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RICHARD PENNINGTON PAPERS

A collection of the writings and correspondence of Richard Pennington (b. 1904), author, librarian (Head Librarian, University of Queensland, Australia, 1939-1946; University Librarian, McGill University, 1947-64), bibliographer, amateur printer.

Dates covered: ca. 1930-1990s.

Scope

Material includes correspondence and research materials relating to RP's research on the etchings of Wenceslaus Hollar and drafts of his book, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Etched Work of Wencelaus Hollar, 1607-1677* (Cambridge University Press, 1982). There is also considerable correspondence with Sidney Fisher on his collection of Hollar etchings, Shakespeare, and on other subjects.

Other material relates to RP's book: *Peterley Harvest: the Private Diary of David Peterley* (London: Hutchinson, 1960); and to his unpublished memoirs. There are also letters from various English authors and correspondence and papers relating to RP's work as librarian and secretary for the National Liberal Club, London, Eng. in the 1930s and for the Czechoslovakian Committee, which he was instrumental in founding in London in May 1938. Additional material relates to two visits to Czechoslovakia in 1938. Some later material relates to RP's private press publications.

Donated in several accessions, beginning in 1982.

Restrictions: Early drafts of RP's autobiography (Boxes 14-16) are restricted until after his death.
Family correspondence (Box 28) is restricted until RP's death.
Other materials are available without restriction as of November 1999.
(See letter from RP, dated November 1999)

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Extent: ~~30~~ boxes; 2 vols.

Located at Downsview Offsite Storage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- 1904 Born in Rugby, England
1921 Graduated from Rugby Lower School
1924 B.A., University of Birmingham
1932 Library Diploma, University of London
1934-39 Gladstone Librarian and Secretary of National Liberal Club,
London
1938-40 Founder and Secretary of the Czechoslovakian Association,
London
1938 Two visits to Czechoslovakia
1939-1946 Head Librarian, University of Queensland, Australia
1940 Married Françoise, daughter of M. Julien Durand, in Paris
1942-44 Served in World War II, Coastal Patrol, Australia N.V.R.
1946 Appointed Assistant University Librarian, McGill University,
Montreal
1947 Appointed University Librarian, McGill University
1957 Inaugurated the Redpath Press at McGill University
1960 Published *Peterley Harvest; the Private Diary of David Peterley*
(London: Hutchinson)
1964 Retired from McGill University
Moved to France
1967 Founded the Presse de l'Apricotier abattu, a private press in his
home in France, and began publishing booklets and ephemera
1982 Publication of his *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Etched Work of*
Wencelaus Hollar (Cambridge University Press)

CONTAINER LIST

FIRST ACCESSION 1982

CORRESPONDENCE

Box 1 Correspondence to RP. 1930-1965.

Box 2 Correspondence to RP. 1966-1973.

An index to correspondents was compiled for these two boxes.

Box 3 Correspondence re RP's appointment to McGill, 1945-47.

Correspondence re Canadian printing and the Redpath Press.

Correspondence from RP to Eric Counsell. 1968-73.

Correspondence from RP to Charles Seymour, 1967-73.

Correspondence from RP to Sidney Fisher. 1967-73.

Correspondence from RP to a variety of individuals. 1940-73.

Box 4 Biographical materials. Photographs, sketches.

Notebook of clippings re the death of A.E. Housman, 1936.

Typed copy of diary of Cyril Williams.

WRITINGS BY RP

Box 5 Miscellaneous writings by RP:

Box 6

Includes typescripts of articles, pamphlets, etc.

2 loose leaf notebooks.

Typescript of translation of "Revolutions" by S. Michaelis.

Boxes 7-11 Catalogue of the work of Wenceslaus Hollar. La Haye, 1972.

Typescript and holograph. (photocopy)

Later published as *a Descriptive Catalogue of the Etched Work of Wenceslaus Hollar, 1607-1677*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982).

