

The Inventory

of the

Osbert Sitwell

Collection

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OSBERT SITWELL

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OSBERT SITWELL

Box 1 I. LETTERS FROM OSBERT

Folder 1 A. To Sacheverell.

1. Dated. 1926--1938.

ALS (postcard) Boston, Dec. 7, 1926 postmarked.

ALS Corfu, Jan. 25, 1933, 3 p. "It is difficult to know about father: but the point is, as far as possible to achieve what one wants without a break with him..."

ALS Costebelle, Hyeres (Var), Jan. 16, 1938, 2 p.

ALS Costebelle, Hyeres (Var), Feb. 17, 1938, 2 p.

ALS Costebelle, Hyeres (Var) Apr. 26, 1938, 2 p.

Folder 2

2. Undated.

ALS Amalfi, Thursday, 2 p. on folded leaf.

ALS, Saturday, 2 p.

ALS Vichy, Sunday, 2 p.

ALS Islas Baleares, Formentor, 2 p.

ALS Corfu, Monday, 3 p.

ALS Goteborg, 20th, 2 p.

ALS Amalfi, Sat., 2 p.

ALS Algeciras, Spain, Sat., 1 p.

ALS (postcard), Mon.

ALS Villa Les Cistes, Saturday, 4 p.

ALS Villa Beauregard, Sunday, 2 p. Re all 3 of the Sitwells giving lectures at University College, London (memorial lecture founded by Cecil Harmsworth & Lord Rothamere)

ALS Amalfi, .., 1 p."..The reviews of Orlando have nearly finished me..."

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ALS Amalfi, Wed., 1 p.

ALS Pollinsa-Mallorca, Islas Baleares, 1 p.

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B. To Various Persons.

1. Dated: Chronological order. 1921--1964.

TLS Wood End, Scarborough, to Walter J. Turner, March 7, 1921, 1 p.

ALS Carlyle Square, Chelsea, to C. K. Ogden, Apr. 24, 1924,
2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS South Kensington Hotel, Queen's Gate Terrace, Georges
H. de Gripenberg to C. K. Ogden, enclosing above letter.
Apr. 25, 1924, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS to Mr. Hughes, Feb. 10, 1930. With holo. envelope laid in.

ALS London, to Mr. Berry, June 18, 1930, 1 p.

ALS to Mr. Kennedy Williamson, Apr. 14, 1932, 1 p.

TLS to the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, June 25, 1932.

TLS London, to The Secretary, Mr. Williamson, The Whitefriars
Club, Nov. 21, 1933.

ALS (postcard) to Robert Herring (editor, Life And Letters
Today), Apr. 17, 1937.

ALS London, to "My dear Gunston", a cousin of Wilfred Owen's
July 19, 1940.

ALS Renishaw Hall, to Vernon Bartlett, Oct. 12, 1940.

ALS Renishaw Hall, to Miss Mathews, Jan. 9, 1941, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS to George, Feb. 14, 1941, 2 p.

ALS (postcard) to Robert Herring, Jan. 22, 1943.

ALS to George, July 21, 1943, 2 p.

ALS 2 Carlyle Square London, to Mr. Bridgeman, "Sat.", ca. 1944,
2 p. on 1 leaf.

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ALS London, to A. J. Kennett, Sept. 23, 1946. With holo. envelope postmarked Sept. 22, 1946.

ALS Renishaw, Nr. Sheffield, to Mr. Vaughan, Jan 4, 1947, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS Renishaw, to John Lehmann, London, Sept. 6, 1947, 2 p. on 1 leaf. With holo. envelope.

ALS Renishaw, N. Sheffield, to "Angus", Feb. 4, 1948, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS Renishaw Hall, to Ronald Hayman, Esq. (student at St. Paul's School, London), Feb. 19, 1950, 1 p.

TLS London, to Peter Hunt, Apr. 10, 1950, 1 p.

ALS to an unknown person, May 24, 1950. ($\frac{1}{2}$ of postcard with address torn off.)

TLS 2 Carlyle Square, [London], to Mr. Wiggett, Apr. 3, 1951, 1 p.

ALS to Ted [Dorn], May 1, 1951, 1 p.

TLS Hotel St. Regis, N.Y.C., to Mrs. Alfred L. Castle, March 25, 1954, 1 p. With envelope.

TLS Carlyle Square, Chelsea, to Mrs. Alfred L. Castle, Apr. 16, 1954, 1 p. With envelope.

