.d.
	Upward, Edward	
b. 1, f. 41	"The Island," story, clipping of printed version from <i>The Left Review</i> , with editor's annotations	1935 Jan
	Warner, Rex	

Warner, Rex (continued)

b. 1, f. 42	"Arms in Spain," poem, clipping of printed version from <i>The Left Review</i> , with editor's annotations Includes Pablo Neruda's "To the Mothers of the Dead Militia" on verso	n.d.
b. 1, f. 43	"Jonathan Swift: Defender of Liberty," article, clipping of printed version	n.d.
b. 1, f. 44	"Visit to a Mine," story, typescript, corrected, with editor's annotations	n.d.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Authors, English -- 20th Century
Authors, Irish -- 20th Century
English literature -- 20th Century
Irish literature -- 20th Century
Poets, English -- 20th Century
Poets, Irish -- 20th Century

Names

Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Brownson, John
Day Lewis, C. (Cecil), 1904-1972
Feuchtwanger, Lion, 1884-1958
Fiedorowicz, Georges de
Golding, Louis, 1895-1958
Grigson, Geoffrey, 1905-1985
Herring, Robert
Hodson, James Lansdale, 1891-1956
Jeffery, Jeffery E. (Jeffery Eardley), 1887-
Low, David, 1891-1963
MacNeice, Louis, 1907-1963
Martin, Kingsley, 1897-1969
Osborne, E. Allen (Eric Allen), 1906-
Sassoon, Siegfried, 1886-1967
Strachey, John, 1901-1963
Tilsley, Frank, 1904-1957
Upward, Edward, 1903-2009
Warner, Rex, 1905-1986