

Naomi Mitchison:

An Inventory of Her Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Mitchison, Naomi, 1897-1999
Title:	Naomi Mitchison Collection
Dates:	1908-1990, undated
Extent:	17 boxes (7.14 linear feet)
Abstract:	Contains chiefly manuscript works by the Scottish novelist, poet, activist, and feminist Naomi Mitchison. Manuscripts for <i>Black Sparta</i> , <i>The Corn King and the Spring Queen</i> , <i>To the Chapel Perilous</i> , and <i>We Have Been Warned</i> are present, along with numerous writings about Africa. Correspondents include Theodore Dreiser, George Orwell, Marie Stopes, Evelyn Waugh, Rebecca West, and others.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-2862
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Apryl Voskamp, 2015 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

Works:

- Untitled play, handwritten manuscript / draft, 88 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes handwritten / manuscript draft of unidentified prose work and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 1.1
- Untitled play about Egyptian Hani Shafik, carbon copy typescript / incomplete, 8 pages, undated. Contains synopsis and first six pages of dialogue. **Container** 1.2
- Untitled poem, Now I remember that autumn morning..., handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.
- Untitled talk on writing, signed carbon copy typescript with handwritten emendations, 15 pages, 1984.
- Advice on flapping, typescript, 4 pages, undated. **Container** 1.3
- African heroes, handwritten manuscript / draft, 244 pages in 2 notebooks, 1967-1968. Page count includes also drafts for articles and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 1.4-5
- African notes:
- African studies, handwritten manuscript, 106 pages in notebook, 1963-1964. Contains: beginning of African history; introduction to unidentified book; reviews; bits of When we became men. **Container** 1.6
- Articles, etc., reviews, ideas, handwritten manuscript, 85 pages in notebook, 1968-1969. Contains: drafts of articles on urban and rural education in the Highlands; the technological child; democracy in Botswana; comparison of Scotland and Botswana; African history notes; review. **Container** 1.7
- Articles, proverbs, etc., handwritten manuscript, 69 pages in notebook, 1967. Contains: notes on Mochudi and the district council; proverbs; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 1.8
- Botswana, handwritten manuscript, 43 pages in notebook, 1967. Contains notes and drafts on Botswana; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 1.9
- Botswana, etc., handwritten manuscript, 77 pages in notebook, 1968. **Container** 1.10
- Councils, the chief and others, handwritten manuscript, 66 pages in notebook, 1964. Contains drafts of articles and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 1.11
- Dar es Salaam, names and poems, handwritten manuscript, 78 pages in notebook, undated. Contains: draft of article on Dar es Salaam; draft of poems; lists of names; AL / draft to David; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 1.12

Drafts and notes, handwritten manuscript, 126 pages in notebook, undated. Contains: notes on and drafts about Botswana; famine relief; African unity; educational desegregation; Scotland and Argyll; The scoop lift truck; book reviews; miscellaneous notes.	Container 1.13
History and poems, handwritten manuscript, 138 pages in notebook, undated. Contains: draft of chapters for African history and of few poems; miscellaneous notes.	Container 2.1
History book, handwritten manuscript, 103 pages in notebook, 1964. Includes: drafts of African history; district council notes; dialogue for untitled play; miscellaneous notes.	Container 2.2
History book list, handwritten manuscript, 37 pages in notebook, 1964. Contains miscellaneous notes and book list of books on African history.	Container 2.3
Miscellaneous, handwritten manuscript, 55 pages in notebook, 1964 or 1966.	Container 2.4
Mochudi and Bechuanaland, handwritten manuscript, 86 pages in notebook, Autumn 1965. Contains: notes on and drafts about Mochudi; Bechuanaland; miscellaneous notes.	Container 2.5
Mostly Africa, handwritten manuscript, 105 pages in notebook, 1964-1965. Contains notes on and drafts about Africa and its history; miscellaneous notes.	Container 2.6
The Africans: reviews, articles, corrections and inserts, handwritten manuscript, 209 pages in 2 notebooks, 1968.	Container 2.7
The Alban goes out, handwritten manuscript / first draft, 76 pages in notebook, 1939-1940. Contains also miscellaneous notes.	Container 2.8
Alexander the Great, signed handwritten manuscript / incomplete, 63 pages in notebook, 1964. Included with this: handwritten note by Mitchison.	Container 2.9
Alice, typescript / unfinished with handwritten revisions, 6 pages, undated.	Container 1.3
The Allies, carbon copy typescript, 1 page, undated.	
America, handwritten manuscript, 138 pages in notebook, 1934.	Container 2.10
Angus and Fiona, handwritten manuscript / notes, 16 pages in notebook, 1965-1966. Contains also miscellaneous notes.	Container 2.11

