

Dorothy L. (Dorothy Leigh) Sayers:

An Inventory of Her Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Sayers, Dorothy L. (Dorothy Leigh), 1893-1957
Title:	Dorothy L. (Dorothy Leigh) Sayers Collection
Dates:	1919-1977, undated
Extent:	1 box (.21 linear feet)
Abstract:	Contains works by the noted English crime writer, playwright and poet, Dorothy L. Sayers. Includes some contracts and a copy of Ms. Sayers' last will and testament.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-3715
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Apryl Voskamp, 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:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Works:

The dates in The Red-Headed League (article), typescript, 16 pages, 1934.
Published in The colophon.

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Gaudy night (essay), typescript, 7 pages, 1937. Published in Titles to fame, edited
by Denys Kilham Roberts.

Papers relating to the family of Wimsey, typescript, 14 pages, undated.

Letters:

TLS to Chamson, John, 14 May 1952.

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ALS to Green, Leonard, 29 August 1919.

2 TLS to Sandoe, James, 6 January and 20 March 1944.

TL / copy to Sandoe, James, 8 August 1944.

TLS to Stone, P. M., 3 March 1928. Removed from Queen 4122.

Recipient:

Sandoe, James. 3 TccL to Sayers, 1944-1945.

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Sandoe, James. TccL to Sayers, 12 April 1944.

Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author. Dorothy L. Sayers reveals origin of Lord Peter Wimsey, typescript / copy, 1 page, 1936. From the Harcourt-Brace News, 15 July 1936.

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Albatross Verlag:

Memorandum of agreement with Sayers re Gaudy night, TccDS, 2 pages, 2 December 1937. Included with this TccL Albatross to Ian Collins.

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Memorandum of agreement with Sayers re The nine tailors, printed DS, 2 pages, 13 March 1934.

Memorandum of agreement with Sayers re The nine tailors (Portuguese), printed DS, 2 pages, 17 July 1946.

Christopher, Joe R. Dorothy L. Sayers' manuscripts, typescripts and other related materials in the HRC, typescript / photocopy, 53 pages, 1977.

Sayers, Dorothy Leigh. Last will and testament, typescript / copy of handwritten document, 4 pages, 1939. Included with this: legal statements re probation of will and payment of tax, 3 March 1958.

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