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Summary

Creator: Stewart, Douglas, 1913-1985
Title: Papers of Douglas Stewart
Date range: 1935-1977
Reference number: MS 4829
Extent: 96cm (6 boxes)
Repository: National Library of Australia Canberra
Location: Manuscript Reading Room

Scope and Content

The papers comprise poems, reviews, essays, broadcasts, the original manuscript of *The seven rivers*, transcripts of interviews, the script of Stewart's adaptation of *The cenci*, inscribed copy of 'The garden of ships', drafts of poems by Roderic Quinn, Robert D. FitzGerald and others and a copy of R.D. FitzGerald's *Heemskerck shoals*, illustrated by G. Ingleton and published by the Mountainside Press. They also include: correspondence and photographs, some relating to his research on Kenneth Slessor; drafts of book reviews, manuscripts of poems, *A man of Sydney*, *Norman Lindsay: a personal memoir*, the script *Ned Kelly*, the script for the ABC TV adaptation of *Hamlet* and *The broad stream* and letters and manuscripts of David Campbell.

Major correspondents include Nancy Keesing, Ronald McQuaig, William Hart-Smith, Francis Webb, Eve Langley, Robert G. FitzGerald, Tyrone Guthrie, A.D. Hope, A.A. Stewart, A.A. Phillips, John Blight and Judith Wright.

Biographical Note

Douglas Alexander Stewart was born in Eltham, New Zealand on 6 May 1913 and died in Sydney on 14 February 1985. He was educated at New Plymouth Boys' High School in New Zealand and Victoria University College, Wellington. Stewart married the artist Margaret Coen in 1946.

Stewart worked as a cadet journalist on newspapers in New Zealand before joining the Sydney *Bulletin* in 1938 as assistant editor of the Red
Page. From 1940 to 1961 he was literary editor of the *Bulletin* and from 1961 to 1971 was poetry editor at Angus & Robertson. He was a member of the advisory board of the Commonwealth Literary Fund from 1955 to 1970. His works included, plays, poetry, short stories, criticism and anthologies of Australian literature.

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Administrative Information

Access
Partly restricted: boxes 1-2 available for reference; boxes 3-6 restricted until 29 August 2002.

Restrictions on Use

Preferred Citation

Provenance
The Stewart Papers were purchased from Douglas Stewart in 1974. Additions were made to the collection by Stewart in 1976 and 1977 and by Meg Stewart in 1991.

Additional Information

Related Material

Original drawings by Norman Lindsay for *Sun orchids* and *Five bells* are held by the Pictorial Section (R7161, location 8991).

Four letters from Kenneth Slessor to Norman Lindsay (donated by Douglas Stewart) are held at MS 3098.

Access Terms

Personal Names

- Quinn, Roderic, 1869-1949
- FitzGerald, Robert D. (Robert David), 1902-1987
- Ingleton, Geoffrey C. (Geoffrey Chapman), 1908-1988
- Slessor, Kenneth, 1901-1971
- Russell, Julian
- Campbell, David, 1915-1979
- Keesing, Nancy, 1923-1993
- McQuaig, Ronald
- Hart-Smith, William, 1911-1990
- Webb, Francis, 1925-1973
• Langley, Eve, 1908-1974
• Guthrie, Tyrone, 1900-1971
• Hope, A.D. (Alec Derwent), 1907-2000
• Stewart, A.A.
• Phillips, A.A. (Arthur Angell), 1900-
• Blight, John, 1913-
• Wright, Judith, 1915-2000

**Container List**

**Original Consignment**

Box 1

Folder 1
  Information collected for a book on Kenneth Slessor

Folder 2
  Radio interviews

Folder 3
  Original manuscripts of various essays and broadcasts, mainly on literary subjects

Folder 4
  Original illustrations by Stewart's wife, Margaret Coen. (See Pictorial Section for 36 original drawings by Norman Lindsay for *Sun orchards* and *Five bells*, R7161, location 8991)

Folder 5-7
  *The seven rivers*. Original manuscripts, revised final manuscripts.

Folder 8-9
  Manuscripts of poems, including original manuscripts, working or rough drafts, and final manuscripts with revisions and annotations.

Folder 10
  Original manuscripts of a short story 'The people were different', published in *A girl with red hair*. Published poem 'The garden of ships', with pen drawings by Norman Lindsay.

Box 2
Folder 11
Original manuscripts of poems by Roderic Quinn, Robert Fitzgerald and others, mainly contributions to *The bulletin*. Other material including original Norman Lindsay manuscripts.

