Philip Lindsay:
An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Lindsay, Philip, 1906-1958  
**Title:** Philip Lindsay Collection  
**Dates:** 1924-1961, undated  
**Extent:** 7 document boxes (2.94 linear feet), 1 galley folder (gf)  
**Abstract:** Philip Lindsay was an Australian writer, known for writing British historical novels. His collection mainly consists of handwritten and typed manuscripts, correspondence, and letters by his friends appealing to the Civil List Pension Fund for his widow.  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection MS-2493  
**Language:** English  
**Access:** Open for research. Part or all of this collection is housed off-site and may require up to three business days' notice for access in the Ransom Center's Reading and Viewing Room. Please contact the Center before requesting this material: reference@hrc.utexas.edu.

Administrative Information

**Acquisition:** Purchases, 1961-1966 (R757, R1420, R1432, R2773, R2899)  
**Processed by:** Joan Sibley, Hagan Barber, Jack Boettcher, Betsy Nitsch, 2012  
**Note:** This finding aid replicates some 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](https://www.hrc.utexas.edu)
Works:

Unidentified fragment on witchcraft, typescript / fragment with handwritten emendations, 3 pages, undated.

Act of God, paste-up printed newspaper clippings with handwritten revisions, 9 pages, undated.

The adventures of Gentleman Harry, typescript with handwritten emendations and corrections, 29 pages, undated.

An affair of Philip Lindsay’s, handwritten transcription by T. I. F. Armstrong with handwritten introductory note by Lindsay, 1 exercise book, 1924.

The battle of London Bridge, typescript with handwritten revisions, 155 pages, 1955. Included with this: 2 reader’s reports and ANS Jane to Tommy re this work re the reports, 20 March 1958.

Bride for a buccaneer, typescript / fragment with handwritten revisions, 1 page, undated.

Brothers-in-arms, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 8 pages, undated.

The demon that nobody saw, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 20 pages, undated.

The devil comes to Winchelsea, typescript / fragment with handwritten emendations, 2 pages, undated.


Dr. Johnson wakes, typescript with handwritten emendations and addition, 1 page, undated.


Even the worm can learn, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 5 pages, undated.

The faire Imperia by Honoré de Balzac, typescript with handwritten emendations, 12 pages, undated. From Droll stories.

Five hundred years ago, typescript with handwritten emendations, 12 pages, undated.
Gentleman Harry retires, typescript / fragment with handwritten emendations, 1 page, undated.

Gentleman Harry retires, typescript with many handwritten revisions and corrections, 79 pages, undated. Pages 48 and 253 (last page) are lacking.

The German princess, typescript with handwritten emendations and with handwritten title page in the hand of T. I. F. Armstrong, approximately 240 pages, undated.

Hunger, typescript with handwritten emendations, 14 pages, undated.

In her looking glass, handwritten manuscript / chapter outline with handwritten revisions, 1 page; typescript / fragments with handwritten emendations, 4 pages; undated.

Introduction to Droll stories by Honoré de Balzac, typescript with handwritten emendations, 8 pages, undated.

The king, the baron and the maid, typescript with handwritten revisions, 10 pages; carbon typescript with handwritten emendations, 11 page; undated.

King Henry’s thornless rose, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 6 pages, undated.

King Richard, typescript / fragment, 3 pages, undated.

The King’s darling by Honoré de Balzac, typescript with handwritten emendations, 12 pages, undated. From Droll stories.

Kings and queens of England, from King Edward the Confessor, 1042-1066, to King Richard the third, 1483-1485, typescript with many handwritten revisions and corrections, 765 pages, undated.

The Knights at bay, typescript with handwritten emendations, 48 pages, undated.

Lambs shouldn’t kill butchers, typescript with handwritten emendations, 17 pages; typescript, 16 pages; 2 carbon typescripts, 16 pages each; undated.

The life of Henry Simms, typescript with handwritten marginal notes, 30 pages, undated.

The little wench, typescript with many handwritten revisions and corrections, approx. 560 pages, undated. Page 1 of text has title Idylls of the Queen.

Love comes to Buttermere, typescript with handwritten revisions and corrections, 238 pages, undated.

The mainspring of murder:


Container 4.1

Typescript / original draft with handwritten revisions, 230 pages, circa 1957. Included with this: ANS by T. I. F. Armstrong re revisions made after Lindsay’s death.

Container 4.2

Typescript with handwritten revisions and corrections, 168 pages, undated.

Container 4.3


Container 4.4

Printer’s galley proof with handwritten corrections, 133 pp, 14 March 1958.

Container 4.5


Container 4.6

Handwritten manuscript / index in hand of T. I. F. Armstrong, 28 pages; typescript / fragments with handwritten emendations, 18 pages, circa 1957.

Container 5.1

Excised fragments, typescript / fragments with handwritten revisions, 22 pages, undated.

