

HUGHES, GERALD, 1920- Gerald Hughes papers, circa 1910-2006

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Hughes, Gerald, 1920-
Title: Gerald Hughes papers, circa 1910-2006
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 854
Extent: 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes) and AV Masters: 1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of Gerald Hughes, including letters from his brother, English poet and author Ted Hughes. The collection also includes letters from Ted Hughes to their parents, family photographs, and films.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access

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Related Materials in Other Repositories

Ted Hughes mss. II, 12 letters from Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath to Gerald and Joan Hughes from 1957-1962, Lilly Library, Indiana University.

Related Materials in This Repository

Ted Hughes papers

Source

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Gerald Hughes, born in 1920, is the older brother of Ted Hughes (1930-1998), English poet and author, who served as Poet Laureate to the Queen from 1984 until his death in 1998. Gerald, Ted, and their sister Olwyn were born to William Henry Hughes (1894 - 1981) and Edith (Farrar) Hughes (1898 - 1969) of Mytholmroyd, a small village in the western region of Yorkshire, England. In 1938, when the Hughes family moved south to the mining town of Mexborough in order to open a newsagent's shop, Gerald did not join the family and instead moved to Devon and took a job as a gamekeeper. Gerald enlisted in the British Army Royal Air Force in 1939, and traveled to Algeria and Egypt during World War II. After the war, Gerald returned briefly to live with his parents in Mexborough, then in 1952, immigrated to Australia with his wife Joan.

Scope and Content Note

The first major portion of the collection consists of letters from Ted Hughes, in England, to his brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Joan Hughes, in Australia, between 1952 and 1991. The letters provide an intimate look at Ted Hughes as he discusses personal matters such as the birth of his children; his separation from Sylvia Plath; and the deaths of his partner, Assia Wevill, their daughter Shura, and his mother. Hughes also writes about his career including his teaching and writing.

The second major portion of the collection includes letters from Edith (Farrar) Hughes, William Henry Hughes, and Hilda Farrar, Edith's sister, to Gerald Hughes and his family, written between 1952 and the 1990s. This family correspondence provides further insight into the life and work of Ted Hughes and also provides more extensive details of the relationships between the Hughes family members.

Another portion of this collection includes photographs of Ted Hughes, taken throughout his lifetime, in addition to early family photographs of Edith and William Henry Hughes and their parents. Many of the photographs were taken by Gerald Hughes during family trips back to England.

A final portion of this collection consists of drawings and writings by Ted Hughes, such as drafts of unpublished poems or original poems written for Gerald Hughes, and two writings by his mother, Edith (Farrar) Hughes. Also included are two films shot by Gerald Hughes in 1964 during a visit to England, one of which contains rare footage of Assia Wevill and Ted Hughes in London during the changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Correspondence: Ted Hughes

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Undated
1	2	1952 - 1959
1	3	1960 - 1969
1	4	1970 - 1979
1	5	1980 - 1988; 1991
1	6	Envelopes

Correspondence: Family

1	7	Undated
1	8	1952 - 1954; 1956 - 1959
1	9	1960 -1962
1	10	1963 - 1965
1	11	1966 - 1969
1	12	1970s
1	13	1980s
1	14	1990s
1	15	Ted Hughes Correspondence, 1963-1998

Writings by Ted Hughes

2	1	"Birthday Ode," TS
2	2	<i>Birthday Ode for Brother Gerald</i> , includes "Invocation to the Nearest Muse, and a Tuning of Instruments," "Lustral Rite for the Mortal Imagination," "Overture," "1st Movement," "2nd Movement," "3rd Movement," and "Epithalamium," TS
-	-	"Crow Hill," TS (See Correspondence, 1958)
-	-	"The Horses," TS (See Correspondence, 24 April 1957)
2	3	"On the Anniversary of Your Leaving," TS
-	-	"Pike," TS (See Correspondence, 1958)
2	4	"The Poet's Voice," TS
-	-	"Relic," TS (See Correspondence, 1958)
-	-	"Thrushes," TS (See Correspondence 1958)
2	5	"The Tomb," TS
-	-	"A Whatawhichawho....," MS (See Correspondence, Envelopes, 1963)