- Anna Comnena, handwritten manuscript / notes and drafts, 69 pages in notebook, undated. Contains also drafts of The goat and Alternation; AL / draft to Douglas and Mr. Bird; miscellaneous notes; drafts of poems. **Container** 2.12
- Answer to a poem written on May Day, carbon copy typescript, 1 page, undated. **Container** 1.3
- Appealing unto Caesar, handwritten manuscript, 48 pages in notebook, 1921-1922. Contains: Cottia's second adventure; The story of Aud the northerner; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 3.1
- The archetypes of Scotland, handwritten manuscript, 182 pages in notebook, undated. Contains also three untitled articles and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 3.2
- Article on hats, carbon copy typescript, 4 pages, undated. **Container** 1.3
- Article on self-government for Scotland, carbon copy typescript, 6 pages, undated.
- At the count, by a labour candidate's wife, typescript, 5 pages, 1931.
- The auld alliance re-stated, carbon copy typescript, 2 pages, undated.
- Barbarians again: an impossibility, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 6 pages in notebook, undated. Written with this: The Halfdon saga; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 3.4
- Beyond this limit, signed handwritten manuscript, 130 pages in notebook, 1934. Contains: drafts of Vienna diary background and of poems; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 3.5
- The big surprise, handwritten manuscript, 136 pages in notebook, 1966-1967. Contains: drafts of reviews and article; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 3.6
- Black Sparta:
- Arrow-struck, typescript, 1 page, undated. **Container** 3.7
- Babes in the wood, typescript with handwritten emendations, 20 pages; typescript, 11 pages; May 1927, undated. Original title: The giant's castle.
- Black Sparta, carbon copy typescript, 33 pages, 1927.
- Charilas, in exile, remembers Sparta, typescript, 1 page, undated.
- The child Jason is brought to Chiron, typescript, 2 pages, undated.
- Chorus of Argive women to Elektra, typescript, 1 page, undated. Title not included in table of contents.
- The chosen-by-lot, signed typescript with handwritten revisions, 7 pages, 25-27 August 1927.

Coming into the bay, carbon copy typescript, 1 page, undated.

The epiphany of Poieëssa, typescript with handwritten emendations, 10 pages, undated. Original title: The thistles of Poieëssa.

The exiled oligarchs are driven out of the city, typescript, 1 page, undated.

The heart and the head, typescript with handwritten revisions, 12 pages, undated.

The high-brow strafe, typescript / incomplete, 2 pages, undated.

The lamb misused, signed typescript with handwritten revisions, 17 pages; carbon copy typescript, 9 pages; May 1924, undated. Original title: Arné.

Notes, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated.

Container 3.8

O lucky Thessaly! (Pythian X), signed typescript with revisions, 21 pages; typescript with handwritten revisions, 26 pages; January 1927, undated.

Peace, typescript, 1 page, undated.

Philisté's weaving song, typescript, 1 page, undated. Original title: Korallion's weaving song.

Pity poor tarts, 2 typescripts, 1 page each, February 1927, undated. Original title: February night: strand.

Professor Whitehead and the poets, typescript, 1 page, undated.

Pythian VIII: For Widg, typescript with handwritten emendations, 9 pages; carbon copy typescript with a few handwritten emendations, 16 pages; October 1926.

Pythian XI, typescript, 1 page, undated. Original title: Variations on a theme by Pindar (Pythian XI).

Song, typescript, 1 page, undated.

A sophist in love, typescript, 1 page, undated.

The story of Myrto, typescript with a few handwritten emendations, 11 pages; carbon copy typescript with a few handwritten emendations, 11 pages; February 1927, undated.

Unidentified story, typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 6 pages, undated.

Untitled poem, typescript, 1 page, undated. Title partially torn off: last word "castle."

Who will you have for nuts in May?, typescript with handwritten revisions, 11 pages; typescript, 6 pages; undated. Original title: E venut' un caccaitore Lungi, lungi, lungello!

