

Norman Douglas:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Douglas, Norman, 1868-1952
Title:	Norman Douglas Collection
Dates:	1886-1954, undated
Extent:	7 boxes (2.94 linear feet), 1 galley folder (gf)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and correspondence of the British expatriate author Norman Douglas. Correspondents include J. R. Ackerley, C. R. Dawes, his son Robin Douglas, Edward Garnett, Dorothy Ireland, Gerald Kelly, Edward David McDonald, Grant Richards, and others. Some papers of publisher Guiseppe("Pino") Orioli are present, as is material concerning the Richard McGillivray Dawkins book Norman Douglas (1952).
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-1202
Language:	English, Italian
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

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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:

- An almanac, signed typescript with handwritten additions and deletions, 87 pages bound, undated. **Container** 1.2
- Alone, typed and carbon copy manuscript/ final with handwritten revisions and printed inserts, 196 pages bound, undated. **Container** 1.3
- Birds and beasts of the Greek anthology:
- Handwritten manuscript with index, 178 pages bound, undated. Bound with One day. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.4
- Typescript with handwritten revisions and notes, 230 pages bound, undated. **Container** 1.5
- Carbon typescript with few handwritten revisions, 196 pages bound, 1927. **Container** 1.6
- A Douglas calendar; being extracts from the works of Norman Douglas, edited by Walter Lowenfels, signed typescript with few handwritten revisions, 276 pages, undated. **Container** 2.1
- Experiments/ titled Nocturne (In memory of Edgar Poe), handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated. Bound with printed version. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 2.2
- A footnote on Capri, typescript with handwritten emendations and initialed note, 44 pages, undated. Also titled A glimpse of Capri. **Container** 2.3
- How about Europe? A few footnotes on East and West, handwritten manuscript, 105 pages, bound. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 2.4
- London street games:
- Handwritten manuscript with revisions, 63 pages bound, undated. Also included: In our alley, clipping from English review, November 1913. **Container** 2.5
- 2 handwritten manuscripts/ copies, 1 page each, undated. Two descriptions of games, differ from printed version. Removed from AC-L D747lo 1916a copy 7. **Container** 1.1
- Printed book with handwritten emendations and marginalia and a 2 page signed handwritten inscription to Ralph Straus, 169 pages bound, 1916. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 2.6
- Looking back/ with alternate titles Yesterday; Chips of a life; and others crossed through, signed typescript with handwritten revisions, 625 pages, bound in 2 volumes, 8 December 1932. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 2.7-3.1

- Old Calabria, page proofs with handwritten corrections, 351 pages, 23 September 1914. **Container** 3.2
- On Paradise lost, printed version with handwritten corrections and emendations, 33 pages, August 1948. In copy of Life and letters. Included with this: photocopy title page of Adamo Caduto **Container** 3.3
- On the Darwinian hypothesis of sexual selection, printed version from Natural Science, 16 pages, 1895; page proofs for reprint with handwritten corrections and emendations, 23 pages; 1895, undated. **Container** 3.4
- On the Darwinian hypothesis of sexual selection: author's note, 3 handwritten manuscripts/ drafts with revisions, 6 pages; typescript with handwritten revisions, 2 pages; carbon typescript with handwritten revisions, 2 pages; undated. For reprint of 1895 article.
- Queer!/ titled Beetroots, signed handwritten manuscript, 16 pages; printed version, 14 pages; undated. Bound. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 3.5
- Scientific monographs, volume of reprints of Douglas' scientific writings with 2 letters and 1 note pasted in, 118 pages bound, 1886-1895. One letter written in Italian. **Container** 3.6
- Southwind:
- 2 photocopies of corrected proof page 335, undated. Removed from AC-L D747so 1917a copy 2. **Container** 1.1
- Page proofs/ first with handwritten corrections and revisions and ANS, 464 pages bound, 1917. From Hanley III. **Container** 4.1
- Printed book with handwritten emendations and corrections and markings of original chapter divisions, 464 pages bound, 1917. Author's copy. **Container** 4.2
- They went/ titled Theophilus, carbon typescript with handwritten revisions, 211 pages bound in two parts, undated. Loosely laid in: 2 lists of changes. **Container** 4.3
- Three of them, printed book with handwritten corrections and marginalia and signed handwritten inscription to Tommy, 249 pages bound, 12 April 1944. **Container** 5.1
- Together, typescript with handwritten revisions, 168 pages, undated. Earlier title lined through: At home. Included with this: incomplete index (pages 2-17); proof for 2 pages on 1 leaf. **Container** 5.2
- Venus in the kitchen; or Love's cookery book by Pilaff Bey; edited by Douglas and designed by D. H. Lawrence, typescript with few revisions, 172 pages bound, undated. **Container** 5.3

