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F. R. Higgins Papers

(MSS 27,853-27,927)

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Biographical

- MS 27,853 Part of an autobiographical note by F. R. Higgins describing his life to c. 1933; 4 pp
1933
- MS 27,854 Biographical notes on F. R. Higgins and others, compiled by May Higgins; c. 20 items
c. 1945-1970

Poems, Stories and Plays

- MS 27,855 'Salt air', 6 copies of F. R. Higgins's 'Salt air' with decorations by W. Victor Brown. Limited edition of 500 copies published by the Irish Bookshop
1923
- MS 27,856 /1-4 'Island blood', typescripts, galley proofs and a copy of the published edition of F. R. Higgins's book of poems 'Island Blood' (London, Lane 1925). With some manuscript annotations; 5 items
1925
- MS 27,857 /1-3 'The Dark Breed', 3 typescripts of F. R. Higgins's book of poems 'The Dark Breed'. With some manuscript annotations; c. 130 pp
[1927]
- MS 27,858 'The Beautiful Comrade: a Mystery Play', manuscript notebook; 20 pp
[c. 193-?]
- MS 27,859 'Days of Pilgrimage', typescript and manuscript of a short story; 20 pp
[c. 193-]
- MS 27,860 'Doom', typescript play; 33 pp
[c. 193-]
- MS 27,861 'Twong: a masque', manuscript notebook; 20 pp
[c. 193-]
- MS 27,862 'A Wedding in the West of Ireland', short story, 2 typescripts; 20 pp
[c. 193-]
- MS 27,863 /1-2 'Poteen', short story, drafts, typescript and offprint from the Dublin magazine; c. 24 pp
1932

- MS 27,864 5 typescript poems by F. R. Higgins for Cuala Press Broadslides, with some notes on the broadsides; 7 pp [1935]
- MS 27,685 /1-2 'A Deuce of Jacks', a play, drafts, typescript and offprint from the Dublin Magazine; c. 30 pp 1935-1936
- MS 27,686 'I love a boy', outline for a play, typescript; 25 pp [c. 1937-1938]
- MS 27,687 'Puck Fair', ballet scenario, typescript; 8 pp [c. 1939-1940?]
- MS 27,688 /1-5 'The gap of brightness', typescript copies of poems mostly published in 'The Gap of Brightness' with Xerox copies and a copy of the published edition (London, Macmillan, 1940). With some manuscript annotations 1940

Miscellaneous notebooks, drafts, etc.

- MS 27,869 /1-4 4 small notebooks containing drafts of poems and miscellaneous notes, mostly of a literary nature c. 1917-1941
- MS 27,870 /1-2 Miscellaneous manuscript and typescript poems by F. R. Higgins; 26 pp c. 1920-1940
- MS 27,871 Miscellaneous drafts of stories etc.; 41 pp c. 1925-1940
- MS 27,872 Quarto notebook containing notes for a short story 'Our white companionship' and for a play; 16 pp [c. 193-?]
- MS 27,873 Quarto notebook containing miscellaneous notes on annual festivals etc.; c. 30 pp [c. 193-?]
- MS 27,874 Quarto notebook containing notes on the history of Palestine, modern and biblical; 14 pp [1937?]

Articles, lectures, reviews, etc.

- MS 27,875 /1-5 Typescripts of lectures, talks and articles by F. R. Higgins on modern poetry in general, modern Irish poetry, Yeats, Ledwidge, Irish painting etc.; c. 70 pp

- c. 1930-1940
- MS 27,876 Manuscript notes for lectures on modern Irish poetry; 23 pp
c. 1930-1940
- MS 27,877 Typescript book reviews by F. R. Higgins, mainly of books of
verse; c. 20 pp
c. 1930-1940
- MS 27,878 Issues of 'The Dublin Magazine' and 'The Arrow' containing
respectively a poem and an article on W. B. Yeats by F. R.
Higgins; 2 items
1939

Scrapbooks, pressclippings

- MS 27,879 Hardback quarto notebook containing pressclippings of poems
and articles by F. R. Higgins published in 'New Ireland' etc.,
with some manuscript poems; c. 50 pp
1914-1916
- MS 27,880 'Literary gleanings', quarto notebook containing pressclippings
re contemporary poets viz. Francis Ledwidge, Seumas
O'Sullivan, Joseph Plunkett, Thomas MacDonagh, Patrick
Pearse, James Crawford Neil etc.
1914-1916
- MS 27,881 Volume containing presscuttings of reviews of F. R. Higgins's
books of poems; 21 pp
1923-1927
- MS 27,882 Large bound scrapbook containing membership cards, invitation
cards and other memorabilia of F.R. Higgins, and presscuttings
of articles and reviews by and about him; c. 70 pp
1924-1938