Container 5.2


Container 5.3

No other will but his by Philip Lindsay and George H. Brown, carbon typescript, 55 pages, March 1953. Treatment for Pinewood Studios of original story by George H. Brown.

Container 5.5

One dagger for two, typescript with handwritten revisions, 265 pages, undated. At head of page one and title page: The killing of Christopher Marlowe.

Container 5.6

Perkin Warbeck, typescript / fragment, 10 pages, undated.

Container 5.4

Poetry in Australasia, typescript with handwritten emendations, 44 pages, galley proofs / incomplete, 1950. Series of 10 articles for Poetry Review with No. 6 and 9 missing from galleys.

Container 5.7
The professor’s dilemma, typescript with few handwritten emendations, 6 pages, undated.  

The reproach by Honoré de Balzac, 8 pages, undated. From Droll stories.

Review of Australian poetry 1949-50, selected by Rosemary Dobson, typescript with handwritten revisions, 2 pages; galley proof, 1 page; circa 1950.

Sir Donald, typescript with handwritten emendations, 1 page, undated.


Through midnight streets, galley proof with handwritten corrections, xx pages, published 1957.

The true King Richard the Third, typescript with handwritten revisions, 9 pages, undated.

Under the red robe: second script for motion picture, typescript, 66 pages, 7 August 1936.

Under their skin:

	Typescript / fragments with handwritten revisions and workings, 7 pages, undated.  


	Typescript / printer’s copy with signed handwritten notes and forepages by John Gawsworth, 303 pages, 1958.


The unseen caretaker, typescript with handwritten emendations, 14 pages, undated.

The unseen visitor, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 13 pages; typescript / copy, 12 pages; undated.

The vicar of Azay-le-Rideau by Honoré de Balzac, typescript with handwritten emendations, 7 pages, undated. From Droll stories.

The virgin of Thilhouze by Honoré de Balzac, typescript with handwritten emendations, 6 pages, undated. From Droll stories.
Letters:


2 ALS, APCS to Lindsay, Jack, 1945-1946, undated.

TLS to Lindsay, Norman ("Dad"), undated.

ALS to Polden, David C., undated.
Recipient:

Barton, Samuel Saxon, 1892- . 4 TLS to Lindsay, 1935-1955.

Britton, Poole & Co. 2 TLS to Lindsay, 22 September and 7 October 1937.


Dobson, Rosemary. 2 ALS to Lindsay, 23 August 1948, 5 August 1951.

Duke, Winifred. TLS to Lindsay, 24 September 1955.

Elec Books Limited. ALS David to Lindsay, 17 February 1956.

Everybody’s. TLS editor John Hone to Lindsay, 31 May 1955.

Fairbanks, Douglas, Jr. ALS to Lindsay, 18 January 1949.

Fitzgerald, Robert David, 1902- . 2 TLS, TLS / incomplete to Lindsay, 1950-1953, undated.

Hastings. County Borough. Treasurer’s Department, TLS treasurer J. G. Richardson to Lindsay, 9 October 1937.

Howard, _____. Christmas card to Lindsay, 1954.

Hutchinson & Co. (Publishers) Ltd. 2 TLS to Lindsay, 23 November 1956, 14 January 1957.

Kark (Norman) Productions. TLS Leslie Kark to Lindsay, 25 May 1950.

Lettbridge, Mabel. Invitation to Lindsay, undated.

Lindsay, Jack, 1900- . ALS to Lindsay, undated.

Lindsay, Norman. TLS, TL "Dad" to Lindsay, undated.

London Library. FPC to Lindsay, 9 July 1935.

Long (John) Limited. TLS to Lindsay, 2 July 1957.

McCrae, Hugh, 1876- . ALS to Lindsay, 7 October 1953.

MacDonnell & Co. TLS to Lindsay, 18 September 1935.
National Library for the Blind. TLS secretary and librarian Miss A. M. Hewer to Lindsay, 6 December 1943.

Nevill (Peter) Ltd. 2 TLS to Lindsay, 11 July 1949, undated.

Nicholson (Ivor) & Watson Ltd. TLS Christine Shaddick to Lindsay, 25 February 1937.

Peters (A. D.) Literary Agent. TLS to Lindsay, 11 October 1944.

Plaidy, Jean, 1906- . TLS to Lindsay, 2 February 1956.

Poore, Margery. ALS / incomplete to Lindsay, undated.

Rank (J. Arthur) Productions Limited. TLS George H. Brown to Lindsay, 9 April 1956.


Rowland, John, 1907- . TLS to Lindsay, 27 August 1951.

Trease, Geoffrey, 1909- . TLS to Lindsay, 4 January 1954.
Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author. A farewell to Philip Lindsay, typescript, 1 page, undated.


Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton, 1912- . FLS to Brophy, John re widow of Philip Lindsay, January 1961. Written on this: ANS Brophy to Armstrong.