Folder 12
Original manuscripts of various essays and broadcasts, mainly on literary subjects

Folder 13
*The broad stream; aspects of Australian literature*, manuscript.

Folder 14
*Norman Lindsay: a personal memoir*, manuscript.

Folder 15
Manuscripts of poems, book reviews, etc.

Folder 16
*A man of Sydney: an appreciation of Kenneth Slessor*. Original manuscript

Folder 17
*Ned Kelly*, Script *Hamlet*, adaptation for A.B.C.

Folder 18
Arthur A. Phillips. Letters (22) and manuscripts (3), 1943 - 71. (From the addition September 1977, now available for reference).

**Addition 16 August 1991**

Box 2
(Folder 19a)
Manuscript of *The fire on the snow* (1 volume)

**Addition September 1977**

Restricted correspondence

The correspondence is in boxes 3-6 (folders 19-56). The total (a few manuscripts included as letters) is about 1664 items. Figures given for the various boxes and folders are approximate only, apart from possible
mistakes in counting, there has been some reshuffling from one box or folder to another when items were discovered to be out of place.

Box 3

Folder 19
  Letter from George Finey.

Folder 20
  Letters mainly from English writers (Edmund Blunden, John Cowper Powys, Sylvia Townsend Warner, John Betjeman, etc) ca. 22 items.

Folder 21
  Nancy Keesing (10)

Folder 22
  Ronald McQuaig (15)

Folder 23
  William Hart-Smith (18), (includes 1ms)

Folder 24
  Francis Webb (29)

Folder 25
  Eve Langley (20) (includes 4 mss plus Bulletin clipping)

Folder 26
  Sundry manuscripts, mainly contributions to the Bulletin, some unpublished, (45)

Folder 27
  Robert D. FitzGerald (79)

Folder 28
  Tyrone Guthrie (12)

Folder 29
  Mary Gilmore (6) plus copy of photograph

Folder 30
  Kenneth Slessor (4)

Folder 31
  A.D. Hope (19)
Box 4

Folder 32
Early letters to and from Stewart, mainly relating to visit to England 1937 (24)

Folder 33
John Tierney (Brian James) (27)

Folder 34
A.A. Stewart (father) (53)

Folder 35
Britannica Award (62)

Folder 36
H. Drake-Brockman (12) A.A. Phillips (22, including 3 mss, see Box 2, folder 18)

Folder 37
John Blight (21, including 2 mss)

Folder 38
Judith Wright (36, including 13 mss)

Folder 39
Letters mainly to do with productions of plays, from BBC, ABC, etc. (130)

Folder 40
Letters from Stewart to parents during visit to England, 1937 (35)

Box 5

Folder 41
Publishing, magazine and broadcasting business letters (35)

Folder 42
Letters from family (96)

Folder 43
Melbourne University Press, Curtis Brown Ltd (agent), etc. (29)

Folder 44
Rosemary Dobson (7)
Folder 45
  Geoffrey Cahill (1)

Folder 46-47
  Letters (ca. 166 items), 1942-77
  See Correspondence index 1 for contents.

Folder 48-50
  Letters (ca. 204 items), 1939-77
  See Correspondence index 2 for contents.

Box 6

Folder 51-53
  Letters (ca. 189 items), 1935-77
  See Correspondence index 3 for contents.

Folder 54-56
  Letters and manuscripts from David Campbell
  Letters: approx 172 and Manuscripts: approx 17

