

Alec Craig:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Craig, Alec, 1897-1973
Title:	Alec Craig Collection
Dates:	1931?-1960, undated
Extent:	1 box (.42 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes numerous letters written to Alexander George (Alec) Craig, the English author and poet who wrote extensively about banned books and censorship. Correspondents include Edmund Blunden, Aleister Crowley, Mary Ware Dennett, Morris Ernst, E. M. Forster, Ezra Pound, and Stephen Spender among others. Carbon copies of related outgoing letters by Craig are sometimes present.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0958
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 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:

Speech on the contemporary music and poetry circle, handwritten manuscript /
incomplete, 5 pages, undated.

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Letters:

AccLS to unidentified recipient, 29 July 1957. Includes 2 clippings re Anthony Thwaite.

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Recipient:

Unidentified authors. ALS, TLS, APCS, APC to Craig, 1934-1954.

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Unidentified author Joan. ALS to Craig, 6 December 1951.

Unidentified author Max. ALS to Craig, 31 May no year.

Unidentified author Paul. ALS to Craig, undated.

The Adelphi. ALS to Craig, 20 October 1950.

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Amos, Maurice Sheldon, Sir. ALS to Craig, 20 February 1939.

Anderson, Gwyneth. TLS to Craig, 3 December 1951.

Anderson, John Redwood. 11 ALS, TLS, TPCS to Craig, 1950-1955. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Redwood, 6 February 1955.

Arundel, Honor. APCS to Craig, 6 February 1947.

Atkinson, Edward Hale Tindal, Sir. ALS to Craig, 20 September 1938. Includes TccL Craig to Atkinson, 14 September 1938.

Ball, Arthur. ALS to Craig, 7 October 1950.

Bara, Mark. ALS to Craig, undated.

Barker, George. ALS to Craig, 7 March no year.

Barnes, Ernest William, Bishop of Birmingham. TLS to Craig, 12 February 1938.

Bax, Clifford. ALS to Craig, 1938?

Bedford, Hastings William Sackville Russell. 1888-1953. ALS to Craig, 12 August 1935.

Beecham, H. Audrey. 2 ALS, TLS to Craig, 1937-1946.

Bergonzi, Bernard. APCS, TLS, to Craig, 5 March and 17 March 1951.

Blackburn, Thomas. 3 ALS, 3 APCS to Craig, 1956-1957. Included with this: 4 AccLS from Craig to Blackburn, 1957; AccLS from Craig to Hamburger, Michael, 22 November 1956.

Blunden, Edmund Charles. 3 ALS, APCS to Craig, 1952-1957. Included with this: 2 AccLS from Craig to Blunden, 1957.

Bottrall, Ronald. ALS to Craig, 8 February 1953.

Brend, William Alfred. 2 ALS to Craig, 1936-1937.

Brooke-Rose, Christine. 2 ALS to Craig, 11 March 1955, 18 February no year.

Browne, Elliot Martin. ALS to Craig, 2 February 1944.

Browne, Frances Worsley Stella. ALS to Craig, 11 November 1934.

Bruce, Robert. ALS to Craig, undated.

Callingham, S. ALS to Craig, 6 April 1955.

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Carne-Ross, Donald Selwyn. 2 TLS to Craig, undated.

Carpenter, Maurice. TLS to Craig, 26 November 1945.

Casimir, Paul. 2 APCS, 4 TLS, 2 ALS to Craig 1951-1956. Included with this, 5 AccLS from Craig to Casimir, 1955-1956; AccLS from Craig to Parker, Derek, 30 June 1955.

Catlin, George Edmund Gordon. ALS, APCS to Craig, 25 September 1944, 11 September no year.

Chance, Janet. ALS to Craig, undated.

Charlatan. TLS to Craig, 11 December 1950.

Church, Richard. ALS to Craig, 7 October 1944.

Colquhoun, Ithell. 2 APCS to Craig, 21 January and 25 January 1954.

Comfort, Alexander. 4 APCS, TPCS, 2 TLS to Craig, 1952-1956, undated.

Cooke, Dorian. ALS to Craig, 26 October no year.

