

# Sean O'Casey:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	O'Casey, Sean, 1880-1964
<b>Title:</b>	Sean O'Casey Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1911-1964, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the Irish playwright Sean O'Casey, as well as letters received by O'Casey. The correspondence in the collection is dominated by exchanges between O'Casey and Gabriel Fallon, the Irish theatre critic, actor, and director.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-3070
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 <b>Note:</b> This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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**Works:**

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| Conversation with Robert Emmett Ginna, mimeo television script, 18 pages, 29 December 1955.  | <b>Container</b><br>1.1 |
| The silver tassie, typescript with handwritten revisions, 84 pages, undated.   | <b>Container</b><br>1.2 |
| The silver tassie, carbon typescript with handwritten revisions and typed carbon copy sections pasted in, 120 pages, undated. Not described in card catalog. | <b>Container</b><br>1.3 |

**Letters:**

ALS to Daiken, Leslie H., 10 February 1944. **Container 1.4**

13 ALS to Davies, Ingrid Burke, 1948-1951, undated.

3 AL, A and TLS, 138 ALS, 10 TLS, 2 ANS, 6 APCS, 3 telegrams to Fallon, Gabriel, 1924-1946, undated. Some letters include drawings by O'Casey. One undated ALS written on verso of ALS from Fallon to O'Casey, 12 July 1926; Attached to ALS, 14 July 1928: printed review by Sylvia Lynd of *The silver tassie* with handwritten note by O'Casey; Attached to ALS, 13 October 1938: TccL O'Casey to editor, 12 October 1938; Attached to ALS, 9 January 1939: TccL O'Casey to Abbey Theatre, 30 December 1938. **Container 1.5-6**

ALS, 4 APCS to Fallon, Gabriel, 1925. **Container 1.4**

3 TLS to Fallon, Gabriel, 1946-1958.

ALS to Gamble, Peter, 6 March 1943.

TccL / copy to Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady, 5 May 1928.

37 ALS, 2 ALS / photocopies, AL, 19 TLS, ANS to Hogan, Robert, 1956-1964, undated. Included with these: ALS Eileen O'Casey to Hogan; TL / copy Michael Gallagher to O'Casey; time sheet for J. O'Casey, 3 March 1911. **Container 1.7-8**

ALS to Hutchinson, John H., 21 September 1953. **Container 1.4**

2 ALS to Le Tall, Anne, 4 November 1929, 29 January 1930. **Container 2.1**

4 ALS to Macmillan & Company, Ltd., directed to H. Cowdell, 1952-1962. Enclosed with ALS 24 October 1962: designs for book jacket for *I knock at the door*. **Container 1.4**

ALS to Rappaport, H. A., 3 September 1955.

ALS to Rhondda, Margaret Haig Thomas Mackworth and Theodora Bosanquet, 12 July 1938.

TccL / copy to Robinson, Lennox, undated.

TLS / photocopy to Russell, George William, 7 January 1930.

ALS to Spira, Mela, 22 November 1945.

TccL / copy, TN / copy to Yeats, William Butler, 11 May 1928, undated. Written with TN / copy: copies of telegrams Lennox Robinson and Yeats to O'Casey.



**Recipient:**

Fallon, Gabriel, 1898- . 59 ALS, 2 ALS / incomplete, 4 AL / incomplete, 8 TLS, 2 TLS / incomplete, APCI, 1920-1960, undated. **Container**  
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Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady, 1852-1932. TccL / copy to O'Casey, undated. **Container**  
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Kernoff, Harry Aaron, 1900- . ALS to O'Casey, 13 February 1931. Enclosed with this: Invitation to exhibition; photograph of portrait of Gabriel Fallon.

Mooney, Ria. ANS to O'Casey, 1946.

Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1950. TL / copy to O'Casey, 19 June 1928.

Yeats, William Butler, 1865-1939. TccL / copy to O'Casey, 20 April 1928.

**Miscellaneous:**

Unidentified author. TccL to Fallon, Gabriel, 10 July 1930.

**Container 2.4**

Fallon, Gabriel. TccL to the editor, Daily herald, February 1931.

Fallon, Rose. TLS to O'Casey, Eileen, 1 March 1955.

Robinson, Lennox, 1886-1958. TccL / copy to Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady, undated.

Yeats, William Butler, 1865-1939. TccL / copy, TccL / copy / incomplete to Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady, 20 April and 25 April 1928.

## Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

### Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

### Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date