**Correspondence Index 1: Letters, 1942-77 (folders 46-47)**

Abernethy, John (Angus & Robertson editor) (2)
Alexander, W.E. (1)
Alexander, W.F. (1)
Anderson, Ethel (1)
Bolton, A.T (2).
Bladen, Peter (2)
Burston, J. (1)
Beaver, Bruce (4)
Bell, Anne (second cousin of Stewart, poetess) (2)
Blainey, Geoffrey (2)
Clunes, Alex (1)
Crossle, Francis (friend of Norman Lindsay) (1)
Crossle, Giselle (1)
Conolly, Roy (4)
Cusack, Dymphna (1)
Cull, Norman (1)
Collins, Sir John (2)
Davis, Norma (7)
Donovan, Lloyd (1)
Dobson, Ruth (1)
FitzSimon, friend of Tyrone Guthrie in Ireland (1)
Finey, George (5)
Ferguson, George (1)
Fuchs, Rudolf (1)
Fara, Abdullah (1)
Fisher, Judith (A & R secretary) (2)
Finlayson, Rod (NZ short story writer) (2)
Grove-Day, Prof. A. (1)
Grigolini, Silvana (1)
Glassop, Lawson (3)
Griffiths, Nesta (1)
Garner, Roy (1)
Glover, Denis (NZ poet) (1)
Geering, Prof. R. (1)
Gary (1)
Gollschewsky, Esme (1)
Gye, Hal see Hackston, John
Hittman, Dr Bruce (1)
Howarth, R.G. (7)
Halinbourg, Beryl (1, plus poems)
Hart, John (1)
Hackston, James (Hal Gye) (2)
Heap, E.G. (1)
Herbert, Xavier (7)
Howell, Maxwell (1)
Hughes, Robert (letter to Hughes from Stewart) (1)
Kefala, Antigone (1)
Jeune, Dick (friend of Beatrice Davis) (3)
Latham, Nan (1)
Maslin, Fin (NZ friend) (1)
Mitchell, Irene (Little Theatre, Melbourne) (1)
Murray, Les (4)
Moore, Dora Willcox (1)
Macainsh, Noel (4)
Mackenzie, Kenneth (2)
Mohay, Albert (1)
McKelvie, Penny (1)
Mathew, Ray (6)
Mackenzie, Murdoch (1)
Morris, Myra (1)
Mason, Bruce (1)
McKern, Leo (actor) (1)
Oliver, Prof. H. (1)
Onishi, Y. (1)
Price, Sir Grenfall (2)
Phelan, Nancy (1)
Penberthy, Wesley (artist) (1)
Palmer, R.G. (NZ friend) (1)
Pollard, J. (1)
Prichard, Katharine Susanah (1)
Porter, J.A. (Queensland writer) (1)
Rees, Lloyd (1)
Rodd, L.C. (husband of Kylie Tennant) (1)
Reid, J.C. (1)
Shapcott, Tom (8)
Smith, Vivian (1)
Shlunke, Eric (3)
Swan, Robert (1)
Syme, Prof. Ronald (Oxford, came from Eltham, NZ) (1)
Sargeson, Frank (NZ short story writer) (1)
Shepherd, Lilian (Mrs R.G. Howarth) (1)
Skrznecki, Peter (1)
Taylor, George (1)
Thames, J.R. (1)
Tremearne, Ruff (friend of Norman Lindsay) (1)
Ventris, Nan (1)
Vernon, Inge (1)
Veronica, Mother (1)
Waten, Judah (1)
Wilson, Harry (1)
Wills, Henry (1)
Walker, Margaret (1)
Wells, Henry (1)
Westwater, M.A. (1)
Young, G.F. (1)

