

**FISHER, JOHN, 1914-1980.**  
**Fisher family collection of Ted Hughes**  
**materials, 1946-2008 [bulk 1946-1981]**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Fisher, John, 1914-1980.  
**Title:** Fisher family collection of Ted Hughes materials, 1946-2008 [bulk 1946-1981]  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1349  
**Extent:** 1 linear feet (2 boxes and 1 oversized paper (OP))  
**Abstract:** Papers collected by Mexborough School teacher John Fisher and his family about Fisher's student, Ted Hughes, including correspondence, clippings, writings, photographs, and audiocassettes as well as writings by John Fisher about education in general.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

John Fisher (1914-1980) was a teacher at the grammar school in the community of Mexborough, England, starting as a student teacher in 1935 until his retirement as second deputy-headmaster and master of charge of the Sixth Form College in 1974. He taught both Ted Hughes and Brian O'Malley. Ted Hughes credits Fisher with introducing him to poetry, and they continued their relationship until Fisher's death in 1981.

Fisher was born in Millom in Northern England and moved to South Yorkshire when he went to Sheffield University to study English. He graduated in 1934 and earned a Master of Arts and Postgraduate Diploma in Education in 1935. He did his teaching practice at Mexborough, Yorkshire, and was offered a temporary appointment in January 1936 working his way to deputy headmaster before his retirement. He married his wife, Nancy, in 1938, and they had a daughter, Angela.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of materials relating to Ted Hughes and collected by his school teacher John Fisher and the Fisher family. Included are letters, writings, newspaper clippings and obituaries of Fisher and Hughes. There are a few photographs of Hughes and Fisher together circa 1970 as well as class photographs from the school Fisher taught at and one of a young Hughes in a theater production. There are writings by both Fisher and Hughes as well as others either about Hughes, Fisher, or Mexborough Grammar School. There are also audio recordings of Fisher reading Hughes' poems and of Hughes talking about children's poetry as well as printed materials containing writings by Hughes or those that were produced at Mexborough Grammar School, especially *The Don and Deane*.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1960-2008
OP1	-	Correspondence, 1966
AV1	-	Interview, Ted Hughes talking about children's poetry, undated [original: audiocassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rg1t4]
AV1	-	Interview, third form pupil at Conisborough Northcliff School, undated [original: audiocassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rg1s0]
1	2	Photographs, The Grammar School, Mexborough (album), 1948
1	3	Photographs, Ted Hughes, John Fisher, and unidentified woman, 1974, undated
1	4	Photographs, Ted Hughes in production of Thunder Rock, circa 1940s
1	5	Printed material, 1969, 1981
2	1	Printed material, <i>The Art of Ted Hughes</i> , 1980
1	6	Printed material, "Hughes Cuttings," clippings, 1967, undated
1	7	Printed material, clippings, 1968-2008
1	8	Printed material, clippings, John Fisher obituaries, April 1980
1	9	Printed material, clippings, Ted Hughes obituaries, 1998
2	2	Printed material, <i>The Don and Dean</i> , 1939, 1946-1948, 1950
2	3	Printed material, <i>The Don and Dean</i> , 1951-1955
2	4	Printed material, <i>The Don and Dean</i> , 1956-January 1957
2	5	Printed material, <i>The Don and Dean</i> , October 1957-1960, 1968
2	6	Printed material, <i>M. G. S. Occasions</i> , 1948
2	7	Printed material, <i>New Poetry</i> , 1964
2	8	Printed material, <i>The Wathonian</i> , 1954
AV1	-	Readings of Ted Hughes materials by John Fisher, undated [original: audiocassette] see also "Interview, third form pupil at Conisborough Northcliff School" [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rg1rv]
1	10	Writing, Angela Fisher, unfinished memoir and notes, undated
1	11	Writing, Christopher Reid, <i>The Letters of Ted Hughes</i> , notes and correspondence, 2003-2006
1	12	Writing, Craig Robinson, interview and notes on interview with John Fisher about Ted Hughes, 1978
1	13	Writing, John Fisher, Letter to the Editor (Times), "Improving Literacy in the Schools," undated
1	14	Writing, John Fisher, class notes on Hughes and Gunn, undated
1	15	Writing, John Fisher, The Descent of 6F: A Speleological Adventure - Being a Parody of the Ascent of 6F, undated

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| 1 | 16 | Writing, Norman Nicholson, review of <i>Crow</i> , undated            |
| 1 | 17 | Writing, Peter Darvill, School Speech Day, 1961                       |
| 1 | 18 | Writing, Ted Hughes, John Fisher funeral address, 1981                |
| 1 | 19 | Writing, Ted Hughes, school notebooks and records, 1946-1949, undated |
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