Letters to Frieda Hughes, 1971-1997

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Abstract: Letters to Frieda Hughes from her father English poet Ted Hughes and stepmother Carol Hughes.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Frieda Rebecca Hughes (1960- ), British author and artist, daughter of Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath, was born in London on April 1, 1960. Hughes studied art in London and has participated in numerous group and solo exhibitions in Australia, the United States, and England, where her oil paintings received an award from the Royal Academy in London.


Scope and Content Note
The collection consists primarily of letters to Frieda Hughes from her father, Ted Hughes and stepmother, Carol Hughes from 1971-1997. A few of the letters are addressed to her brother, Nicholas. Many of the early letters, 1971-1978, were written while Frieda and her brother, Nicholas were attending Ibstock Place School in London and then Bedales School in Petersfield, Hants. These letters discuss news regarding their home, various pets, encouraging words about school work, and writing and language lessons/exercises written by her father. Of particular interest are a series of 1971 letters written while her father was in Paris and Teheran, Iran working with Peter Brooks on the production of *Orghast*; a humorous account of a meeting with the Royal family written on 14 February 1975; and a lengthy and humorous letter describing the day that Ted Hughes received the OBE from the Queen in 1977. In the later years, there are several letters which contain comments that Ted Hughes made regarding his daughter's writings.

Also included in the collection; two sketchbooks containing several drawings by Ted Hughes and some loose sketches one by Sylvia Plath; Ted Hughes' death certificate; and a chronology of events from 1956-1971, written by Ted Hughes for Frieda Hughes. The collection also includes an index to the entire collection with extensive comments by Frieda Hughes. The number in brackets following each letter corresponds to this inventory.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in chronological order.
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