Correspondence

- MS 27,883 /1-8 Letters from F. R. Higgins to his wife May, nee Moore; 97
items
c. 1918-1939
- /1-3 [c. 1918-1920]
- /4 1918
- /5-6 c. 1920-1927
- /7-8 1937-1938
- MS 27,884 /1-18 Letters to F. R. Higgins; 77 items
- /1 A.E. Memorial Council; 1 letter per H. F. Norman.
18 May 1839

- British Broadcasting Co., 2 letters per W. H. Guthrie and G. L. Marshall
1925, 1938
- /2 G. M. Bryson, 1 letter enclosing poems
14 August 1927
- Levin Chase, 1 letter
30 August 1927
- /3-5 Austin Clarke, 16 letters with draft letter to Clarke from Higgins
[c. 1925-1935]
- /6 Mario Esposito, 2 letters
1922
- Padraig Fallon, 1 letter
19 October 1940
- Sean Flynn, 1 letter
31 May 1940
- John Freeman, 3 letters
1927-[1933?]
- /7 Oliver St. John Gogarty, 1 letter of recommendation
30 January 1928
- Stephen Gwynn, 1 letter
5 January undated
- William Jeffrey, 1 letter
16 July undated
- Patrick Kavanagh
30 December 1926
- /8 Isabel Leslie, 1 letter
23 October 1939
- Cecil Day Lewis, 1 letter,
22 September [1932?]
- James M. Listn, Bishop of Auckland, 1 letter
9 March 1932
- /9 Hugh MacDiarmid, 2 letters
1927, 1939
- /10 Hamish MacLaren (of The Spectator), 1 letter

[c. 1930?]

Brinsley MacNamara, 1 letter
28 February 1934

'Maureen', 197 North Circular Road, 2 letters
[193?]

T. C. Murray, 1 letter
7 February 1937

Sean O'Casey, 1 letter
21 August 1939

/11 Michael O'Donovan, 5 letters, 3 re affairs of the Abbey Theatre,
one to May Higgins
[192?], 1937

/12 Sean O'Faolain, 1 letter
28 November 1933

S. Oshima, 1 letter
10 November 1939

Herbert Palmer, 1 letter
24 January [193?]

J. B. Priestly, 1 letter and postcard
1927

/13 [Radio Eireann] per T. J. Kiernan, 1 letter
23 March 1939

Richard Rowley, 1 letter
20 April 1937

Royal Hibernian Academy per George Atkinson, 1 letter
20 October 1939

Ruth Manning Sanders, 1 letter
22 August [193?]

John [Spiers], 1 letters
30 January 1924

/14 Estella Starkie, 2 letters
1928

Walter Starkie, 1 letter re Abbey Theatre
1936

- /15 Francis Stuart, 1 letter
30 April 1926
- Pamela Travers, 1 letter
9 October [193?]
- Helen Waddell, 1 letter
3 December 1934
- Robert N. Wilson, 1 letter
1 April 1920
- /16 Elizabeth C. Yeats, 2 letters re Cuala Industries
1939
- /17 George Yeats, 5 letters, mainly re Cuala Press business, one
letter re a minor operation undergone by W. B. Yeats
c. 1935-1937
- /18 W. B. Yeats, 6 letters re Abbey Theatre, advice re publishers,
Oxford Book of Modern Verse
c. 1935-1938
- MS 27,885 /1-3 Correspondence of F. R. Higgins with his publishers mainly
John Lane, the Bodley Head Ltd. and Macmillan and Co.
including a letter from Stephen Spender in 1940. With copies of
his publishers's contracts, c. 160 items
October 1924-October 1940

Irish Academy of Letters

- MS 27,886 Circular letter addresses to F. R. Higgins from George Bernard
Shaw and W. B. Yeats proposing the setting up of an Irish
Academy of Letters
c. 1932
- MS 27,887 Correspondence between W. B. Yeats, George Russell and F. R.
Higgins discussing membership of the Academy, Academy
affairs, and Yeats' fund raising trip to America; 8 items
1932-1933
- MS 27,888 /1-8 Letters to George Russell and F. R. Higgins, Secretaries to the
Irish Academy of Letters, mainly accepting or rejecting
membership and discussing Academy affairs; 58 items
1932-1935
- /1 Shan Bullock, 2 letters
1933

