

Vernon Phillips Watkins:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Watkins, Vernon Phillips, 1906-1967
Title:	Vernon Phillips Watkins Collection
Dates:	1939-1968, undated
Extent:	1 box (.21 linear feet)
Abstract:	Contains letters from the British poet and painter, Vernon Phillips Watkins. Includes letters from Kingsley Amis and Theodore Rothke, as well as a file of correspondence from Watkins to Robert Hivnor with letters from Robert Lowell and Eudora Welty to Hivnor.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4423
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Apryl Voskamp, 2013 Note: 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.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Recipient:

Amis, Kingsley. ALS to Watkins, 22 September 1961. **Container 1.1**

Blackburn, Thomas. 2 TLS to Watkins, 17 February 1967, undated.

Caetani, Marguerite Chapin, Princesses de Bassiano. 3 ALS to Watkins, 11 September 1948, 21 July 1953, 25 September no year. **Container 1.2**

Cecil, David, Lord. FLS to Watkins, 1 June 1955. **Container 1.1**

Davenport, John. ALS, 2 ALI, APCS to Watkins, 1956-1965.

Deutsch, Babette. 3 TLS to Watkins, 3 May 1964, 7 May 1964, 21 May 1964.

Foot, Michael. ALS, TLS to Watkins, 11 April 1967, 19 May 1967.

Hassall, Christopher Vernon. ALS to Watkins, 4 October 1948.

Herring, Robert. 7 ALS, ALI, 14 TLS, TL, APCS to Watkins, 1939-1945, undated. **Container 1.3**

Lee, Laurie. ALS to Watkins, 31 August 1957. **Container 1.1**

Lehmann, John. ALS to Watkins, 7 June 1962. Included is ALS to Gwen Watkins, 4 January 1968.

Muir, Edwin. ALS, TLS to Watkins, 23 July 1957, 28 November 1957.

Nicholson, Norman. TLS to Watkins, 2 April 1954.

Pudney, John. ALS, TLS to Watkins, 13 January 1949, 8 August 1955.

Rexroth, Kenneth. ALS, FLS to Watkins, March 1946, 15 August 1946.

Ridler, Anne Bradby, ALS, APCS, TLS, 2 TPCS to Watkins, 1957, Included with this: typescript poem by Ridler titled "For soul is form..." 1 page, undated. **Container 1.4**

Roethke, Theodore. ALS to Watkins, 30 August 1957. **Container 1.1**

Scannell, Vernon. ALS to Watkins, 6 January 1955.

Additional acquisitions; not described in card catalog:**Purchase R12155, 1990:**

Watkins, Vernon Phillips, 1906-1967. 3 ALS to Reese, David, 1 January-1 August 1967. **Container**
1.5

Gift G8959, 1991:

Watkins, Vernon Phillips, 1906-1967. 11 ALS, 6 TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 15 August 1954-13 June 1965. Included with this: ALS from Gwen Watkins to Hivnor, 21 February 1968. **Container**
1.6

Purchase R12351, 1991:

Unidentified author Don. TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 8 November 1975. **Container**
1.7

Bentley, Eric. 2 TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 28 May 1951, 6 June 1951.

Jones, Frank. A fancy to go with a legend (poem), typescript / photocopy with handwritten note, 1 page, undated.

Knight, Roy C. ALS to Hivnor, Robert, 1 April 1970.

Laughlin, James. TLS, TccL to Hivnor, Robert, 20 February 1964, 4 March 1964.

Lowell, Robert. TLS to Hivnor, Robert, undated.

Mount, Charles M. TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 22 June 1961.

Reeves, John. TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 15 November 1963.

Vosper, Margery. 4 TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 1951-1952.

Watkins, Gwen. ALS to Hivnor Robert, 11 October 1967.

Watkins, Vernon Phillips, 1906-1967. Antistrophe (poem), typescript, 1 page, undated.

Watkins, Vernon Phillips. 46 ALS, 30 TLS to Hivnor, Robert, 1948-1967.

Welty, Eudora. ALS to Hivnor, Robert, 25 June no year.

Whittemore, Reed. TLS to Hivnor, Robert, undated.

Williams, Grace. 2 ALS to Hivnor, Robert, 24 October 1965, 2 December 1965.

Transfer, undated:

Watkins, Vernon Phillips, 1906-1967. TLS to Roberts, F. Warren, 12 September 1961.

Container
1.8

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