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HANDSCOMBE (RICHARD) COLLECTION OF POWYS FAMILY
PAPERS

Collection of thirteen letters written by John
Cowper Powys, Littleton Powys, Llewelyn Powys and
Theodore Francis Powys, and a notebook, Where Is
It? containing names and addresses for the Powys
family and others.

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CONTAINER LIST

Box 1 Powys, John Cowper, Dorchester, Dorset, to My Dear Sir. October 25, 1934. A.L.S. Folder 1 leaf.

Writes that Mr. Lahr is the only bookseller who would "just exactly meet your need", and gives his address.

Powys, John Cowper, Dorchester, Dorset, to William F. Huber, Lakewood, Ohio. February 16, 1935. A.L.S. Folder 2 leaves. With envelope.

Writes that he is enclosing on the reverse page his name and thanks him for writing.

Powys, John Cowper, Corwen, North Wales, to Ellis D. Robb, Atlanta, Georgia. February 17, 1936. A.L.S. Folder 1 leaf. With envelope.

Thanks him for sending review by Prof. Drewry and for asking about his health.

Powys, John Cowper, Corwen, North Wales to Paul Williams, June 17, 1941. A.L.S. 3 folders. Comments on his health, the medicine and remedies he takes, and his diet. "Then comes my grand pleasure sensual greedy-gut daily delight & joy -- my supreme pleasure & satisfaction of the day ... i.e. 2 tea-spoonfuls of tea in A smallish tea-pot a black kettle boiling on the fire close at hand if possible in the kitchen where I always have my happiest meal i.e. breakfast -- as much sugar as I can get--..."

Powys, John Cowper, Corwen, North Wales, to Max Schuster. June 28, 1942. T.L. carbon copy of A.L.S. 3 leaves.

Has received his letters of May 25 and June 4, but has not yet received the new Inner Sanctum edition of War and Peace. Is now having his book on Old Age typed for which he needs a "good challenging and provocative title". He needs to write another book quickly to earn his living and lists four

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Box 1 Powys to Max Schuster (Cont'd)

possibilities on which he asks Schuster's advice.

Powys, John Cowper, Blenau-Ffestiniog, North Wales to [Hal Trovillion] August 31, 1958. A.L.S. Folder. With xerox copy, 4 leaves.

Notes the date of his letter, August 18th, as being the 50th birthday of his private press at the Sign of the Silver Horse. Replies to questions in his August letter; Phyllis wishes that she could give him a decent breakfast and thanks him for asking about her. His American sister Marian Powys Grey has returned to her home after visiting them. She had to resign the job as head of the Lace Department of the Metropolitan Museum because of her arthritis. He recently received a bronze plaque from the Academy of Fine Arts in Hamburg where he had gone to lecture on Shakespeare.

Powys, John Cowper, Blenau-Ffestiniog, North Wales, to Constance Vulliany, Parkville, Missouri. April 16, 1959. A.L.S. Folder. With envelope.

Thanks her for writing him about Mary Rebecca Harrison to whom he is sending a reprint of his Art of Happiness. He reminisces about the only other Constance whom he knew, about his childhood and about his brothers and sisters.

Powys, Littleton, Sherborne, Dorset, to Mr. Ward. December 2 and 7, 1937. 2 A.L.S.

Referring to his letter in the Western Gazette, he explains why he wrote those statements in his review of Mr. Ward's book, and apologizes for not having shown him that chapter.

Powys, Llewelyn, New York, to Henry Chester Tracy, Los Angeles. May 5, 1924. A.L.S. leaf.

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Powys to Henry Chester Tracy (Cont'd)

Thanks him for the letter and looks forward to the publication of his book

Powys, Llewelyn, Monomna, N.Y., to Henry Chester Tracy, Los Angeles. October 1924. A.L.S. Folder. 2 leaves. With envelope.

Thanks him for his letter and comments on his own time as a schoolmaster. Will answer the boy's questions on the paper sent. With questions in typescript and holograph answers. Leaf.

Powys, Llewelyn, Weymouth, England, to William F. Huber, Cleveland, Ohio. March 30, 1935. A.N.S.

"Inscribed for William F. Huber." Fragment of note. With envelope.

Powys, Theodore Francis, Dorchester, England, to Mr. Ward. February 20, 1935. A.L.S. Leaf.

Gives him permission to read the manuscript of his Interpretation of the Book of Job which is at Messr Chatto & Windus.

Powys, Theodore Francis, Dorchester, England, to William F. Huber, Lakewood, Ohio. March 31, 1935. A.L.S. Leaf with envelope.

Is glad that he likes the writings of John Cowper and Llewelyn as well as his own, and is pleased to add his name to the collection of autographs.

Where Is It? A small notebook containing addresses for Llewelyn Powys, David Garnett, A.R. Powys, J.C. Powys, Sylvia Townsend Warner and other as well as notes about books, and lists. Bound in black leather, with gold lettering.