Coppard, Alfred Edgar. ALS to Craig, 2 September 1936.

Corke, Hilary T. ALS to Craig, 1 July 1953. Included with this: ALS to Burall, Mr. from Corke, 17 May 1953.

Crowley, Aleister. ALS to Craig, undated.

Cummins, Isobel, ALS to Craig, 27 December no year.

Cummins, P. D. ALS to Craig, 13 May 1952.

Day-Lewis, Cecil. ALS to Craig, 16 October no year.

De Hoghton, Anthony. ALS, TLS to Craig, 13 August 1953, 2 October 1953.

Dennett, Mary Ware. TLS to Craig, 17 September 1936.

Dickinson, Patric. 2 ALS, APCS to Craig, 1954. Included with this: TccLS, 3 AccLS from Craig to Dickinson, 1954.

Dobrée, Bonamy. 3 TLS to Craig, 1954. Included with this: TccL from Craig to Dobrée, 3 November 1954.

Duff, Ursula Grant. ACPS to Craig, 16 November 1953.

Empson, William. ALS to Craig, 15 March 1954.

Ernst, Morris Leopold. 2 TLS to Craig, 27 August and 28 September 1936.

Fletcher, Iain. ALS to Craig, undated. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Fletcher, 23 September 1955.

Flugal, John Carl. ALS, TLS to Craig, 8 March 1935, 22 March 1937.

Forster, E. M. 6 ALS, APCS, AN to Craig, 1936-1946.

Fraser, George Sutherland. ALS to Craig, 18 January 1958.

Freeman, William. ALS to Craig, 26 September 1950.

The Freethinker. TLS to Craig from editor Chapman Cohen, 12 May 1931? Included with this: handwritten draft or copy of letter from Craig to Cohen, undated.

Gallicher, Walter Matthew. 3 ALS to Craig, 1936-1937.

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Gardiner, Charles Wrey. 2 TLS to Craig, 8 September 1944, 7 March 1956. Included with this: 2 AccLS from Craig to Gardiner, 15 January 1956, undated.

Gascoyne, David. 3 ALS to Craig, 1944-1953.

Gibson, Douglas. ALS, APCS to Craig, 29 August and 11 September 1951.

Golding, Peter. 3 ALS to Craig, 1951-1952.

Graham, William Sydney. ALS to Craig, 13 November 1957. Included with this: 2 AccLS from Craig to Graham, 14 November and 20 November 1957.

Greacen, Robert. 4 TLS, ALS, TPCS to Craig, 1947-1955. Included with this: 2 AccLS from Craig to Greacen, 26 October and 3 November 1954.

Green, F. Pratt. ALS, TLS to Craig, 9 March 1955, 16 February 1956. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Green, 18 March 1956; page 2 is written on verso of printed handbill distributed by The Progressive League entitled The anti-vice drive, a threat to freedom, undated.

Griffith, Edward Fyfe. TLS to Craig, 15 June 1936.

Hall Donald. APCS to Craig, 6 May 1960.

Harris, Gordon. 2 ALS to Craig, 16 October and 21 October 1955. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Harris, 19 October 1955.

Heard, Gerald. ALS to Craig, 21 February 1935.

Heath-Stubbs, John Francis Alexander. 4 APCS, 7 ALS to Craig, 1948-1960, undated. Included with this: 3 AccLS from Craig to Heath-Stubbs, 1954.

Hesketh, Phoebe, 8 ALS to Craig, 1954. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Hesketh, 11 December 1954.

Higham, Charles. 2 ALS, TLS to Craig, 1950-1952.

Himes, Norman Edwin. 2 TLS to Craig, 8 November 1936, 8 October 1937.

Hodann, Max. 3 TLS to Craig, 1937-1939.

Holtby, Winifred. TLS to Craig, 7 February 1935.

Hopkins, Pryns. TLS to Craig, 21 September 1936.

Huddleston, Linden C. ALS, APCS, TLS to Craig, 1952-1953.

Huxley, Aldous. APCS to Craig, 18 February 1937 (postmark).

