Oliver St. John Gogarty: An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Gogarty, Oliver St. John, 1878-1957
Title: Oliver St. John Gogarty Collection
Dates: 1904-1965, undated
Extent: 8 boxes (3.36 linear feet)
Abstract: Includes manuscripts and letters of the Irish poet, author, and politician Oliver St. John Gogarty. Correspondents include William Cosgrave, Lord Dunsany, Montgomery Hyde, James Joyce, George Moore, James Sullivan Starkey ("Seumas O'Sullivan"), W. B. Yeats, and others. Some materials were gathered by William Robert Rodgers for a radio broadcast about Gogarty in 1960. There are also materials from Ulick O'Connor's research and writing of Oliver St. John Gogarty: A Poet and His Times (1964).

Call Number: Manuscript Collection MS-1639
Language: English
Access: Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by: Joan Sibley and Katherine Noble, 2013

Note:
This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.

Repository: The University of Texas at Austin, Harry Ransom Center
Works:

Untitled:

As a refuge against sense is… (poem), typed and handwritten manuscript with emendations, 1 page, undated.

Don't hang Hitler… (poem), handwritten manuscript/ duplicated, 1 page, undated.

For God's sake let us go from this… (poem), typescript, 1 page, undated.

Tell me now is Love's day done?... (poem), initialed typescript with handwritten revisions, 1 page, 12 March 1920. To S. O. S. written on bottom of page.

Which dangers you have faced before… (sonnet), handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. Sent to Lord Dunsany.

Ad Priapum, typescript, 1 page, 30 April 1914.

An angelic anarchist, a talk (lecture), carbon typescript, 5 pages, undated.

As I was going down Sackville Street, a fantasy in fact, typescript with handwritten revisions, 571 pages, undated. With printer's notes.

The attributors (article), typescript/ copy, 2 pages, 15 March 1930. Published in the Irish Statesman.

Earth and sea, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 21 October 1922.

The enchanted trousers (play)/ titled The enchanting trousers, handwritten and carbon typed manuscript/ draft with handwritten revisions, 25 pages, circa 1919.

The enchanted trousers (play)/ titled The enchanting trousers, composite handwritten and typed manuscript/ incomplete with revisions and inserts, 29 pages, circa 1919. Stage directions underlined in red.

A great Irish scholar; death of Dr. R. Y. Tyrrell, typescript/ copy, 4 pages, undated.

Included with this: R. Y. Tyrrell: an appreciation by Oliver Gogarty, typescript/ copy, 2 pages, undated.

Hiking: At "The One-eyed man's," initialed typescript, 2 pages, undated.

The injection: To Lord Dunsany (poem), carbon typescript, 2 pages, Christmas Eve, 1914.

The Irish literary revival; present poetry and drama in Dublin, typescript/ copy, 5 pages, 4 March 1905. Published in The Mail.
Leda and the swan (poem), proof pages (The Atlantic monthly), 4 pages, undated. Inscribed to James B. Pond by Gogarty.

Lest we forget (article), typescript, 3 pages, undated. Literature and life series; the Irish Statesman.

Mid air (article), typescript/ copy with handwritten notes in the hand of Ulick O'Connor, 4 pages, undated. Published in the Irish Statesmen, volume 9.

On John Kidney, who died of interstitial nephritis, typescript with one handwritten correction, 1 page, 20 September 1932. Written on this: Earth and Sea; Medicus Poetae, typescript, 3 pages.

The passing of Arthur Griffith (article), typescript/ copy, 3 pages, 1929.

Pax britannica (poem), handwritten manuscript with revisions, 1 page; proof copy, 1 page; undated.

Peterson Lane (poem), typescript with handwritten emendations, 1 page, undated.

Relativity (To Einstein), handwritten manuscript with emendations, 1 page, undated.

A Scots poem (article), initialed typescript with handwritten revisions, 5 pages, undated. Written on bottom of last page: A note re editing.

Sindbad the sailor, handwritten manuscript in unknown hand, 5 pages, undated.