TLS Carlyle Square, Chelsea, to Mrs. Alfred L. Castle, Apr. 23, 1954, 1 p. With envelope.

ALS Castello di Montegufoni, to "Dearest Marion", Oct. 2, 1954.

TLS Renishaw Hall, to Vernon Bartlett, July 17, 1955, 1 p.

TLS to Paul Bloomfield (author), March 3, 1956, 2 p. With extensive holo. note by Bloomfield concerning the contents of the letter.

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TLS Florence, to John Masefield, Jan. 20, 1958, 1 p.

TLS London, to John Masefield, May 22, 1958, 1 p.

TLS Florence, to John Masefield, Feb. 24, 1960. Note of
condolence on death of Masefield's wife.

ALS Renishaw, N. Sheffield, to George ____, June 27, 1964, 2 p.

ALS Renishaw, N. Sheffield, "...my dear Sir", July 10, 1964.

TLS Florence, to Eva Dworetzki, Dec. 25, 1964, 1 p.

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2. Undated: in alphabetical order.

ALS Renishaw, Nr. Sheffield, to Mr. Berry, 2 p.

ALS to Christabel (a cousin), Wed., 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS Girgenti (Sicilia), to Mr. Sylvestre Dorian.

ALS to Ted [Dorn], Jan. 19, 2 p.

TLS Carlyle Square, to John Drinkwater, June 25, no year.

2 ALS (postcards) without cancellations to Robert Herring.

ALS Renishaw, N. Sheffield, to W. Leftwich, 3 p. on 2 leaves.

ALS Badminton, Glos, to Miss Murray, Friday, 2 p.

ALS Chelsea Barracks, S.W., to C. K. Ogden, Wed., 2 p. on
single folded sheet.

ALS Chelsea Barracks, S.W., to C. K. Ogden, Tues., 3 p. on
single folded sheet.

ALS to "Dear Sir", 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS Wood End, Scarborough, to Walter J. Turner (musician;
writer), (1920?) Sun., 3 p. on single folded sheet.

ALS Renishaw Hall, to Walter J. Turner, (July-Aug. 1920?),
2 p. on 1 leaf.

ANS to Walter J. Turner, 2 p. on 1 card.

ALS on folded leaf 2 Carlyle Square, Chelsea, London, to
Bernard Van Dieren.

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II. LETTERS TO OSBERT.

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A. From Various Persons, Dated. In alphabetical order. 1918--1949.

Aldington, Richard

ALS Author's Club, Whitehall Court, Nov. 24, 1919, 2 p. on
1 leaf.

Alexander of Tunis (Field Marshal Harold R. L. G. Alexander)

ALS, H. Q. Allied Armies in Italy, Aug. 5, 1944, 2 p. on
1 leaf.

Cat. as Alexander, Harold Rupert Leofric George Alexander, 1st
Earl, 1891-- .

Balston, Thomas (Director, Gerald Duckworth & Co.)

ALS, Covent Garden, Feb. 16, 1931, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS, Covent Garden, March 4, 1931, 3 p. on 2 leaves.

Bell, Charles Francis

ALS, Kensington, June 8, 1932, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Bennett, Arnold

ALS, Hanover Square, Oct. 22, 1919, 1 p.

ALS, Hanover Square, Nov. 5, 1919, 1 p.

ALS, Hanover Square, Jan. 23, 1920, 1 p.

ALS, Hanover Square, Aug. 24, 1920, 1 p.

Birrell, Augustine

ALS, Chelsea, July 12, 1932, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Blunden, Edmund

ALS, Boar's Hill near Oxford, Dec. 13, 1919, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS, Oxford, Nov. 13, 1943, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Bottomley, Gordon

ALS, Silverdale, Carnforth, Nov. 14, 1943, 6 p. on single
folded sheet & 1 leaf.

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Eliot, Thomas Stearns

Autograph postcard (not signed), Crawford Street, Jan. 10, 1918.

TLS, Russell Square, Aug. 21, 1944, 1 p.

TLS, Russell Square, June 11, 1949, 1 p.

Epstein, Margaret Gilmour Dunlop (Mrs. Jacob Epstein)

ALS, Holborn, Jan. 22, 1920, 1 p. on single folded sheet.

Lewis, Wyndham

ALS, London, March 10, 1922, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Lifar, Serge

ALS, Berkeley Square, Oct. 5, 1930, 8 p. on 2 folded sheets.

In French.