Jacobs, Anthony. 2 ALS, ANS to Craig, 18 February 1957, undated. Included with this: 2 AccLS from Craig to Jacobs, 1957. **Container**
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Jennings, Elizabeth. ALS to Craig, 9 April no year.

Joad, Cyril Edwin Mitchinson. TLS to Craig, 13 December 1944.

Johnson, Steven. ALS to Craig, 28 August 1951.

Kirkup, James. 6 ALS, 2 APCS, TLS to Craig, 1944-1954. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Kirkup, 1954.

Knight, George William. ALS, APCS to Craig, 24 January 1954, 25 January 1955.

Knutsford, Sydney Holland. APCS to Craig, 11 November no year.

Komai, Gloria. 2 ALS to Craig, 23 October 1944, 26 December 1951.

Lancaster, R. D. ALS to Craig, 7 May 1957.

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Larkman, John M. ALS, APCI, TLS to Craig, 1951.

Laski, Harold Joseph. ALS to Craig, 22 August 1940.

Ledward, Patricia. ALS, TLS to Craig, 16 November and 24 November 1945.

Lee, Laurie. ALS to Craig, 27 November 1953.

Lees-Smith, Hastings Bertrand. ALS to Craig, 30 April no year.

Levenson, Christopher. 2 ALS, 2 APCS to Craig, 1954-1955.

Lewis, C. S. ALS to Craig, 1949.

Lindsay, Jack. 3 ALS, APCS to Craig, 1956, undated. Includes 2 AccLS from Craig to Lindsay, 1955-1956; AccLS from Craig to Andrew, Hilda, 1956.

Listen. TLS from editor George Hartley to Craig, 10 February 1955. Included with this: 4 AccLS from Craig to Hartley, 1955.

Ludovici, Anthony Mario. ALS to Craig, 13 October 1944.

Lyle, Rob. ALS, APCS, TPCS to Craig, 1952, undated.

Macaulay, Rose, Dame. ALS to Craig, 28 July 1955.

McGuire, Michael. ALS to Craig, 29 October 1957. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to McGuire, 1957.

MacInnes, Mairi. TLS to Craig, 3 May no year.

MacLagan, Eric Robert Dalrymple. TLS to Craig, 15 November 1944.

MacNeice, Louis. TLS to Craig, 22 November 1943.

Malleson, Joan Billson. ALS, TLS to Craig, 1 May 1951, undated.

Marcus, David. TLS to Craig, 18 February 1955.

Marnau, Fred. TLS to Craig, 27 October 1944.

Martin, Hugh. TLS to Craig, 17 December 1934.

Maxwell, Gavin. TLS to Craig, 7 April 1952.

Moore, Geoffrey. 2 TLS to Craig, 16 November and 9 December 1951.

Moraes, Dom F. ALS to Craig, 29 November 1957. Included with this: TLS from Bowler, Henrietta to Craig, 6 November 1957; 2 AccLS from Craig to Moraes, 1957.

Mullins, Claud. ALS to Craig, 20 April 1934.

Musgrave, Victor. 2 ALS to Craig, undated. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Musgrave, 1 January 1956.

Nichols, Ross. ALS to Craig, 5 October 1944.

O'Hare, John. ALS to Craig, 27 January 1952.

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Orton, Iris Rosalie. 3 ALS, ALS to Craig, 1951-1953.

Page, Ernest. ALS to Craig, 22 September 1952.

Palmer, Herbert Edward. 4 ALS, 2 APCS to Craig, 1944-1954, undated.

Parker, Derek. 2 TLS to Craig, 3 July 1955, 8 May 1956.

Physick, Gordon. 2 ALS, APCS to Craig, 1953.

Poetry and Poverty. 2 ALS from editor Dennis Abse to Craig, September 1953, undated.

Porteus, Hugh Gordon C. 2 ALS to Craig, 23 December 1950, 15 January 1951.

Potts, Paul. 2 ALS to Craig, undated.

Pound, Ezra. TL to Craig, 5 July 1956.

Price, Jonathan. TLS to Craig, 16 October 1957.

Pudney, John. ALS to Craig, 1 October 1945.