Well, let's eat, galley proofs with handwritten revisions, 74 pages, 1932.

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Letters:

ALS to unidentified recipient, 3 November 1927. Removed from AC-L D747th 1920b copy 5. **Container** 5.4

ALS to unidentified recipient, 6 November 1929. Removed from AC-L D747Sou 1917a copy 5.

ANS to unidentified recipient re place of Robin Douglas's arrival, 2 September no year (1951?). Written in Italian.

ALS to unidentified recipient W. L., 24 September no year.

6 ALS, ALI to Ackerley, Joe Randolph, 1915-1942.

ALS to Cullen, Charles, 5 November 1931.

ALS/ copy to Curtis Brown Literary Agency, 17 March 1945. Mailed to Robin Douglas.

26 ALS, 7 ALI, AL, 2 APCI to Dawes, C. R., 1928-1937, undated. **Container** 5.5

233 ALS, 28 ALI, 6 AL, 4 ANI, AN, 3 APCI, APC to Douglas, Robin, 1930-1952, undated. Many ANS from Kenneth, David, Ettore, Nella, Emilio written on or included letters from 1947 on. Enclosed with ALS 26 January 1932: TLS Knopf (Alfred A.) to Robin Douglas, 29 October 1931. Enclosed with ALS 24 January 1947: TccLS Norman Douglas to Michael Adams, 21 January 1947. Enclosed with 1 February 1947 ALS: ALS/ copy Norman Douglas to Michael Adams, 30 January 1947. Included with these: printed copy of Fiddlin' Dick by Robin Douglas in envelope dated 31 March 1948; APCS David to Robin Douglas, 8 September 1950; ALS Ettore to Robin, 1 August 1949. **Container** 5.6-6.5

4 telegrams to Douglas, Robin, 1929-1951. **Container** 5.4

ALS to Garnett, Edward, 10 January 1912.

3 ALS to Garnett, Edward, 1912, undated.

11 ALS, ANS to Ireland, Dorothy, 1937-1938, undated. **Container** 6.6

7 ALS to Kelly, Gerald, 1928-1929, undated. Undated ALS written on printed FL re Douglas's book How about Europe?, 1 November 1929. **Container** 5.4

ALS "Uncle Norman" to Lawford, Lucian, 5 March 1923. Removed from AC-L D747so 1922.

19 ALS, 2 TLS, TL, ANS, APCS, APC to McDonald, Edward David, 1925-1931.
Included with these: bibliography of Douglas's contributions to periodicals made by McDonald and annotated by Douglas. Enclosed with ANS, 15 July 1928: pamphlet **Container** 6.7
Pumice stone industry in the Lipari Islands by Douglas, 1928.

8 ALS, TLS to Richards, Grant, 1920-1923, undated. **Container** 5.4

ALS to Savage, _____, 19 September 1935.

2 ALS to Searle, Townley, 27 September 1923, 15 March 1924.

ALI to Secker, Martin, 3 June 1925.

ALS to Senhouse, Roger, 23 May 1951. Not described in card catalog (purchase, R11958, 1990).

ALS to Shorter, Mr., 25 February 1921.

6 ALS, 3 TLS to Titus, Edward W., 1927-1929.

ALS to Tomlinson, Henry Major, 7 December 1934. Removed from 61-6386.