Owen, Wilfred

ALS, Cavalry Barracks, Scarborough, July 4, 1918, 3 p. on
3 leaves.

Plomer, William

ALS, Jonathan Cape, Bedford Square, Oct. 31, 1933, 3 p. on
2 leaves.

ALS, Jonathan Cape, Bedford Square, Sept. 30, 1940, 4 p. on
2 leaves.

ALS, Linden Gardens, Dec. 1, 1943, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Powys, John Cowper

ALS, Dorchester, Dorset, Feb. 14, 1935, 8 p. on 2 folded sheets.

Shaw, George Bernard

Autograph postcard signed, Ayot St. Lawrence, Oct. 28, 1935.

TLS, Ayot St. Lawrence, Sept. 30, 1940, 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Autograph postcard signed, Ayot St. Lawrence, May 10, 1945.

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Sickert, Thérèse (Mrs. Walter Sickert)

ALS, Bath, March 1, 1942, 1 p.

ALS, Bath, Aug. 26, 1943, 1 p.

Smith, Stevie

ALS, Southampton Street, London, June 9, 1938, 5 p. on 3 leaves.

Cat. as Smith, Florence Margaret, 1902-- .

Strachey, Lytton

Telegram (in holo.), Oct. 10, 1927. With holo. note by Osbert

Sitwell on verso.

Cat. as Strachey, Giles Lytton, 1880--1932.

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B. From Various Persons, Undated. In alphabetical order. Possible dates supplied in brackets.

Cooper, Sir Alfred Duff

ALS War Office, Whitehall, [1935], 2 p. on 1 leaf. With holo. note by Osbert Sitwell at top of recto.

Cat. as Cooper, Duff, 1st viscount Norwich, 1890--1954.

Eliot, Thomas Stearns

ALS, July 15 [1924], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Epstein, Margaret Gilmour Dunlop (Mrs. Jacob Epstein)

ALS, [1917--1918?], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Graves, Robert

ALS, New Barracks, Limerick, Jan. 27, [1919], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Huxley, Aldous

ALS Westbourne Terrace, London, [Apr.-May, 1922?], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Lewis, Wyndham

ALS Bayswater, Oct. 20, [1938?], 1 p.

Masefield, John

TLS Burcote Brook, Abingdon, Nov. 9, [1943], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

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Maugham W. Somerset

ALS Villa Mauresque, Cap Ferrat, June 6, [1932], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

ALS Ormonde House, St. James's Street, London, Monday [Oct.-Nov. 1933?], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Moore, George

ALS Ebury Street, London, June 5, [1925], 1 p.

O Piper, John

ALS Henley on Thames, Wed., 2 p. on 1 leaf. With sketch at top.

Waley, Arthur

ALS Gordon Square, London, Nov. 11, [1943], 1 p.

Waugh, Evelyn

ANS St. James's Club, Piccadilly, 1 p.

Wolf, Virginia

ALS Rodmell, near Lewes, Sussex, Sun., Oct. 19, [1930], 2 p. on 1 leaf.

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III. MATERIALS RE "All At Sea".

A. Manuscript.

Press release by Osbert Sitwell for the play, then titled "First-Class Passengers Only". Ca. Nov., 1927. Typescript with holo. corr. 2 p.

B. Printed.

1. Publication notice issued by Gerald Duckworth & Co., Ltd. With advertisements for other books by the Sitwells.
2. Theater Programme. (Play then titled: "First-Class Passengers Only"). The Arts Theatre Club, London. Nov. 27--30, 1927.

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C. Letter.

L. H. Barton (Managing Director of The Arts Theatre) to R. Wilenski
(of The Evening Standard). TLS, Nov. 23, 1927, 1 p.

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PURCHASE OCTOBER 1978

Box 1 Correspondence 1948-1950 with Jeannette and Dudley Cloud of
Folder 8 The Atlantic Monthly Press about publication of his autobiographical
books, LAUGHTER IN THE NEXT ROOM and NOBLE ESSENCES, consisting of
6 letters from Sir Osbert; 3 carbons from Jeannette Cloud to Sir
Osbert, one to Ruth Whitman; 3 carbons from Dudley Cloud to Sir Osbert
and carbon of telegram to his agents; 3 related items.

Incl.:

Sitwell, Osbert

TLS Renishaw Hall to Jeannette Cloud. April 21, 1948. 2p.

Re introduction to the book, possible dedication,
checking galleys and alterations due to legal advice.

