

Yaffa Claire Draznin:

A Preliminary Inventory of Her Collection of Olive Schreiner and Havelock Ellis Papers at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Draznin, Yaffa Claire, 1922-2010
Title:	Yaffa Claire Draznin Collection of Olive Schreiner and Havelock Ellis Papers
Dates:	1875-1990, (bulk 1983-1990)
Extent:	15 boxes (7.39 linear feet)
Abstract:	This collection represents Yaffa Draznin's extensive research materials gathered and used in the preparation of her book <i>My Other Self: The Letters of Olive Schreiner and Havelock Ellis, 1884-1920</i> . The arrangement corresponds to Draznin's original order and folder descriptions. Her file folders are retained to preserve her descriptions and emendations. The collection is divided into six series.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-01214
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Gift, 1995 (G10306)
Processed by:	Liz Murray, 1995
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

Yaffa Draznin's interest in the life of South African feminist author, Olive Schreiner, led her to the Harry Ransom Center in 1979 to begin work on Schreiner's biography. However, during the course of Draznin's research, the need for a different approach to Schreiner's life emerged, culminating in the 1992 publication of *My Other Self: The Letters of Olive Schreiner and Havelock Ellis, 1884-1920*. This compilation of transcribed and annotated holograph letters from the Ransom Center provided the only volume of its kind published to date.

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The collection is divided into six series. The first, "Documentary Material," comprises letter annotations; a typescript draft of the text portion of the book; handwriting specimens; editing and progress notes; and a roster of all the OS/HE letters in the Ransom Center collection, numbered and listed in chronological order. The subseries "Transcriptions and Support Documentation" contains all the edited typescripts of the holograph letter transcriptions which Draznin calls "typescriptions." Supporting documentation in the form of corresponding letters from other published sources are also attached to these transcriptions.

The second subseries, which Draznin called "semi-documentation," includes related OS/HE correspondence with others, bibliographies, transcription of Ellis's *Journal*, and information about OS from works by Schreiner's husband, Samuel Cron Cronwright-Schreiner; Ellis's literary executor, François Lafitte; and Schreiner's friend, Karl Pearson.

The second half of the collection contains Draznin's administrative correspondence with booksellers and libraries, surveys of library holdings, OS biographers, biographical sources, copies of Schreiner's works, information on South Africa, OS chronologies, and card file transcriptions of OS/HE letters.

This collection also contains two reels of microfilm containing Havelock Ellis Papers (1875-1890) from the State Library of New South Wales. The papers cover Ellis's Australian period, including his diary, poems, Common Place Books I-VI (1875-1885), and letters to his parents (1867, 1875-1877). The State Library granted permission for these reels to be retained in the Ransom Center microfilm collection. Permission was also given for reference copies of specific pages to be supplied to researchers. Inquiries concerning reproduction of the complete reels should be referred to the State Library of New South Wales.

I. Documentary Material

Selected annotations, OS/HE correspondence	Box 1 Folder 1
Draft typescript of ms., text portion plus letters 1-10, 1/24/90	Folder 2
Handwriting specimens	Folder 3
Editing, indexing questions	Folder 4
Progress checks (superseded), 1983-1989	Folder 5
Letters and scraps not included in book	Folder 6
Roster and register of OS/HE letters	Folder 7
A. Transcriptions and Support Documentation	
#1-25, 20 Feb 84 - 30 May 84	Box 1 Folder 8
#26-50, 5 Jun 84 - 8 Jul 84	Folder 9
#51-75, 8 Jul 84 - 30 Jul 84	Folder 10
#76-100, 31 Jul 84 - 4 Sept 84	Folder 11
#101-125, 4 Sept 84 - 14 Oct 84	Box 2 Folder 1
#126-150, 15 Oct 84 - 25 Oct 84	Folder 2
#151-175, 25 Oct 84 - 3 Nov 84	Folder 3
#176-200, 4 Nov 84 - 21 Nov 84	Folder 4
#201-225, 22 Nov 84 - 5 Dec 84	Folder 5
#226-250, 5 Dec 84 - 15 Dec 84	Folder 6
#251-275, 15 Dec 84 - 5 Jan 85	Folder 7
#276-300, 5 Jan 85 - 1 Feb 85	Box 3 Folder 1
#301-325, 5 Feb 85 - 13 Mar 85	Folder 2

#326-350, 15 Mar 85 - 13 Apr 85	Folder 3
#351-375, 14 Apr 85 - 12 May 85	Folder 4
#376-400, 12 May 85 - 14 Jul 85	Folder 5
#401-425, 16 Jul 85 - 17 Sept 85	Folder 6
#426-450, 17 Sept 85 - 7 Jan 86	Folder 7
#451-475, 7 Jan 86 - 10 May 86	Folder 8
#476-500, 13 May 86 - 13 Feb 87	Box 4 Folder 1
#501-525, 16 Feb 87 - 17 Mar 89	Folder 2
#526-540, 18 Mar 89 - 13 May 90	Folder 3
#541-550, 14 May 90 - 29 Nov 90	Folder 4
#551-569, 11 Jan 91 - 23 Jun 14	Folder 5
#570-589, 13 Dec 14 - 21 Mar 16	Folder 6
#590-607, 26 Mar 16 - 1 Dec 20	Box 5 Folder 1