Wise Diotima, typescript, 1 page, undated. Original title: Poem for M.

A wood near Athens, carbon copy typescript, 1 page, undated.

The break up of the home, carbon copy typescript, 10 pages, undated.

Container
3.3

Building Jerusalem, handwritten manuscript, 275 pages in 2 notebooks, undated. Includes: miscellaneous notes, prose, and poetry; much of this used in We have been warned.

Container
3.9-4.1

The bull calves, handwritten manuscript / draft / incomplete, 542 pages in 3 notebooks, undated. Page count includes various miscellaneous notes.

Container
4.2-4

The buy your brothers fund: prologue, carbon copy typescript, 8 pages, 1920.

Container
3.3

Camper town?, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 12 pages in notebook, 1964. Many pages of miscellaneous notes also written in notebook.

Container
4.5

Child's history of Greece: Introduction, typescript, 7 pages, undated. Included with this: envelope with handwritten note.

Container
4.6

Child's history of Greece: The beginning of it, typescript / unfinished, 2 pages, undated. Included with this: Chapter II, Colonists and tyrants, typescript / unfinished, 1 page, undated.

Container
4.7

Cleopatra's people:

Handwritten manuscript / early conception, 23 pages in notebook, 1961. Page count includes also miscellaneous notes.

Container
4.8

Handwritten manuscript / draft, 505 pages in 4 notebooks, 1970. Page count includes also notes on Africa and miscellaneous notes written with this.

Container
4.9-5.3

Typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 45 pages, undated. Chapters 1-9.

Container
5.4

Typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 257 pages, undated. Lacking chapter 9, part I. Included with this: TLS Sir Cecil Maurice Bowra to Mitchison, 1969.

Container
5.5-6

- Cloud cuckoo land, handwritten manuscript / drafts and notes, 173 pages in 5 notebooks, undated. Page count includes: travel notes on eastern Europe; on crossing frontiers I and II Paris-Budapest; notes on spelling; the doom of the moderate; article about foods; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 5.7
- The conquered, handwritten manuscript / draft / incomplete, 37 pages in notebook, undated. Written with this: synopsis and notes for The hostage; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 5.8
- The conquered, handwritten manuscript / drafts and notes, 152 pages in notebook, undated. **Container** 5.9
- The Corn King and the Spring Queen:
- Handwritten manuscript / drafts and notes, 584 pages in 8 notebooks, undated. Included in page count: notes and draft for untitled items; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 6.1-8
- Typescript / miscellaneous pages, 5 pages, undated. **Container** 7.1
- Typescript / incomplete, 84 pages, undated. Chapters 1-VI. **Container** 7.2
- Typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 355 pages, 1930. Lacking part of chapter IV and all of chapter V, reel 6. **Container** 7.3-4
- Typescript, 1045 pages, 1930. **Container** 7.5-8.2
- Characters, synopsis and foreword, typescript, 14 pages, undated. **Container** 8.3
- Epilogue, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 9 pages, 21 June no year.
- Kings of Sparta genealogical chart; synopsis by parts; foreword; dedication, typescript, 24 pages, 1930.
- Last supper, handwritten manuscript, 4 pages, undated.
- Outlines and notes, handwritten manuscript, 75 pages, undated.
- Dineo and the chief, handwritten manuscript / draft, 58 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes unidentified drafts and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 8.4
- Ebb tide: April: Port M_____, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. **Container** 8.5
- Egypt in spring, typescript with few handwritten emendations, 6 pages, 1960?
- The English look at the world, carbon copy typescript, 5 pages, undated.
- Eros or Love is God, carbon copy typescript, 24 pages, November 1925. Date read before Heretics Society.

Essay on being a writer, carbon copy typescript, 2 pages, undated.

Essay on international activity of the Scots, typescript with few handwritten emendations, 3 pages, undated.

Essay on national language, typescript with insert with few handwritten emendations, 5 pages, undated.

Essay on nationalization, carbon copy typescript, 2 pages, undated.

Essay on Scottish national feeling, typescript with few handwritten emendations, 2 pages, undated.

Europe, signed typescript with few handwritten emendations, 8 pages; typescript, 9 pages; 1946.

