FOSTER, JOHN WILSON.
John Wilson Foster papers, 1965-2018

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Foster, John Wilson.
Title: John Wilson Foster papers, 1965-2018
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1102
Extent: 36.5 linear feet (38 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)
Abstract: Papers of John Wilson Foster, professor and critic of Irish literature, including writings, correspondence, photographs, printed material, audiovisual material, and writings by others.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Appraisal Note
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Processing
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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of John Wilson Foster from 1973-2003. The papers include writings, correspondence, photographs, printed material, and writings by others. Writings by Foster include drafts of his critical work in addition to some original poetry. Also included are correspondence from and writings by many Irish writers, such as Seamus Heaney, Benedict Kiely, Philip Hobsbaum, Ciaran Carson, Gerald Dawe, Michael Longley, James Simmons, and others. The collection also includes correspondence and printed material relating to several conferences and summer programs, in addition to the publication of the *Field Day Anthology of Irish Literature* (Foster served as a contributing editor for this publication). Additions consist of additional writings by Foster and subject files he compiled while researching his numerous books. Subject files concern the literature, culture, and politics of Ireland and Northern Ireland; the natural history of Northern Ireland; the Passenger Pigeon; and the Titanic. Additions also include some audiovisual material.

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.
## Container List

### John Wilson Foster

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4 International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures (IASIL) Conference, Belfast, 1985
4 Irish writers at University of British Columbia 2001
4 John Hewitt Summer School

Printed material
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4 Poetry magazines
4 Prism International

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