Recipient:

Douglas, Robin. 4 TccL to Douglas("Dad"), 1948.

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Douglas, Winifred. ALS to Douglas, 25 June 1939.

Kermish, Tom. ALS to Douglas, undated. Removed from AC-L D747lo 1916a.

Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author David. TLS to Douglas, Robin, 13 July 1948.

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Unidentified author George. TLS to Douglas, Robin, 8 November 1947.
Letterhead: Romamer Advertising Agency.

Unidentified author Kenneth. TLS to Douglas, Robin, 11 December 1947.

Beevers, John L. ALS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, 10 June 1933.

Dawkins, Richard MacGillivray, 1871-1955. TccLS to Orioli, Giuseppe, 11 February 1932.

Douglas, Archie. ALS to Douglas, Robin, 14 July 1941.

Douglas, Norman, 1868-1952:

List of reviews of his books, handwritten manuscript, 6 pages, undated. For Edward D. McDonald.

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Miscellaneous items, contains envelopes to Robin Douglas, prescriptions, odd notes in various hands, undated.

Notebook of addresses and miscellaneous items, signed handwritten manuscript, undated. Bound.

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7.2

Notebooks, 4 handwritten manuscripts/ account books, undated. Bound.

Container
7.3

Notes on books, typescript with handwritten corrections and additions, 14 pages, undated. For Edward D. McDonald.

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7.1

Rôti sans pariel, handwritten manuscript abbreviated from Le parfait cuisinier with handwritten comment by Douglas, 4 pages, undated.

Douglas, Robin Sholto:

Fiddlin' Dick, printed pages torn from a magazine, pages 493-499, undated. Accompanied by the envelope in which this was sent, addressed by Norman Douglas.

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TccL to unidentified recipient David, 23 July 1948.

TccL to Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer, Sir, 3 September 1941.

Ebury. TL with extensive AN to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, undated. Signature torn off.

Great Britain. The Prime Minister. TLS secretary J. Peck to Douglas, Robin, 23 September 1941.

Haynes, Edmund Sidney Pollock, 1877-1949. ALS, TLS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, 11 and 12 April 1933.

Hogg, Neil. ALS to Douglas, Robin, 7 September 1941.

The Incorporated Society of Authors, Playwrights & Composers. TLS secretary-general Denys Kilham Roberts to Douglas, Robin, 3 January 1947.

Mavrogordato, John, 1882-. ALS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, 22 July 1932.

Orioli, Giuseppe:

Announcement for Paneros by Norman Douglas, 15 November 1930.

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A financial statement of the volume, Norman Douglas, by Richard McGillivray Dawkins, 6 June 1934.

Pino's diary, typescript with handwritten revisions, 214 pages bound, May-September 1934.

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7 ALS, 2 TLS, 2 APCS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, 1932-1933. Enclosed with TLS 4 June 1932: memorandum of agreement between Richard McGillivray Dawkins and Giuseppe Orioli re Norman Douglas, 5 June 1932.

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Petronio, D.P. ALS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, 17 July 1933.

Powell, Anthony, 1905-. ALS to Douglas, Robin, 5 February 1947.

Secker, Martin. TLS to Schwartz, Jacob re South wind, 2 April 1954. From Hanley III.

Sparrow, John. ALS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray, 8 January 1952.

Storrs, Ronald, Sir. Untitled limerick, There was a young lady of Wantage..., handwritten manuscript/ copy in unidentified hand, 1 page, undated. Removed from AC-L D747some 1928a.

Ted. ALS to Dawkins, Richard MacGillivray re Douglas, 7 May 1933.

Whittlesey House. TLS editor Lois Dwight Cole to Allen, Philip, 3 February 1947.

Woolf, Cecil. ALS to Dawkins, Richard McGillivray re Douglas, 13 August 1951.

Woolf, Cecil. TLS to McDonald, Edward David, 11 June 1952. Removed from AC-L D747wo 1954a.

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