TLS Renishaw Hall to Dudley Cloud. June 21, 1948.

2 p. on 1 leaf. Re permissions and correcting proofs.

ALS Renishaw Hall to Dudley Cloud. Aug. 14 (?) 1948.

2 p. on 1 leaf. Re excerpt from his book in August issue
of Atlantic Monthly and fictitious Grand Dukes.

ALS Renishaw Hall to Dudley Cloud. Aug. 21, [1948].

2 p. on 1 leaf. Glad he sent apology about Grand Dukes
inn case it was needed; has toothache; longs to see book;
looking forward to his approaching visit to U.S.

ALS St. Regis, New York to Dudley Cloud. Nov. 3, 1948.

2 p. on 1 folded leaf. Re books sent him, and party in
New York.

TLS 2 Carlyle Square, London, to Dudley Cloud. April 8,
1950. 1 p. Proofs of Noble Essences sent.

Weeks, Edward TLS to Jeannette Cloud. Jan. 17, 1978. Covering
letter sending her Sitwell letters to Dudley Cloud.

Sitwell, Osbert
PURCHASE
Addendum: Jan, 1981

Box 1 Sitwell, Osbert (#9)

ALS, 15 Kan Yu Hutang, Peiping, China, to O. Payton, March 27, 1934, Marked "Private". 2p. on 1 leaf, with envelope. About Gertrude Stein's writing style.

PURCHASE
Addendum: June, 1981

Sitwell, Osbert (#9)

ALS, Renishaw Hall, to Patrick Hamilton, August 28, 1947. 4p. on 2 leaves. Accompanied by carbon typescript list of numbered topics (1p.) to which Sitwell replies in letter. OS mentions his illness, his father's castle in Tuscany; he replies to topics: Arnold Bennett, poverty of authors, output, Noel Coward, etc. Asks how PH's book SLAVES OF SOLITUDE has sold. Mentions his own book sales, high taxes on income and how he likes to make money.

Sitwell, Osbert

PURCHASE

Addenda October 1981

Box 1 Sitwell, Osbert: 2 letters to Patrick Hamilton. (#9)

ALS, Renishaw Hall, June 12, 1947. 1½p. on 1 leaf, with envelope.

Tells PH how immensely he enjoyed his book THE SLAVES OF SOLITUDE.

ALS, Renishaw Hall, June 22, 1947. 3¼p. on 2 leaves, with envelope.

Response to reply from PH to above letter. OS discusses his book BEFORE THE BOMBARDMENT. Hopes to meet PH in London. In a long postscript tells how much his sister also liked Hamilton's book and how they have discussed it.

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Addenda March 1982

Box 1 Sitwell, Osbert (#10)

ALS, Renishaw Hall, to Dudley Frasier, May 10, 1949. 2 p. on 1 leaf.

Thanks DF for his letter; he and his sister are installed again at Renishaw, but miss friends in America. "Kind regards to you and all my friends at Little Brown."

ALS, Renishaw Hall to Herbert Vaughan. June 6 (?), no year. Has read a story by Vaughan and suggests he send it to Cyril Connolly, editor of Horizon, using Sitwell's name. In a postscript Sitwell says he has sent a card to Connolly about the manuscript.

SITWELL, SIR OSBERT

Addenda October 1982
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Box 1

I. MANUSCRIPTS AND PROOFS

A. By or edited by OS (#11)

1. "In Bad Taste. . ." Galley proof of poem dated Feb. 20, 1917 headed PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION. Published anonymously in the second edition of WHEELS: First Cycle (1917).
2. "Metamorphosis" Poem. Typescript with 3 holograph revisions, 1 p. First published in WHEELS: Third Cycle (1919).
3. Most of the Game: Consisting of some letters written by HENRY MOAT, for some forty years Valet and Butler to Sir George Sitwell. Edited by Osbert Sitwell. Carbon typescript, 28 p. and typescript title page. Bound in tan covers. n.d. post 1940.

B. Radio broadcast with excerpts to be spoken by OS (#12)

"A STILL SMALL VOICE Extracts from the journals of Mrs. Florence Sitwell (1858-1930) arranged for broadcasting by Lois Lang-Sims." The speakers are Narrator, Mrs. Florence Sitwell and Sir Osbert Sitwell. Carbon typescript, 36 p. (Florence Sitwell was the only sister of Sir Osbert's father, Sir George Sitwell)

II. LETTERS to Ava, Viscountess Waverley, an old friend. (#13)

ALS Renishaw, June 16, 1945. Hopes she is better; he is reading Chateaubriand's Memoirs.