**Correspondence Index 2: Letters, 1939-77 (folders 48-50)**

Adams, David (Bulletin editor) (2)
Abbey, Ron (bookseller) (1)
Ashbolt, Allan (1)
Alderson, J.J. (1)
Baxter, James (NZ poet) (2)
Buckley, Vincent (1)
Beston, John (3)
Bedford, Ruth (1)
Beer, R.K. (1)
Barnard, Marjorie (1)
Burgess, Neil (1)
Blair, Ron (1)
Bannister, Barry (1)
Brooks, Sir Dallas (1)
Craig, Alexander (1)
Coombs, H.C. Dr (1)
Campion, Richard (NZ play producer) (3)
Combs, L. (1)
Cutler, Sir Roden (1)
Clewlow, Frank D. (ABC producer) (3)
Cowper, Lady N.E. (Hugh McCrae's daughter) (1)
Cato, Nancy (1)
Colebatch, Hal (1)
Conlon, D.A. (1)
Cumming, W.R. (1)
Chisholm, Prof. A.R. (1)
Davis, Beatrice (4)
Dixon, Betty (1)
Day, Barbara (1)
Dent, A.G.W. (1)
D'Oombrain, Athel (3)
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Eustace, M. (2)
Edwards, Ian (1)
Ehrhardt, Marian (1)
Frolich, Paul (1)
Gray, N.D. (1)
Gibbs, G. (1)
Green, H.M. (2)
Hasluck, Sir Paul (2)
Hasluck, Lady (3)
Holman, Herbert (Bulletin London rep.) (3)
Hetherington, John (4)
Hetherington, Mrs John (2)
Hesse, M.J. (1)
Harrey, Bill (2)
Holmes, Alex (Sydney naturalist) (2)
Hennequel, Rolf (1)
Hollingworth, May (play producer) (1)
Hadgraft, Cecil (1)
Hall, Rodney (2)
Hoyle, Ian (1)
Hallam (1)
Johnson, Louis (NZ poet) (1)
Jones, Rev Percy (US folksong collector) (1)
Koch, Christopher (1)
Keesing, G. (father of Nancy Keesing) (1)
Kelly, Norah (poetess, on Bulletin staff) (1)
Knox, Isabel (1)
Keneally, Thomas (1)
Kim, D’ono (1)
Leahey, John (2)
Lane, Elizabeth (friend of James Hackston) (1)
Lehmann, Geoffrey (1)
Magner, Gene (1)
Mackenzie, Isabel (artist) (1)
Mackaness, Dr G. (1)
Meredith, John (bush song collector) (2)
Murray-Smith, Stephen (5)
Mudie, Ian (1)
Menzies, Sir Robert (6)
MacDonald, Nan (poet) (5)
Moore, Sir John (2)
Mitcalfe, Barry (1)
Moses, Sir Charles (1)
Marshall, Alan (1)
Mackenzie, Ron (musician and trout fisherman) (1)
MacMillan, Nance (1)
Myers, Prof. Rupert (1)
Mather, Martin (1)
Mawdesley, Christina (1)
Marie Therese (sister) (1)
Macquarie, Hector (A and R, London) (1)
Macqueen, Kenneth (artist) (1)
MacBride, Heather (1)
Moore, Tom Inglis (4)
Milgate, Rodney (1)
Nicholls, Mary (1)
Nierah, M. (1)
Ogilvie, Will (1)
O'Harris, Pixie (1)
Padson (1)
Peacock, M.W. (1)
Pigeon, J. (1)
Porter, Hal (3)
Perceval, John (artist) (1)
Poeteous, R.S. ('Standby') (4)
Plumb, Gwen (1)
Rolls, Eric (8)
Ribush, Rosa (3)
Ribush, Dolia (play producer) (4)
Ratcliffe, Francis (1)
Starte, A. (1)
Stivens, Dal (1)
Simpson, R.A. (1)
Smith, Tess (1)
Stewart Society (1)
Smithers (1)
Tumber, Karen (1)
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Willcox, Frank (1)
Wardle, P. (1)
Williams, Norman (British Council) (5)
Wallace-Crabbe, Group Capt (father of the poet Chris) (1)
Young, Pat (subject of poem by Kenneth Mackenzie) (1)
Abotomey, Peter (1)
Best, Ron (1)
Butterwell, Judith (1)
Burke, Mary Edwell (Mary Edwards, artist) (1)
Brown, A.G. (1)
Blair, Jim (Bulletin colleague) (1)
Baume, Eric (1)
Cousins, W.G. (1)
Canberra Repertory Society (1)
Clark, Stephen (1)
Connors, Rodney (member Norman Lindsay Gallery committee) (1)
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Franklin, Miles (1)
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Gadson, John B. (1)
Gellert, Leon (2)
Geering, Prof. R. (1)
Harris, Max (1)
Hergenhan, Laurie (1)
Hills, Catherine (sister of Kenneth Mackenzie) (3)
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Higham, Charles (1)
Hamilton, Eileen (1)
Hughes, Jean (1)
Ireland, David (1)
James, Florence (2)
Lawlor, Pat (Bulletin rep and book collector, NZ) (7)
Muir, Marcie (1)
Maitland, D.G. (1)
Miller, Dale (1)
Mansfield, John D. (1)
Massy, Carl (trout fisherman and author) (5)
Miller, Monty (1)
Mather, Martin (1)
Mawdesley, Christina (4)
McNicol, David (2)
McCusker, Jim (1)
Mollison, James (2)
McNaughton, Howard (1)
McLeod, Angela (1)
McAuley, James (5)
Mackenzie, June (2)
Moll, Prof. E.G. (2)
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National Trust (3)
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O'Dwyer, Joseph (1)
O'Donnell, Joan (1)
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Pringle, John Douglas (2)
Peach, Robert (ABC producer) (1)
Pearl, Cyril (1)
Park, Ruth (1)
Robinson, Roland (9)
Rawlinson, Gloria (NZ poet and writer) (7)
Rowbotham, David (4)
Ryder, L. (1)
Rippoll, P. (1)
Ruhuen, Olaf (1)
Roderick, Colin (1)
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S. Hilda (1)
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Thompson, John (1)
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