Fairy Hill:

Handwritten manuscript / fragments, 75 pages in notebook, 1965. Page count includes: beginning of Child's book; notes about surface water; notes for The tribe; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 8.7

Handwritten manuscript / drafts, 134 pages in notebook, 1964. Page count includes drafts and notes for Rewriting of history; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 8.8

Handwritten and carbon copy typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 80 pages, undated. Duplicate pages. **Container** 8.9

The fairy who couldn't tell a lie: end, handwritten manuscript / draft / incomplete, 67 pages in notebook, 1962. Page count includes: drafts and notes for Looking for a primitive and After the earthquake; reviews; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 8.10

The fairy who couldn't tell a lie, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 50 pages, 1963.

The family at Ditlabeng, handwritten manuscript / drafts, 510 pages in 5 notebooks, 1967, 1968, undated. Page count includes: draft for Fed up; reviews; stories for African reader; other stories; bits of history books; notes on India and Africa; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 9.1-2

Family patterns in the countryside, carbon copy typescript with handwritten emendations, 3 pages, undated. **Container** 8.6

Fed up, typescript / incomplete with few handwritten emendations, 20 pages, circa 1968.

Final roundup, handwritten manuscript / draft, 80 pages in notebook, December 1965. Page count includes notes on India and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 9.3

- Finals, handwritten manuscript / draft, 110 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: drafts for The secretary's minutes and Hester Finlay; poems and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 9.4
- Five men and a swan, handwritten manuscript / draft, 114 pages in notebook, 1939. Page count includes: drafts for Ian Og and The knife; miscellaneous notes and drafts. **Container** 9.5
- Five men and a swan, carbon copy typescript with handwritten emendations, 24 pages, undated.
- Flour from the wizard, typescript with handwritten revisions, 4 pages, 1961. **Container** 8.6
- For Tawana, my lion cub, typescript, 1 page, 1963.
- Fundamental values, signed typescript with few handwritten emendations, 2 pages, undated.
- The gold fish, signed typescript with few handwritten emendations, 3 pages, undated. Original title Under the gallery. **Container** 9.6
- Goodbye forestry commission, carbon copy typescript, 4 pages, undated.
- Graeme and the dragon?, handwritten manuscript, 23 pages, undated.
- Happiness for husbands – or not?, typescript with handwritten revisions, 8 pages, undated.
- History of Scotland: Introduction, typescript with few handwritten emendations, 9 pages, 1962.
- The hostages, handwritten manuscript / drafts, 261 pages in 2 notebooks, undated. Page count includes: drafts of The simple woman; preface to Bread and water; The comic adventures of Theophylact; The story of Kenamund; Apple and almond; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 9.7-10.1
- Idyll, handwritten manuscript with few handwritten emendations, 12 pages, undated. **Container** 10.2
- In spite of and because: some remarks on compromise and the modern world, typescript with handwritten emendations, 8 pages, undated.
- India: notes, handwritten manuscript / notes, 53 pages in 3 notebooks, undated. **Container** 10.3
- Intellect, happiness, and the half-lost pattern, galley proofs, 2 sheets, undated. **Container** 10.2

- Irindria, handwritten manuscript / draft, 88 pages in notebook, 1961. Page count includes: drafts of articles; translation of proverbs; notes on Africa; miscellaneous notes. **Container**
10.4
- Jamie the whale, typescript with handwritten emendations, 17 pages, 1967? **Container**
10.2
- Keste and the chief?, typescript with handwritten revisions, 24 pages, undated.
- The Kettering nativity play, handwritten and typescript / fragments, 4 pages, undated. Included with this: TLS Society for Cultural Relations to Mitchison, 1949.
- Kgamanyane: a heroic play, typescript, 15 pages; carbon copy typescript, 22 pages; 1963. Included with carbon copy typescript: page from variant scene 5.
- Kitch against Caroline, handwritten manuscript / drafts, 233 pages in 2 notebooks, circa 1935. Page count includes: drafts of parts of The moral basis of politics; miscellaneous notes. **Container**
10.5-6
- A labour point of view, carbon copy typescript with few handwritten revisions, 17 pages, undated. **Container**
10.7
- A life for Africa: the story of Bram Fischer, handwritten manuscript / drafts, 422 pages in 3 notebooks, 1971-1972. Page count includes: drafts of beginning of Memories; part of Sunrise tomorrow; children's stories and reviews; miscellaneous notes. **Container**
10.8-11.1
- A life for Africa: the story of Bram Fischer, typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 81 pages, undated. **Container**
11.2
- Lobsters on the agenda, handwritten manuscript / draft, 109 pages in notebook, undated. Page count also includes miscellaneous notes. **Container**
11.3
- The lost one, handwritten manuscript / draft, 41 pages in notebook, undated. Page count also includes notes for play (characters: Marob and Zeno) and miscellaneous notes. **Container**
11.4
- Love, an essay, handwritten manuscript / draft, 40 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes drafts of unidentified items and miscellaneous notes. **Container**
11.5
- Mary and Joe, signed typescript, 15 pages, 1960. Included with this: 2 pages/ excerpts. **Container**
10.7
- Memoirs of a spacewomen, handwritten manuscript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 47 pages, undated.