Song (poem), initialed typescript, 1 page, undated.

Sonnet, initialed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.

Sonnet: On first looking into Kraft-Ebing's Psychopathia Sexualis, handwritten manuscript with emendation, 1 page, undated.

Stumpfoonery (article), typescript/ copy, 3 pages, undated. The Irish Statesman.

Style (article), typescript/ copy, 4 pages, undated. Literature and life series; published in The Irish Statesman.

To his extraordinary friend Georgi Kennedy Allen Bell about to go to Switzerland (poem), handwritten manuscript/ duplicated, 5 pages, undated.

To his friends when his prostate shall have become enlarged (poem), typescript, 1 page, undated.

To Mora, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 17 May 1925.
To the Revd. George O'Neill, S. J. (verse), carbon typescript, 1 page, undated.

Tom Kettle, carbon typescript/ copy/ incomplete, 8 pages, undated. Underlining and insert by Ulick O'Connor.

Tumbling in the hay, typescript/ incomplete with handwritten revisions, 107 pages, undated. ANI end of chapter 19 to "Bard."

Wie geht es, Ganenhöfer (poem), handwritten manuscript, 3 pages, undated. Two marginal notes in unknown hand.

Wisdom singing (article), typescript/ copy, 4 pages, undated. Literature and life series; The Irish Statesman.
Letters:

AL/ duplicated/ incomplete to unidentified recipient, undated.

AL/ duplicated to unidentified recipients "Cousins," 26 September 1926.


ALS, AL, 2 TLS to unidentified recipient Harry, 1938-1955.

AL/ duplicated to unidentified recipient "President," 11 September 1938.


14 TL/ copies, 5 TccL/ copies to Bell, George Kennedy Allen, 1904-1906, undated.

3 AL/ duplicated, TL/ duplicated to Boyd, Ernest Augustus, 1924-1925.

ALS to Burton-Muller, _____, 4 January 1923.

ALS to Campbell, Joseph, 27 April 1918.

3 TL/ copies, TccL/ copy to Dunsany, Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, Baron, 1911-1941.

TL/ copy to Dunsany, Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, Baron, 26 November 1914.

2 ALS, 2 AL/ duplicated, TLI, TL to Fearon, William R., 1927-1951.

TL/ incomplete, 3 TL/ copies to Freyer, Dermot, 1905-1917.

8 ALS, 5 ALI, 10 TLS, 3 TLI, APCS to Hyde, Harford Montgomery, 1934-1950.

TL/ duplicated to Jeffries, _____, 16 May 1933.

2 AL/ copies/ incomplete in an unknown hand to Joyce, James, circa 1904, undated.

2 AL/ duplicated to Kinkade, Eugene, Major, 23 and 25 February 1942.

TL to Leconfield, Beatrice Violet Rawson Wyndham, Baroness and Leslie, Seymour, 10 January 1924.
ALS/ incomplete, 9 AL/ duplicated, AL/ incomplete/ duplicated, 9 TL/ copies to
Leslie, Marjorie Ide, Lady, 1918-1934.  

5 AL/ duplicated, AL/ incomplete/ duplicated, 20 TL/ copies, 2 TL/ duplicated, TL/
incomplete/ duplicated to Leslie, Shane, Sir, 1920-1941, undated.  

3 TL/ copies to Londonderry, Romaine Combe Vane-Tempest-Stewart,
Marchioness, 1932-1935.  

ALS, AL, 3 TLS to Mellotte, Henry, 1936-1954.  

2 TL/ copies to Montgomery, James, 25 October 1921 and 10 November 1942.  

TL/ copy to Montgomery, Niall, 16 August 1943.  

TL/ copy, TL/ photocopy to O'Connor, Ulick, 26 June 1956, undated.  

TL/ duplicated to Smart, W. S., 21 April 1952. Included with this: TLS from W. 
S. Smart to Ulick O'Connor.  

TLS to Spicer-Simson, Theodore, 15 August 1932.  

ALS, 7 ALI, AL, TLS, 2 TLI, APC, 4 APCI, telegram to Starkey, James Sullivan,
1907-1936, undated.  