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LATER ACCESSIONS

WRITINGS BY RP

- Box 12 *Mr. Peterley in N.S.W.* 1984. Typescript.
- Illustrations to *Peterley Harvest*.
 Looseleaf notebook with original photographs, postcards, with
 captions in RP's hand.
- Correspondence re *Peterley Harvest*. 1973-79. 1 folder.
- Correspondence with Sidney Fisher and notes re Mary Fitton. 1968-73.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS

- Box 13 Extracts from old notebooks. 1960-1971. 1 vol. Holograph.
- Extracts from old notebooks. 1967; 1968; 1974. 1 vol. Holograph.
- Journal. Nov. 1971-9. With interspersed extracts from old diaries.
 1 vol. Holograph.
- Journal. 1980-85. 1 vol. Holograph.
- Narrative written July-August 1981. 18 leaves.
 Typescript and holograph.
- Rugby & the Penningtons. 1978. Loose leaf notebook. Typescript.
- Notes de restaurants. Collection of restaurant bills in folder.

Box 14 **RESTRICTED MATERIAL**

Box 15
Box 16

 Early versions of RP's autobiography, under various titles:
 Bavarderies; Sunlight and the Air; Landfall at Evening.
 Restricted at RP's request until after his death.

- Box 16 The New Society. 1990. Typescript.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Box 17 Correspondence to RP
 Includes letters from Will Carter, Sidney Fisher, 1978-80 (2 large folders), Frances Guthrie, Alice Hadfield, Elizabeth Lewis, David McKitterick, Scott-Elliot, Charles Seymour (3 large files) A Shapiro, Oliver Warner, Hedley Warr, and several others.
- Box 18 Correspondence from RP
 Includes letters to Will Carter, Peter Collins, E.M. Counsell, Charles Fisher, Sidney Fisher, David Fleeman, Alice Hadfield, Elizabeth Lewis, Anette McConnell, David McKitterick, Oliver Warner, and others.
- Box 19 Correspondence from RP to Charles Seymour, 1971-1982.
- Box 20 Correspondence from RP to Sidney Fisher, 1973-1985.
- Box 21 Correspondence between RP and Sidney Fisher. 1983-1989.
- Box 22 Correspondence from Arthur Machen to RP. 1935-39.
 Correspondence from Janet Machen to RP. 1985-1993.
- Box 23 Correspondence from and papers relating to Robert Nichols. 1930s.
 Includes typescript of chapter from "Landfall at Night", entitled "Sweetness and Light".

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB MATERIAL

- Box 24 Correspondence re the National Liberal Club, London, Eng. 1930s.

 RP was Librarian and Secretary of the National Liberal Club in the 1930s and was active in arranging for lectures by various eminent authors. Correspondence includes letters from a large number of English authors.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN MATERIALS

- Box 25 Correspondence re the Czechoslovakian Committee, organized in London in May 1938.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN MATERIALS

Box 25 *The Czechoslovak Broadsheets*. Nos. 1-2. 1938

Correspondence, bills and receipts documenting RP's visits to
Czechoslovakia, June & Sept. 1938.

Correspondence from Libuse Ambros

HOLLAR RESEARCH MATERIALS

Box 26) RP's research materials for his catalogue of Wenceslaus Hollar.

Box 27) Includes correspondence, articles, clippings, etc.

FAMILY PAPERS (RESTRICTED)

Box 28 Family correspondence. Ca.1940-1961.

Restricted at RP's request until his death.

PRIVATE PRESS MATERIALS

Box 29 Printed works and ephemera from RP's private presses

PUBLISHED WORKS

Item 30 David Peterley. *Peterley harvest; the private diary of David Peterley now
for the first time printed*. London: Hutchinson, 1960.

Presented to Sidney T. Fisher from Richard Pennington, Sept.
1968.

Item 31 Richard Pennington. *Christopher Brennan; some recollections*. Sydney,
Angus and Robertson, 1970.

Presented by the author to Sidney Fisher, 1976.

Feb. 1999, Dec. 1999
K. Martyn

Box 32 *Correspondence*