Writing by Edith Hughes

2	6	"Past and Present" and untitled poem
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Drawings by Ted Hughes

2 7 Drawing of Tolstoy for Assia Wevill

Photographs: Family

2 8 1910s, Edith Farrar's mother, known as "Granny Farrar"
 2 9 1912, Walter and Thomas Farrar with 2 unidentified individuals, Happy Valley campsite, Hardcastle Craggs, Yorkshire
 2 10 1914, William Henry Hughes in uniform, British Army, 20th Regiment of Foot, known as the Lancashire Fusiliers, 42nd Division
 2 11 1919 February 18, William Henry Hughes with Lancashire Fusiliers [?]
 2 12 1919 June 3, Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to Sergeant William Henry Hughes by G.S. Castle, Lieutenant Colonel Commanding [reproduction of award text]
 2 13 1919-1920, William Henry Hughes, Hebden Bridge Yorkshire Football Club
 2 14 1920s, Edith Hughes, portrait
 2 15 1924, Granny and Granddad Farrar, Gerald and Ted Hughes's maternal grandparents, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire
 2 16 1930s, Grandmother Hughes
 2 17 1939, William and Edith Hughes in front of shop, Mexborough, Yorkshire
 2 18 1960, Edith and William Hughes with Hilda Farrar, The Beacon, Heptonstall, Yorkshire
 2 19 2000s, The Stepping Stones, Hardcastle Craggs, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, favorite spot of Edith and William Henry Hughes

Photographs: Ted Hughes

2 20 1936, Ted, Olwyn, and Edith Hughes, Yorkshire
 2 21 1940, Ted Hughes, School photo [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]
 2 22 circa 1942-1951, Ted Hughes and Johnny Wholey, Crookhill Estate, Yorkshire [3 images]
 2 23 1945, Ted and Gerald Hughes with fishing rods
 2 24 circa 1945, Ted Hughes at Mexborough School outing, Yorkshire
 2 25 1946, Ted and Olwyn Hughes [in mirror reflection], Mexborough, Yorkshire [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]
 2 26 1946, Ted and Gerald Hughes, Hardcastle Craggs, Yorkshire [2 photographs]
 2 27 1946, Ted Hughes, Mexborough, Yorkshire
 2 28 circa 1947, Ted Hughes on patio, Mexborough, Yorkshire
 2 29 1947, Ted, Gerald, and Olwyn Hughes, Mexborough, Yorkshire
 2 30 1948, Ted and Gerald Hughes at pond, Crookhill, Conisboro, Yorkshire
 2 31 1948, Ted, Gerald and Olwyn Hughes, formal portrait [reproduction]

- 2 32 circa 1949-1950, Ted Hughes at 75 Main Street, Mexborough, Yorkshire
- 2 33 circa 1950-1954, Ted Hughes, Cambridge University
- 2 34 circa 1950, Ted and Edith Hughes, Mexborough, Yorkshire
- 2 35 circa 1950, Ted Hughes with parents, William and Edith Hughes, Mexborough, Yorkshire
- 2 36 1952, Ted Hughes outside Pembroke College, Cambridge [2 photographs]
- 2 37 1952, Ted, Gerald and Joan Hughes on trip to Devon and Wales [22 images]
- 2 38 1952, Gerald Hughes, at site of Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*, Yorkshire and long shot of house [2 images]
- 2 39 1954, Ted Hughes, Cambridge class photo [Stearns & Sons, photographer] with article about the 1974 Queen's Medal for Poetry on back [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]
- 2 40 circa 1957, Ted and Edith Hughes, before he went to America
- 2 41 1957 July, Ted and Sylvia Hughes, on the Queen Elizabeth, USA bound
- 2 42 1957, Ted Hughes, on fishing boat, United States; Sylvia Hughes, on fishing boat, United States [2 images]
- 2 43 1959, Sylvia Plath and William and Edith Hughes, leaning against stone wall, The Beacon, Heptonstall, Yorkshire [2 photographs]
- 2 44 1959, Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath, Hilda Farrar, and William and Edith Hughes, The Beacon, Yorkshire
- 2 45 1959, Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath, The Beacon, Yorkshire
- 2 46 1959, Ted and Edith Hughes and Sylvia Plath, The Beacon, Yorkshire
- 2 47 1959 July, Ted Hughes at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]
- 2 48 1959 July, Ted Hughes on dock, Cornucopia, Wisconsin [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]
- 2 49 1959 July, Ted Hughes at unknown lake during United States trip [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]
- 2 50 1959 December, Ted Hughes, portrait [Atlas Photo Studio, Boston]
- 2 51 1960, Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath, Frieda Hughes, and Edith Hughes, sitting on bench, London
- 2 52 1960, Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath, Frieda Hughes, and Vicky [cousin], sitting on lawn chairs, Court Green, Devon
- 2 53 1960 June 23, Louis McNeice, T.S. Eliot, Ted Hughes, W.H. Auden, and Stephen Spender at Faber and Faber cocktail party honoring Auden [Mark Gerson photographer] [reproduction]
- 2 54 1961, Sylvia Plath on blanket with baby carriage, Primrose Hill, London [See also MSS 644, Ted Hughes papers, Series 7: Photographs, "No Other Appetite," for exhibit print]