ALS Renishaw, Aug. 17, 1961. Sympathy on the death of her son. TLS with envelope. 5 York House, Church Street [London].

Jan. 13, 1964. Wants to see her again when he returns from abroad. "I am very groggy I am afraid."

Box 1 III. PRINTED PIECES (#14)

A. By OS.

Catalogue of an exhibition of paintings and watercolours by Ethelbert White. With prefaces by R.H. Wilenski and Osbert Sitwell and a poem by Edmund Blunden. The Leicester Galleries, 1965 (OS's statement is reprinted from the 1922 exhibition catalogue of the St. George's Gallery.)

B. About OS.

1. Memorial Booklet of National Farmers' Union, Rotherham Branch, contains "Tribute to Sir Osbert Sitwell to be made in Eckington Church, Saturday 31st, May 1969, in holograph facsimile and "Excerpts from 'LEFT HAND, RIGHT HAND'" (Re-arranged from volumes of Sir Osbert's Autobiography)
2. Program of Memorial Service. Eckington Parish Church, May 31, 1969.

Addendum

Purchase May 1983

Removed from The Collected Satires and Poems of Osbert Sitwell. 1931.

Box 1 Review by Richard Church (#15)

"The Poetry of Osbert Sitwell" Review of The Collected Satires and Poems of Osbert Sitwell. Duckworth, 1931.

- a) Carbon typescript, 2 p.
- b) Clip of printed review titled "Osbert Sitwell's Poetry" Christian Science Monitor, Sept. 5, 1931.

Letter

Sitwell, Osbert ALS - Renishaw, Jan. 11, 1944 to Richard Church;

Thanks RC for kind things he says about OS's preface to W.H. Davies Poems in his essay in John O'London's. Describes longer essay

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on Davies published in Life & Letters which OS will incorporate in his autobiography. Asks permission to quote from RC.

Printed

Clip of OS's Obituary from The London Times. May, 1969.

Addendum, December 1986

(From the Library of Richard Martin)

Broadside

John D. Wood [London] Advertising Montegufoni Castle, formerly the property of Sir Osbert Sitwell, for sale , 1970.

Four color views of the castle . 13" x 8". (#16)

SIR GEORGE SITWELL

OUTLINE

I. LETTERS FROM SIR GEORGE.

A. Letters to Sacheverell. 1927--1939.

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II. FAMILY LETTERS.

Hely-Hutchinson, Colonel the Honorable Henry.

Wrightson, Arthur.

Wrightson, William.

SIR GEORGE SITWELL

Box 1 I. LETTERS FROM SIR GEORGE.

Folder A

A. Letters to Sacheverell. 1927--1939.

ALS Florence, June 5, 1927, 3 p. on folded sheet.

ALS Spiez, Aug. 5, 1929, 3 p. on folded sheet.

ALS Grand Hotel Spiezerhof, Spiez, Thunersee, Switzerland,
2 p. on folded sheet. With envelope postmarked
Sept. 12, 1929.

ALS Florence, Dec. 8, 1931, 3 p. on folded sheet.

ALS Florence, Apr. 20, 1935, 3 p.

ALS Renishaw, Aug. 8, 1939, 2 p. on folded sheet.

ALS Renishaw, Aug. 8, 1939, 1 p.

B. Letter to Osbert.

ALS, Oct. 20, 1928, 3 p. on folded leaf. With holo. note by
Osbert at top of first page.

C. Letter to Edith.

ALS Florence, March 15, 1938, 1 p. (with photocopy).

Folder B II. FAMILY LETTERS.

Hely-Hutchinson, Colonel the Honorable Henry (paternal great-
grandfather of the Sitwells; maternal grandfather of Sir George)
ALS to his children, June 19, 1842, 12 p. on 3 folded sheets.

Wrightson, Arthur

ALS to his sister Harriot Wrightson (paternal great-grandmother
of the Sitwells; maternal grandmother of Sir George;
wife of Henry Hely-Hutchinson), postmarked June 30, 180?,
3 p. on single folded sheet.

Wrightson, William (paternal great-great-grandfather of the

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Sitwells; maternal great-grandfather of Sir George)
ALS, 1 p., on the back of the above folded
sheet.

See: Sitwell, Osbert

Left Hand, Right Hand 1945 for family tree.

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