7 ALS, 3 ALI, AL, AL/ incomplete, TL to Stone, Christopher Reynolds, 1919-1924.  

TL/ duplicated to U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Bureau, 12 March 1942.
Recipient:

Baillie, John. TL/ copy to Gogarty, 10 October 1904.

Bevan, F. W. APCS to Gogarty, 13 March 1944.

Bridges, Robert Seymour, 1844-1930. ALS to Gogarty, 11 October no year.

Childers, M. A. ALS/ photocopy to Gogarty, 11 August 1920.


Dunsany, Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, Baron, 1878-1957. ALS to Gogarty, 23 March 1955.

Gavin, Michael J. ALS to Gogarty, 25 April 1938.


Hinkson, Katharine Tynan, 1861-1931. ALS/ photocopy to Gogarty, undated.

Hyde, Harford Montgomery, 1907-. TccL to Gogarty, 24 June 1937. Addressed to Senator.


Joyce, James, 1882-1941. ALI/ photocopy to Gogarty, undated.

Lawson, Dora. ALS/ copy to Gogarty, 6 June 1951.

MacBride, Maude Gonne. ALS/ photocopy to Gogarty, November 1913?

Moore, George, 1852-1933. ALS/ photocopy to Gogarty, undated.

O'Casey, Sean, 1884-1964. ALS/ photocopy to Gogarty, 8 October 1929.

Reader's Digest. TccL/ copy to Gogarty, 9 November 1942. Written in verse form.

Redding, George. ALS to Gogarty, 4 June 1944.

Yeats, William Butler, 1865-1939. TLS/ photocopy to Gogarty, undated.

Young, Hugh, Hampton, 1870-1945. TccL/ copy to Gogarty, 15 May 1943.
Miscellaneous:

Unidentified authors:

Biographical note re Ulick O'Connor, carbon typescript with handwritten revisions, 2 pages; typescript/ duplicated/ fragment re Ulick O'Connor, 1 page; undated.  

For Oliver Gogarty on receiving his poem The Tercentenary of Don Quixote, April 1905 (poem), carbon typescript, 2 pages, undated. Bears the initials J. J. H.

A memoir of James Joyce in his student years, carbon typescript/ incomplete, 6 pages, undated.

Reviews of As I was going down Sackville Street by Oliver Gogarty, typescripts/ copies, 9 pages, 3 and 10 April 1937.

Reviews of Blight by Oliver Gogarty (stage production at the Abbey Theatre), typescripts/ copies of three newspaper reviews, 7 pages, 12 December 1917.

Reviews of A serious thing by Oliver Gogarty (stage performance), typescripts/ copies of four newspaper reviews, 4 pages, 20 August 1919.

Reviews of The enchanted trousers by Oliver Gogarty (stage production), typescripts/ copies of three newspaper reviews, 4 pages, 26 November 1919.

Review of The times I've seen by Ulick O'Connor, typescript/ copy, 5 pages, undated.

Sonnet, typescript with handwritten emendations and note of explanation by Gogarty, 1 page, undated.

TLS Dad to unidentified recipient Bee, 30 June 1949.


TccL to Gogarty, Oliver Duane Odysseus, 19 February 1963.

Albatross Limited. Memorandum of agreement with Oliver St. John Gogarty re Mr. Petunia, signed printed document, 2 pages, 15 November 1946.  

Beaslai, Piaras, 1883-. Notes re Oliver Gogarty, handwritten manuscript/ incomplete with revisions, 5 pages, undated.

Burke, Seamus. TLS to O'Connor, Ulick, 19 March 1959. Included with this: Séance with Mrs. Bailey; TL/ duplicated Gogarty to Burke, Seamus; AL from Seamus Burke to Gogarty.

Butler, Patrick. TLS to Rogers, William Robert, 6 October 1960. Included with this: TccL from Clyde Logan to Butler, Molly re radio broadcast on Oliver Gogarty.

Cape (Jonathan) Ltd. 28 TLS to O'Connor, Ulick, 1958-1965.