- Austin Clarke, 2 letters
1932-1933
- Padraig Colum
1932
- Shaw Desmond, 2 letters
1932
- /2 Lord Dunsany, 2 letters with 3 letters from the Secretary of the
Academy
1932, 1934
- /3 St. John Ervine, 4 letters
1933
- Oliver St. John Gogarty, 3 letters with a letter from George
Russell
1933
- Shane Leslie/Oliver St. John Gogarty, 3 letters
1933
- Brinsley MacNamara, 1 letter
1932
- Stephen MacKenna, 1 letter
1932
- /4 W. F. Magee, 1 letter
1932
- Ethel Colburn Mayne, 1 letter
1935
- T. C. Murray, 5 letters with a letter from the Secretary
1932-1933
- /5 Sean O'Casey, 1 letter
1935
- Peadar O'Donnell, 2 letters
1932
- Sean O'Faolain, 2 letters
1932-33
- Eugene O'Neill, telegram
1933

- Seamus O'Sullivan; 1 letter
1933
- /6 Forrest Reid; 2 letters
1932-1933
- Lennox Robinson; 8 letters
1932-1933
- /7 E. Oe. Somerville; 12 letters
1932-1933
- /8 Cynthia Stephens; 1 letter
1932
- James Stephens; 2 letters
1932, 193?
- L. A. G. Strong (per Monica Redlich); 1 letter
1932
- Francis Stuart; 1 letter
1932
- Helen Waddell; 2 letters
1932, 1934
- MS 27,889 Accounts of the Irish Academy of Letters; 6 items
1932-1933
- MS 27,890 /1-6 Circular letters, notices, nomination forms, voting papers etc. of
the Irish Academy of Letters; c. 100 items
1933-1934
- MS 27,891 Correspondence between Richard Campbell of New York and
the Secretaries of the Irish Academy of Letters, George Russell
and F. R. Higgins, mainly re the setting up of the Casement
Award donated by the Marquis MacDonald, and including
reference to W. B. Yeats' fund raising trip to New York in
1932-1933; 5 items
1933
- MS 27,892 Correspondence re the Harmsworth Award between the 'Sunday
Dispatch', Desmond Harmsworth, Seamas MacCall and George
Russell, F. R. Higgins of the Irish Academy of Letters; 7 items
1933
- MS 27,893 Correspondence between the Irish Academy of Letters and the
Dept. of Justice re the banning of Shaw's 'Adventures of a
Black Girl in search of God'. With a complaint to the Academy

from J. F. Harvey Jacob re censorship; 9 items
1933, 1937

MS 27,894 Letter from the Gate Theatre to Dr. Walter Starkie re letting the theatre to the Irish Academy of Letters, 1933; programme for a series of lectures under the auspices of the Friends of the Irish Academy of Letters, 1940-1941; 2 items
1933, 1940

See also

MS 27,924 Photographs taken at the presentation of Irish Academy of Letters awards
c. 1934

Abbey Theatre

MS 27,895 Abbey Theatre literature: 6 miscellaneous programmes, 1934, 1937-1938; brochure entitled 'The Abbey Theatre Players', and poster for a Festival of Irish Drama, 1938; 8 items
1934-1938

MS 27,896 Typescript 'Scheme for a State Theatre submitted to the Minister for Finance by the Directors of the National Theatre Society Ltd.'; 2 pp
c. 1935

MS 27,897 /1-8 Correspondence and papers re Abbey Theatre Company's tour of the U.S.A. and Canada, managed by F. R. Higgins
1936-1938

/1 November 1936-June 1937

/2 July-September 1937

/3 6 letters from F. R. Higgins to Eric Gorman, Abbey Director, and to Frank O'Connor, reporting on progress in the U.S. and Canada
October 1937-February 1938

/4 October 1937

/5 November-December 1937

/6 January-August 1938

/7 Miscellaneous contracts, accounts, agreements etc.
October 1937-1938

/8 Correspondence with Messrs. Shan Mor Rice and Pat Gallagher arranging for the Abbey players to make a film; 18 letters

January-May 1938

See also

MS 27,925

Pressclippings and photographs of the Abbey Players tour to the U.S. and Canada
1937-1938

Miscellaneous Literature, Dedications, etc.

MS 27,898 /1-2

6 volumes of poetry by various authors, vic. Seosamh MacCathmhaoil, M. J. MacManus, Thomas Keohler, Seosamh MacGill Eathain and Robert Darioch, some dedicated to Higgins, and a copy of Gavan Duffy's 'Ballad Poetry of Ireland', 6 items
1909-1940

MS 27,899

Cuala Press broadslides, including 3 edited by F. R. Higgins with W. B. Yeats; 11 items
1909, 1915, 1935, 1937

MS 27,900 /1

Manuscript poem by Francis Stuart entitled 'Opium River' sent [to F. R. Higgins] with covering note from Tintown Prison Camp, for inclusion in 'We have kept the faith'; 3 pp
1923

MS 27,900 /2

'We gace kept the faith' by H. [Francis] Stuart, Oak Leaf Press, Dublin 1923. [Printer's copy] made up of printed copies of poems stuck down on pages of a notebook with ms. annotations;
1923

MS 27,901

Typescript and manuscript copies of poems by Mangan, Yeats, Frank O'Connor and R. N. D. Wilson; 24 pp
c. 1920-1940

MS 27,902

Miscellaneous programmes, exhibition catalogues etc. including some for Old Dublin Society and a concert at the Gaiety Theatre; 12 items
c. 1929-1940

MS 27,903

Miscellaneous postcards and transfer of a Celtic design; 6 items
c. 1930-1940

MS 27,904

Offprints of stories by Hugh O'Grady and Arthur Mills, and of Eileen O'Connell's 'Lament for Art O' Leary'
[c. 1935?]

