

Martin Armstrong:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Armstrong, Martin, 1882-1974
Title:	Martin Armstrong Collection
Dates:	1936-1963
Extent:	4 boxes (1.68 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes correspondence between the British poet and novelist Martin Donisthorpe Armstrong and his literary agent A. D. Peters, accompanied by bills, statements, and receipts, as well as correspondence between other parties.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0122
Language:	English; one item written in German
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Sara Saastamoinen, 2012 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

Letters:

Armstrong, Martin, 1882-1974. 193 ALS, 118 TLS, TL, 13 APCS, 2 APCI, 4 TPCS, TPCI, TPC, telegram to A. D. Peters (Firm), 1936-1963. Several letters have business letters from various correspondents attached.

1936, 32 items.	Container 1.1
1937, 36 items.	Container 1.2
1938, 31 items.	Container 1.3
1939, 25 items.	Container 1.4
1940, 37 items.	Container 1.5
1941, 40 items.	Container 1.6
1942-1944, 41 items.	Container 1.7
1945-1946, 19 items.	Container 1.8
1947-1948, 28 items.	Container 1.9
1949-1953, 32 items.	Container 1.10
1954-1956, 33 items.	Container 1.11
1957-1963, 20 items.	Container 1.12

Recipient:

A. D. Peters (Firm). 839 TccL and statements to Martin Armstrong, 1936-1963. Additional TccL and statements are written on versos of many of these.

1936, 57 items.	Container 1.13
1937, 72 items.	Container 1.14
1938, 92 items.	Container 1.15
1939, 56 items.	Container 1.16
1940, 64 items.	Container 1.17
1941, 43 items.	Container 2.1
1942-1943, 68 items.	Container 2.2
1944-1945, 52 items.	Container 2.3
1946-1947, 87 items.	Container 2.4
1948-1951, 62 items.	Container 2.5
1952-1953, 45 items.	Container 2.6
1954-1955, 55 items.	Container 2.7
1956-1958, 43 items.	Container 2.8
1959-1963, 52 items.	Container 2.9

Miscellaneous:

A. D. Peters (Firm). 734 TccL to various recipients re Martin Armstrong, 1936-1963.

Additional TccL to Armstrong and others are written on versos of some of these. Included with these: Letters from various business correspondents to Peters re Armstrong, 26 ALS, 669 TLS, 94 FLS, 2 APCS, 12 TPCS, 63 bills, receipts, statements, 2 telegrams, 1936-1963.

1936, 95 items.	Container 2.10
1937, January-July, 71 items.	Container 2.11
1937, August-December, 81 items.	Container 2.12
1938, January-May, 112 items.	Container 2.13
1938, June-December, 83 items.	Container 3.1
1939, 82 items.	Container 3.2
1940, 78 items.	Container 3.3
1941, 57 items.	Container 3.4
1942-1943, 92 items.	Container 3.5
1944-1945, 60 items.	Container 3.6
1946, 70 items.	Container 3.7
1947, 66 items.	Container 3.8
1948-1951, 95 items.	Container 3.9
1952-1953, 88 items.	Container 3.10
1954, 56 items.	Container 4.1
1955, 63 items.	Container 4.2
1956, 49 items; 1 item written in German.	Container 4.3
1957, 40 items.	Container 4.4
1958-1959, 82 items.	Container 4.5
1960-1961, 105 items.	Container 4.6
1962, 49 items.	Container 4.7

1963, 37 items.

Container 4.8

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