Memorandum on the protectorates, carbon typescript with handwritten revisions, 4 pages, 1963.

Men and herring, handwritten manuscript / draft, 341 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: drafts for Lobsters on the agenda; a BBC school project; The swan's road; The big house; Spindrift.

Container
11.6

Mithras my savior, carbon typescript with handwritten revisions, 7 pages, circa 1970.

Container
10.7

New birth control clinics in England, handwritten manuscript / draft, 105 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes drafts of untitled prose works and poems.

Container
11.8

Nine poems, 4 signed typescripts; 2 signed carbon copy typescripts; 2 typescripts / duplicated and signed; typescript / duplicated; 12 pages total, undated.

Container
11.7

North Sea oil industry in Norway, carbon copy typescript with few handwritten revisions, 4 pages, undated.

Not the enemy (A study of Wyndham Lewis), typescript with handwritten emendations, 9 pages, undated.

Notebooks:

Notebook 1, handwritten manuscript, 46 pages, undated. Contains: sketch for untitled play; drafts of poems; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.1

Notebook 2, handwritten manuscript, 175 pages, undated. Contains: draft for untitled novel; notes for Highland Advisory Panel; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.2

Notebook 3, handwritten manuscript, 89 pages, 1966. Contains: draft of untitled play; notes on African politics; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.3

Notebook 4, handwritten manuscript, 86 pages, undated. Contains: draft of untitled narrative; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.4

Notebook 5, handwritten manuscript, 117 pages, undated. Contains: drafts of 3 untitled works; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.5

Notebook 6, handwritten manuscript, 70 pages, undated. Contains: drafts of untitled play; autobiographical article, Granddaughter; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.6

Notebook 7, handwritten manuscript, 46 pages, undated. Contains: drafts of poem The m_____ in Rome and untitled play; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.7

Notebook 8, handwritten manuscript, 90 pages, 1966. Contains: continued draft of play; review notes on Mochudi and on Botswana and district council; miscellaneous notes.

Container
12.8

Notebook 9, handwritten manuscript, 48 pages, undated. Contains: drafts of untitled play; of The kingdom of heaven; of Blood of the martyrs.	Container 12.9
Notebook 10, handwritten manuscript, 127 pages, 1967. Contains: drafts of articles and reviews; end of history book; beginning of Heroic retellings; article for Kultwano; miscellaneous notes.	Container 12.10
Notebook 11, handwritten manuscript, 64 pages, undated. Contains: drafts of untitled prose items and poems.	Container 12.11
Notebook 12, handwritten manuscript, 24 pages, 1965. Contains: draft of a poem and an article; miscellaneous notes.	Container 12.12
Nuffield College social reconstruction survey: report on Carradale, Argyllshire, mimeo, 11 pages, 24 July 1942.	Container 11.7
Oddments, handwritten manuscript / drafts, 86 pages in notebook, 1969. Contains: drafts of articles on Africa; reviews; lists of history books; miscellaneous notes.	
On the black list, carbon copy typescript, 4 pages, undated.	
Our unfortunate debt to Rome, typescript, 21 pages, undated.	
Plan for Argyll, handwritten manuscript / draft, 124 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: drafts of Pattern at harvest; Jamie at the fishing and untitled items; miscellaneous notes; ANI to Pat loosely laid in.	Container 13.2
The poachers by Denis Macintosh and Naomi Mitchison, typescript / radio script with handwritten and typed revisions, 6 pages, undated.	Container 13.1
Poems, handwritten and typed manuscript, 320 pages in 4 notebooks, 9 pages on loose sheets, 1916-1940, undated. Notebooks include: draft of untitled items and Sins of the fathers; pages of diary; reading lists; miscellaneous notes.	Container 13.3-4
Politics and morality, handwritten manuscript / draft, 145 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: drafts of The great big secret; We want to play; After the elections and reviews; miscellaneous notes.	Container 13.5
Prisoners of war, carbon copy typescript, 26 pages, 1916.	Container 13.1
Radio story, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 7 pages, 1962.	
Rationalism and religion:	
Signed typescript with few handwritten emendations, 16 pages, undated.	Container 13.6