- 2 55 1962 April, Sylvia Plath, Frieda [holding daffodils] and Nicholas, Court Green, Devon [Siv Arb, photographer]
- 2 56 1962, Ted and Nicholas Hughes, Court Green, Devon
- 2 57 1962, Sylvia Plath and Nicholas, Court Green, Devon
- 2 58 circa 1966, Gerald Hughes and Assia Wevill
- 2 59 1970s, Ted Hughes at Carol's house, Devon
- 2 60 1970s, Ted Hughes, Lumb Bank, Yorkshire [2 photographs]
- 2 61 1970s, Ted, Gerald, and Nicholas Hughes and Jack Orchard
- 2 62 1970s, Ted Hughes and Michael Dighton, Devon
- 2 63 1970s, Ted Hughes, Michael Dighton and Henry Williamson
- 2 64 1970s, Ted Hughes with large Nile Perch [2 images]
- 2 65 1974, Ted Hughes, sitting at picnic table, Court Green, Devon
- 2 66 1975, Ted and Gerald Hughes, fishing on the Taw [6 images]
- 2 67 1975, Ted Hughes, Moortown Farm, Devon
- 2 68 1975, Ted and Gerald, Bondeigh Bridge, Devon
- 2 69 1975, Ted, Joan, and Carol Hughes, Jack Orchard, and vet, Moortown, Devon
- 2 70 1976, Ted Hughes, trip to Australia [8 images]
- 2 71 1978, Ted and Nicholas Hughes, firing rifles, Moortown, Devon
- 2 72 1978 August, Ted and Olwyn Hughes, Olwyn's library, London [No reproduction allowed.]
- 2 73 1979, Richard Thomas, Olwyn Hughes, Hilda Farrar, Nicholas Hughes, and Ted Hughes at Olwyn and Richard Thomas's wedding
- 2 74 1980s, Ted Hughes fishing in Canada
- 2 75 1990s, House in which Ted Hughes was born, 1 Aspinall Street, Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire [2 images, one taken in fall, the other on a snowy winter day]
- 2 76 1990, Ted and Carol Hughes and Gerald and Joan Hughes, Scotland trip [8 images] [No reproduction allowed.]
- 2 77 1990, Ted and Carol Hughes and Gerald and Joan Hughes, Devon [18 images]
- 2 78 1990, Ted and Carol Hughes with the Queen Mother's 90th Birthday Ode
- 2 79 2000s, commemorative plaque marking spot at which the photograph that inspired Ted Hughes's poem, "Six Young Men" was taken and 1914 photograph of the "six young men," inscribed by Ted Hughes on back
- 2 80 2006, Ted Hughes birthplace commemoration stone, Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire [2 images]

Ephemera

- 2 81 Ted Hughes, Wallet

Audiovisual material

- AV1 - "The Beacon," Gerald Hughes's 1964 Trip to England with family, Views of Yorks Beacon, Irish Visit to Paul and Alice Tooman [original: 8mm film] (Betacam copy in AV2)
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id q43bp]
- AV1 Ted and Assia, 1964, Ted Hughes and Assia Wevill in London at the changing of the guard (film shot by Gerald Hughes)[original: 8mm film] (Betacam copy in AV2)
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id q43dz]
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