MS 27,905

Programme for the Irish Ballet Club, and 'Four talks on Irish women poets' by Lennox Robinson
c. 1939

MS 27,906 Leaflet for a commemorative service for W. B. Yeats, 1939 and obituary of Elizabeth Corbet Yeats, d. 1940; 2 items
1939-1940

May Higgins, 1917, 1941-1982

MS 27,907 Letters to May Higgins from 'Arthur' writing from France during the First World War; 4 pp
1917

See also

MS 27,926 Press photographs taken of F. R. Higgins' funeral
1941

MS 27,908 /1-6 Letters and telegrams of condolence to Mrs F. R. Higgins on the death of her husband; c. 152 items
January-February 1941

/1 Miscellaneous

/2 A-F, including letter from Austin Clarke

/3 G-K, including letter from Joseph Holloway

/4 L-N, including letters from Temple Lane, Sybil Le Brocquay, Hugh MacDiarmuid, Sean MacEntee, Maurice MacGonigal

/5 O-R, including letters from Cathal O'Shannon, Sean O'Sullivan, Lennox Robinson

/6 S-Y, including letters from C. Yeats and Eimear Yeats

MS 27,909 Accounts re settlement of F. R. Higgins' estate; c. 30 items
1941

MS 27,910 Ms. Poem entitled 'F. R. Higgins' signed by Donagh MacDonagh
8 January 1941

MS 27,911 Souvenir programme for the F. R. Higgins Memorial Concert, 1 June 1941 at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin
1941

MS 27,912 Miscellaneous postcards, obituaries, leaflets etc.
c. 1941-1966

MS 27,913 Miscellaneous letters to May Higgins, on personal and business matters; c. 20 items
1941-1976

- MS 27,914 Miscellaneous theatre programmes including some for the Abbey Theatre, Irish Ballet Club, Dublin Drama League, Pike Theatre Club; 11 items
1941-1949, 1962-1964
- MS 27,915 /1-2 The Dublin Magazine, 1941, Longroom 1973 and 'Poems from Ireland' edited by Donagh MacDonagh 1944, all including references to or poems by F. R. Higgins; 4 items
1941-1973
- MS 27,916 Letters to Mrs F. R. Higgins from publishers and authors making arrangements to use her late husband's work; c. 50 items
1943-1982
- MS 27,917 /1-2 2 letters to May Higgins from Austin Clarke, 2 from Padraic Colum, 1 from Temple Lane and 14 from Brinsley MacNamara; 18 items
1946-1964
- MS 27,918 Miscellaneous notes etc., some of a literary nature by May Higgins; c. 30 items
c. 1950-1970

Photographs

- MS 27,919 /1-2 Miscellaneous Higgins family photographs; c. 70 items
c. 1900-1977
- MS 27,920 Photographs of F. R. Higgins; 20 items
1919-1941
- MS 27,921 Photographs of F. R. Higgins with his wife May and other members of his family; 12 items
c. 1920-1941
- MS 27,922 Photographs of James M'Neil Whistler, Douglas Hyde, R. M. Smyllie, Donagh MacDonagh, Walter Starkie, Brinsley MacNamara, Saumas O'Sullivan, and Brenda Gogarty
c. 1920-1941
- MS 27,923 Photographs of F. R. Higgins with Lennox Robinson, Seamus O'Sullivan, Yeats and Brinsley MacNamara; 4 items
c. 1930-1941
- MS 27,924 Photographs taken at the presentation of the Irish Academy of Letters awards, including pictures of Yeats, Lord Dunsany, F. R. Higgins, Sean O'Faolain and Brinsley MacNamara; 2 items
c. 1934

- MS 27,925 Press photographs of Abbey Players tour to the U.S. and Canada; 6 items
1937-1938
- MS 27,926 Press photographs taken at F. R. Higgins' funeral, including pictures of Lennox Robinson, Sean O'Faolain, R. M. Smyllie, and photographs of Sean O'Sullivan's painting of Higgins; 9 items
1941
- MS 27,927 2 panels of photographs of F. R. Higgins, his family and friends, made up with captions by May Higgins for exhibition [c. 1945?]