Signed typescript, 10 pages, carbon copy typescript, 9 pages; undated.
Included with this: TLS Curtis Brown Ltd. to Mitchison, 1935.

Carbon copy typescript, 12 pages, undated. Material for book not written.

Carbon copy typescript / notes, 5 pages, undated.

Article, carbon copy typescript with handwritten revisions and insert, 27 pages, undated.

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| Return to the Fairy Hill, typescript with handwritten revisions, 20 pages, undated. | Container
13.1 |
| Reviews, handwritten manuscript / drafts, 308 pages in 5 notebooks, 1963-1965.
Page count includes: notes for several projects; lists; addresses; miscellaneous notes. | Container
13.7-8 |
| The ritual harvest field of Marob, typescript, 4 pages; carbon copy typescript, 17 pages; undated. | Container
13.1 |
| Romantic event, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 10 pages, undated. | |
| Scotland: notes, handwritten manuscript, 26 pages in notebook, 1962-1963. Page count includes: draft of foreword to Hannal; miscellaneous notes. | Container
14.2 |
| Scotland and the common people (play), handwritten manuscript / draft, 70 pages bound, undated. | Container
14.3 |
| Self-government and the labour party, typescript with handwritten emendations, 4 pages, undated. | Container
14.1 |
| Slag heap city, handwritten manuscript / draft, 235 pages in 2 notebooks, undated.
Page count includes: drafts of 2 prologues; untitled articles and poems; miscellaneous notes. | Container
14.4-5 |
| Small farming article, handwritten manuscript / draft, 54 pages in notebook, undated. Page count also includes miscellaneous notes. | Container
14.6 |
| Some rain in the Kalahari, carbon copy typescript with few handwritten emendations, 13 pages, 1970. | Container
14.1 |
| Some uneasiness (being a paper read to the English club at Oxford), typescript / incomplete, 21 pages, 1930. | |
| Spring in Denmark, typescript with handwritten emendations, 4 pages, undated. | |
| Stories for adults and children: | |
| Untitled, typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 73 pages, undated.
Chapters 1-13. | Container
14.7 |

Colin's birthday, handwritten manuscript, 38 pages, undated.

The hill Modipe, typescript with handwritten revisions, 8 pages, undated.

Jimmy, typescript with handwritten revisions, 6 pages, undated. Published in New Edinburgh Review under different title.

Potlako and the magic gum, typescript with handwritten revisions, 6 pages, undated.

The order of earth, typescript with handwritten revisions, 4 pages, undated.

The things from space, typescript with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated.

The studio party, handwritten manuscript / draft, 66 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes also miscellaneous drafts and notes. **Container** 14.8

Subjective story, handwritten manuscript / draft, 37 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes also drafts of poems and miscellaneous notes. **Container** 14.1

Suggestions on herring and white fishing, signed carbon copy typescript with few handwritten emendations, 19 pages, 1950.

Sun and moon, handwritten manuscript / draft, 108 pages in notebook, 1969. Page count includes: drafts of Miss Omega Raven; poems and reviews; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 14.9

Sun and moon, typescript with handwritten revisions, 44 pages, 1970. Includes variant versions of chapters 1 and 2. **Container** 14.10

Sunrise tomorrow, handwritten manuscript / draft, 297 pages in 3 notebooks, 1965, 1971, undated. Page count includes: drafts of Kutlwano; Karen's guard; Rib of the green umbrella; Thrown to the wolves; There doctor; People who want to stay in the Highlands; Problems of the President; review; letter; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 15.1-2