Photocopies of draft ms. of letters 51-533 [*boxed, not foldered] **Folder ***

Photocopies of draft ms. of letters 11-95 **Folder 2**

B. Semi-documentation

Original and printed letters, from others to others, about O.S. **Box 6
Folder 1**

Selected correspondence between HE and Margaret Sanger **Folder 2**

Microfiche from South Africa; also copies of calendar **Folder 3**

Photocopies of OS holograph letters, pre-Oct. 1889 **Folder 4**

Photocopies of holograph letters, post-1889, from OS to others, from South Africa	Folder 5
Published letters, OS to others than Ellis (from <i>Letters</i>)	Folder 6
OS-Cronwright-Schreiner correspondence	Folder 7
Duplicates of some LL letters	Folder 8
Selection of Pearson Papers, relating to OS (no correspondence)	Folder 9
HE's notes of OS's <i>Reminiscences</i>	Box 7 Folder 1
OS <i>Journals</i> from <i>Life</i>	Folder 2
OS Post-1889 letters	Folder 3
Betty (McGinnis) Fradkin Tetlow, OS bibliography	Folder 4
Itemized bibliographical listings (printed)	Folder 5
Chronologies, post-1889	Folder 6
Artifacts: OS memorabilia--historical	Folder 7
YD holograph ms. of post-1889 OS/HE letters	Folder 8
Original and printed letters from OS or to OS (not in Cronwright-Schreiner <i>Letters</i>)	Folder 9
Cronwright-Schreiner-Ellis correspondence	Folder 10
Abstracts from the Pearson Papers	Folder 11
Transcription, HE <i>Journal</i> (from microfilm, also from Grosskurth)	Folder 12

Lafitte letters--written to others

Folder 13

II. Administrative

Correspondence with booksellers and libraries

Box 8
Folder 1

Correspondence to other libraries re: OS/HE correspondence

Folder 2

Library holdings: calendars and holdings

Folder
3

HRC Library, statistical data on letters (superseded)

Folder 4

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Folder 5

Miscellaneous references

Folder 6

III. OS Biographers

Articles by Ridley Beeton	Box 8 Folder 7
Article by Joyce Berkman	Folder 8
Draznin's Masters Thesis on OS, "Formative Influences in the Life of Olive Schreiner, Victorian Feminist and Freethinker," 1982	Folder 9
Copy 2	Folder 10
Draznin graduate research paper on OS	Folder 11
Victoria Duckworth dissertation on OS	Folder 12
Three articles on OS by Betty Fradkin	Folder 13
Articles on OS by Richard Rive (also newspaper clips on Rive)	Folder 14

IV. OS Biographies

Biographical references to OS in short articles and others' works	Box 9 Folder 1
OS's family as seen by contemporaries and biographers	Folder 2
Biographical mention of OS by those who knew her	Folder 3
YD commentary on books by and about OS	Folder 4
Published book reviews of <i>Life, Letters</i>	Folder 5
Notes on major biographies of OS, other than C-S's	Folder 6
Copy of biography of OS, <i>Not Without Honor</i> , by Vera Buchanan-Gould	Folder 7
Biographical aspects of OS profile: character, health, etc.	Box 10 Folder 1
Biographical treatment: literary	Folder 2
Notes, reviews of OS books: literary stature	Folder 3
OS friends as seen by others and biographers	Folder 4
OS works: short stories, public letters, excerpts from books	Folder 5
Copy of OS's book <i>Undine</i>	Folder 6
Material by and about Havelock Ellis	Folder 7

V. South Africa

S.A. background, early 19th century, missionaries

Box 11
Folder 1

S.A. background, late 19th century to present

Folder 2

S.A. background relating to OS

Folder 3

S.A. background: items from the *Encyclopedia of South Africa*

Folder 4

S.A. related material (not directly apropos)

Folder 5

VI. Chronology and Card Files

Chronology from *Olive Schreiner* by J. Meintjes

Box 12
Folder 1

Three-ring notebook containing chronology of OS's life, 1832-1920.

Folder 2

Two packages of cards containing excerpts from letters OS wrote to others, mostly from Cron's *Life of OS*

Box
13
Box
Card
Box

Transcription from material taken from microfilm in the Sheffield Public Library (England) by Betty (McGinnis) Fradkin Tetlow

Transcriptions of holograph letters OS wrote to others, 1914-1920 (originals in HRHRC)

Copies of Betty (McGinnis) Fradkin Tetlow's transcriptions of OS-relevant papers (i.e. selected letters to Karl Pearson, minutes and notes of the Men & Women's Club, taken from the original Pearson Papers)

Box 14

Typed cards of names of people associated with OS

Transcriptions of OS and HE holograph letters in HRHRC collection

Box 15