Clifton, Violet Mary Beauclerk, 1883-. Oliver Gogarty, once Senator and doctor, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 8 pages; typescript with handwritten emendations in unknown hand, 8 pages; undated.

Colum, Padraic, 1881-. TLS/ aerogramme, TPCS to O'Connor, Ulick, 10 March 1959 and 24 April 1962.

Cosgrave, William Thomas, 1880-. ALS to O'Connor, Ulick, undated.

Dawson, William. The ballad of Oliver Gogarty, typescript, 2 pages; carbon typescript, 1 page; 10 May 1924. First version used in radio broadcast.

De Selincourt, Basil, 1876-. Review of Others to adorn by Oliver Gogarty, typescript, 2 pages, 26 April 1938.

Doolin, William, 1887-. ALI to O'Connor, Ulick, 8 November 1960. Included with this: To T. Gillman Moorehead (poem) by Gogarty.

Esmonde, Esther Finegan. ALS/ fragment to unidentified recipient, undated.

Gibbon, Monk. Review of The times I've seen by Ulick O'Connor, signed handwritten manuscript with emendations, 5 pages, 10 April 1964.


Gogarty, Oliver Duane Odysseus. 3 ALS "Noll" to O'Connor, Ulick, 1962-1963.

Gogarty, Oliver Duane Odysseus. TL/ copy/ duplicated to Obolensky, Ivan re Oliver St. John Gogarty copyright, 19 January 1963.


Hartford, R. TccL/ incomplete to unidentified recipient, undated.


Hyde, Harford Montgomery, 1907-. ALS, TLS to O'Connor, Ulick, 30 July and 5 September 1958.

Lenihan, N. TLS to O'Connor, Ulick re research on Oliver St. John Gogarty, June 1960. Included with this: list of articles in the Irish Statesman by/about Oliver Gogarty, typescript, June 1960.


Leslie, Shane, Sir, 1885-. Oliver Gogarty, a criticism, typescript, 6 pages, undated.


McCann, John. TLS to O'Connor, Ulick re Oliver St. John Gogarty, undated.


MacNamara, Brinsley, 1890-1963. ALS to Rodgers, William Robert, 6 November 1959.

Maschler, Tom. TccL to Gibbon, Monk, 4 June 1963.

Monaghan, May Joyce. ALS to O'Connor, Ulick, 21 October 1959.

Obolensky (Ivan), Inc. 4 TccL to Gogarty, Oliver Duane Odysseus, 1963.

O'Connor, Ulick:

Untitled sketch re personal finances, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 4 pages, undated.  

Container 3.4

4 TL/ copies, 11 TccL to Cape (Jonathan), Ltd., 1963-1965, undated.  

Chronological listing of bills before the Irish senate, 1922-1935, typescript with handwritten revisions and additions, 2 pages, undated. Included with this: chronological listing of Gogarty's senate appearances, 2 pages; chronology of Gogarty's life.  


Memorandum books, handwritten manuscript, 102 pages in 8 volumes, undated. Contain quotations, lists, records of interviews re Oliver Gogarty and his period.  

Container 3.5

Miscellaneous notes, quotations, and fragments, handwritten manuscripts/fragments, 27 items, undated.  

Container 3.6

Notebooks 1 and 2/ titled O. G. notebooks, handwritten manuscript, 227 pages in 2 notebooks, undated. Contain miscellaneous notes and quotations re Oliver Gogarty.  

Container 4.1

15 TccL to Obolensky (Ivan), Inc., 1963-1964, undated.  

Container 3.4


Synopsis for suggested series on Oliver St. John Gogarty, carbon typescript, 6 pages, undated.  

The times I've seen:

Handwritten manuscript/ drafts/ fragments with handwritten notes and revisions, 913 pages, undated. Not in order.  

Container 4.2-5.1

Typed and carbon copy manuscripts/ drafts/ incomplete with handwritten notes, inserts and revisions, 1597 pages, undated. Variant versions in order by chapter.  