Bax, Clifford, 1886-1962. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January 1961.


Bottome, Phyllis, 1884- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 26 January 1961.
Bowra, Cecil Maurice, Sir, 1898-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 16 January 1961.


Brophy, John, 1899-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 18 January 1961.


Coward, Noel Pierce, 1899-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 20 January 1961. Attached to this: TN from Coward’s secretary to T. I. F. Armstrong, undated.


Curtis Brown, Ltd. Financial report to Philip Lindsay, 22 June 1937.


Day-Lewis, Cecil, 1904-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January 1961.


Dobson, Rosemary. ALS to Lindsay, Isobel, 12 August 1951. Included with this: The passionate and his muse, typescript, 1 page, undated.

Durrell, Lawrence, 1912-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 16 January 1961.


Esher, Oliver Silvain Baliol Brett, 34d viscount, 1881-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 29 January 1961.


Gooch, George Peabody, 1873-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 19 January 1961.


Greene, Graham, 1904-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 19 January 1961.


Gunn, Neil M., 1891-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 19 January 1961.


Hartley, Leslie. 2 ALS to Armstrong, T. I. F. re petition for widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January and 24 January 1961

Hassall, Christopher. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 20 January 1961.


Howarth, Robert Guy, 1906-. ALS to Lindsay, Philip, 26 October 1956. Removed from 61-8034.


Johnson, Pamela Hansford, 1912-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 20 January 1961.


Kersh, Gerald, 1909- TLS to Dannay, Frederick re Lindsay story, 24 September 1950.


Lee, Laurie. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 20 January 1961.

Lehmann, John, 1907-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 18 January 1961.


Lindsay, Philip, 1906-1958:

- Cancelled check to Dorothy Oliver, 17 May 1936. Removed from Ar58J 214. Container 7.5


- The duke is served, signed handwritten manuscript with list of number of words by chapters, 1 page, 6 November 1935.

- Financial papers, 16 miscellaneous items, 1934-1937.

- Notes for The German princess and The counterfeit lady, handwritten manuscript / notes, 35 pages in notebook, undated. Written in this: Chose death, handwritten manuscript poem by T. I. F. Armstrong in his hand. Included with this: AN re this notebook by T. I. F. Armstrong.

- Notes for Mainspring of murder, handwritten manuscript / notes, 21 pages, undated.

- Notes from Harleian miscellany, handwritten manuscripts / notes, 2 pages, undated.

- Notes of miscellaneous nature, handwritten manuscript / notes, 10 pages, undated.

- Notes on Hannah Snell, handwritten manuscript / notes on printed version of A modern Amazon, section from The world of adventure, with handwritten insert, 12 pages, undated.


Linklater, Eric, 1899- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 24 January 1961. Container 7.3

Lucas, Frank Lawrence, 1894- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 27 January 1961.
McCrae, Hugh, 1876- . Pencil sketch of Henry VIII, 1951. Inscribed to Philip Lindsay.


MacNeice, Louis, 1907-1963. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 18 January 1961.

Mannin, Ethel Edith, 1900- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 18 January 1961.


Mottram, Ralph Hale, 1883- . ALS to Armstrong, T. I. F. re petition for widow of Philip Lindsay, 16 January 1961.


O’Donovan, Michael, 1903- . FLS Frank O’Connor to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 26 January 1961.


Pitter, Ruth, 1897-. ANI to Armstrong, T. I. F. re petition for widow of Philip Lindsay, 18 January 1961.

Powell, Anthony, 1905-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 24 January 1961.


Priestley, John Boynton, 1894-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January 1961.

Quennell, Marjorie Courtney. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January 1961.


Ransome, Arthur, 1884-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 19 January 1961.


Robertson, E. Arnot. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 8 February 1961.

Rook, Alan. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 31 January 1961.


Russell, Bertrand Russell, 3rd earl, 1872-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 22 January 1961.

Sackville, Margaret, Lady, 1881-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 24 January 1961.

Sassoon, Siegfried Lorraine, 1886-1967. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, January 1961.

Sitwell, Osbert, Sir, 1892- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, January 1961.

Sitwell, Sacheverell, 1897- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 16 January 1961.

Snaith, Stanley, 1903- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 9 February 1961.


Spring, Howard, 1889- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 20 January 1961.


Stern, Gladys Bronwyn, 1890- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January 1961.


Tennyson, Charles, Sir, 1879- . FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 30 January 1961.

Tickell, Jerrard. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 21 January 1961.


Waller, John Stainer, Sir, 7th baron, 1917-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 26 January 1961.


Webb, Stella Dorothea Gibbons, 1902-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 16 January 1961.


Williams, Emlyn, 1905-. FLS to The Trustees, The Civil List Pension re widow of Philip Lindsay, 17 January 1961.


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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