Raine, Kathleen Jesse. 4 ALS, APCS to Craig, 7 March 1952, undated.

Read, Herbert Edward, Sir, 1893-1968. ALS, TLS, TPCI to Craig, 1944-1956. Included with this: ALS draft or copy from Craig to Read, undated.

Redgrove, Peter. ALS, TLS to Craig, 11 October 1954, 16 October 1955.

Rickword, Edgell. ALS, TLS to Craig, 7 February and 18 March 1947.

Ridler, Anne Bradby. 7 ALS to Craig, 1943-1946, undated.

Roberts, Harry. ALS, TLS to Craig, 18 March 1937, undated.

Royden, Agnes Maude. TLS to Craig, 16 December 1936.

Russell, Bertrand. ALS to Craig, 20 December 1934.

Rye, Anthony Francis. ALS to Craig, 30 August 1952.

Sabine, William Henry Waldo. APCS to Craig, 25 February 1939.

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Sansom, Clive. ALS, 2 TLS to Craig, 1947-1952.

Scott, George Ryley. TLS to Craig, 12 November 1945.

Scott, Hardiman. TLS to Craig, 30 October 1950.

Scrutiny. 3 ALS from editor F. R. Leavis to Craig, 1936.

Singer, Burns. APCS to Craig, 12 April 1957. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Singer, 1957.

Smith, John. ALS, TLS to Craig, 16 February 1953, undated.

Spender, Stephen. ALS, 2 TLS to Craig, 1943-1956. Included with this: 3 AccLS and 2 TccLS from Craig to Spender, 1956.

Stanford, Derek. 6 ALS, 2 TPCS, 3 APCS to Craig, 1947-1956, undated. Included with this: 5 AccLS from Craig to Stanford, 1954.

Starkie, Enid. ALS to Craig, 19 October 1941.

Summer, Montague. ALS to Craig, 7 October 1937.

Symonds, John. ALS to Craig, 11 November no year.

Tessimond, Arthur Seymour John. 2 TLS to Craig, undated.

Tremayne, Sydney Durward. ALS to Craig, 12 April 1957. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Tremayne, 10 April 1957.

Troubridge, Una, Lady. 2 ALS to Craig, 28 May and 26 September 1936. Written on behalf of Radclyffe Hall.

Trypanis, Constantine. 3 TLS to Craig, 1957. Included with this: 3 AccLS from Craig to Trypanis, 1957; typescript with corrections for Oedipus at Oxford by Craig; Oxford University Poetry Society program for performance of two plays (King Oedipus by Sophocles and The Sphinx) translated by Trypanis, undated.

Turnbull, Gael Ludin. TLS to Craig, 6 April 1956.

Twentieth Century Verse. 2 ALS, 3 TLS from editor Julian Symons to Craig, 1937-1944.

Val Baker, Denys. APCS to Craig, 15 March 1947.

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Virgin, Rosie L. ALS to Craig, 14 December 1934.

Waddams, Keith. TLS to Craig, 27 October 1955.

Waddell, Helen Jane. 2 ALS to Craig, 4 February 1947, 4 November 1951.

Wagner, Geoffrey A. 2 ALS to Craig, undated.

Wain, John. 3 APCS, TLS to Craig, 1956. Included with this 2 AccLS from Craig to Wain, 1956.

Warner, Rex. 7 ALS to Craig, 1954. Included with this: 5 AccLS, TccLS from Craig to Warner, 1954.

Weber, Richard. 2 ALS to Craig, undated. Included with this: AccLS from Craig to Weber, 26 October 1957.

Williams, _____. APCS to Craig, 11 November 1957.

Wilson, Arnold Talbot, Sir. ALS, TLS, ANS to Craig, 1935-1938. ANS is written at bottom of TLS from Craig to Wilson, 21 July 1936.

Wright, David. 2 TLS to Craig, undated.

Miscellaneous:

Robertson, Wilfrid. TLS to Elthick, G. H., 29 May 1945.

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Stopes, Marie Carmichael. TccL to Amos, Maurice Sheldon, Sir, November 1933. Included with this: ALS from Amos to Stopes, 23 November 1933.

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