Container 5.2-6.3

Handwritten and duplicated memos for corrections of script and editorial problems relating to it, circa 1963.  

Container 6.4

Carbon typescript with handwritten emendations, 414 pages, undated.  

Container 6.5

Acknowledgements, carbon typescript, 2 pages, undated.  

Container 7.1
Background materials re Gogarty and his period, 16 items, circa 1958-1960. Titles include: The athlete; Wit and talker; George Russell, called AE; The poems of Oliver Gogarty; An evening with Oliver Gogarty; Memories of Gogarty; Trinity College Dublin/ titled TCD; Dublin characters; Newspaper reports on Gogarty.

Bibliography of books read for Gogarty's biography, carbon typescript, 7 pages, undated. Included with this: additional list of books used for source material.

Blurb, carbon typescript, 3 pages, undated.

Copyright page, carbon typescript with handwritten emendations, 3 pages, undated.

Titled Oliver St. John Gogarty, a poet and his times, carbon typescript with handwritten emendations, 412 pages; carbon typescript/ incomplete with handwritten notes and emendations, 138 pages; undated.

Titled Oliver St. John Gogarty, a poet and his times, typescript with handwritten emendations, corrections in unknown hand and printer's notes and markings, 414 pages, circa 1964.

Proposed chapter plan for Oliver St. John Gogarty biography, typescript with handwritten emendations, 6 pages, undated. Included with this: earlier versions, typescript, 4 pages; carbon typescript with handwritten revisions, 4 pages.

Synopsis, chapter X – chapter XV, typescript with handwritten emendations, 28 pages; carbon typescript, 31 pages; 2 carbon typescripts with handwritten emendations in unknown hand, 28 pages; undated. Included with first carbon typescript: chapter XVI.

Quinn, Brian. TLS to O'Connor, Ulick re Oliver St. John Gogarty, undated.

Reddin, Kenneth Sheils, 1895-. TLI to O'Connor, Ulick, 13 October 1958. Included with this: Lines for Oliver Gogarty, poem by Reddin.

Reynal and Hitchcock, Inc. TLS to Fletcher, Edward Garland, 5 March 1937. Enclosed with this: sample brochure for As I was going down Sackville Street.


Roden-Refall, Mayflo Gogarty. 9 ALS, APCI to O'Connor, Ulick, 1958-1964, undated. Included with these: Reminiscences, handwritten manuscript/ enclosure, 6 pages, undated.
Rodgers, William Robert, 1909-.

Portrait of Oliver Gogarty (broadcast), composite handwritten, mimeo and carbon typed manuscript/draft with handwritten revisions, 47 pages, circa 1960. Mimeo material selected from: Personal reminiscences of 34 persons re Oliver Gogarty (transcript).


Portrait of Oliver Gogarty: outline for broadcast, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 9 pages, circa 1960.


Russell, George William, 1867-1935. Speech delivered upon the interment of George Moore's ashes, handwritten manuscript/copy in unidentified hand, 1 page, 26 May 1933. Title on item: AE's oration, read by R. I. Best.

Sangorski & Sutcliffe. TLS George Sutcliffe to Stone, Christopher re book of Gogarty poems, 23 November 1922.

Shawe-Taylor, Desmond. Review of As I was going down Sackville Street by Oliver Gogarty, typescript/copy, 3 pages, 10 April 1937.

Smith, Forest. TLS to Mellotte, J. H., 11 April 1939.


Williams, Brenda Gogarty. ALS to Spicer-Simson, Theodore, 11 February 1939.
Additions to the Collection 2014-:

APCS to B____, Albert, 13 February 1940.  

TLS to Meech, Sylvia, 14 May 1934.

5 TLS, 1 APC, 1 APCS to Rockwell, Kenneth, 1949-1952.


Song (poem), typescript, 1 page, undated.

They Think They Know Joyce (article), 4 pages, 18 March 1950. The Saturday Review of Literature.

**Container** 8.7
Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
  - **Works**: manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
  - **Letters**: the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
  - **Recipient**: the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
  - **Miscellaneous**: all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date