Sunrise tomorrow, typescript / incomplete with handwritten revisions, 109 pages, undated. **Container** 15.3

The swan's way, handwritten manuscript / drafts and notes, 63 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: drafts and notes on Denmark; miscellaneous notes. **Container** 15.4

Synopsis of 9000 word story, typescript with few handwritten emendations, 2 pages, undated. **Container** 14.1

The talking oats, typescript, 19 pages, 1936-1966. Includes duplicate pages. **Container** 15.5

To the Chapel Perilous:

Handwritten manuscript / drafts, 230 pages in 2 notebooks, undated. Page count includes: drafts for Graeme and the dragon; Grass roots of Democracy; notes on visit to Soviet Union; Highland politics; miscellaneous notes.	Container 15.6-7
Handwritten manuscript / draft with revisions, 207 pages, undated.	Container 15.8
Assignment at the Chapel Perilous, typescript / incomplete with few handwritten emendations, 29 pages, undated.	
Travel light, handwritten manuscript / draft with revisions, 245 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: draft of untitled play; miscellaneous drafts and notes.	Container 16.1
Vercingetorix in Alesia (poetic play), carbon copy typescript with few handwritten emendations, 5 pages, undated.	Container 15.5
Wandering, signed typescript with few handwritten emendations, 5 pages, 1973.	
We have been warned, handwritten manuscript / draft, 125 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: drafts for Lovely Mantinea; The delicate fire; The Weekend Review; miscellaneous notes.	Container 16.2
When the bough breaks (children's play), handwritten manuscript / draft with revisions, 76 pages in notebook, 1922-1924. Page count includes: drafts of poems; miscellaneous drafts and notes.	Container 15.5
When the bough breaks (long story), handwritten manuscript / draft with revisions, 105 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes also draft for a play Red flags and green flags.	Container 16.3
When we became men, handwritten manuscript / partial draft, 93 pages in notebook, undated.	Container 16.4
When we became men, typescript / printer's copy with few handwritten emendations, 197 pages; typescript / incomplete with few handwritten emendations, 124 pages; undated.	Container 16.5-6
Why do the boys run after me?, typescript, 5 pages, 1934.	Container 15.5
The wife of Aglaos, handwritten manuscript / draft with few handwritten emendations, 119 pages in notebook, undated. Page count includes: draft of part of We have been warned; miscellaneous notes.	Container 16.7

Letters:

ALS to unidentified recipient, 21 March no year. Reply written on bottom.

Container
17.1

TLS to unidentified recipient Charlotte, 3 March 1937.

Recipient:**Container**
17.2

Unidentified author H. W. ALI to Mitchison, Naomi, undated.

Angell, Norman, Sir, 1874-1967. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 28 June 1932.
Included with this: TLS Angell to Lady Courtney, 2 May 1911.

Auten, C. N. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 23 March 1938.

Barker, Ernest, Sir, 1874-1960. ALS, APCS to Mitchison, Naomi, 28 December 1930, 28 June 1932.

Bartlett, Vernon, 1894- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 10 December 1931.

Bateson, W. 3 ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 1915-1920.

Bottomley, Gordon, 1874-1948. APCS to Mitchison, Naomi, 1 May 1938.

Bragg, William Henry, Sir, 1862-1942. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 9 October no year.

Brailsford, Henry Noel, 1873- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 11 July 1934.

Brockway, Fenner, 1888- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 25 May 1935.

Brown, Peter Hume, 1849-1918. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 22 January 1916.

Courtney, Catherine Potter, Baroness. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 19 January 1923.

Craig, Edward Gordon, 1872-1966. 2 TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 26 December 1931, 14 January 1932.

Cripps, Richard Stafford, Sir, 1889-1952. 3 TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 1935-1939.

De la Mare, Walter John, 1873-1956. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 17 May 1932.

De la Pasture, Edmée Elizabeth Monica, 1890-1943. ALS, 2 TLS E. M. Delafield to Mitchison, Naomi, 1931-1932.

Deutsch, Julius, 1884- . 2 TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 7 June 1934, 17 June 1935.

Dickinson, Goldsworthy Lowes, 1862-1932. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 28 June no year.

Dreiser, Theodore, 1871-1945. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 26 February 1935.

Elwin, Verrier, 1902- . ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 30 July 1937.

Evans, Arthur John, Sir, 1851-1941. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 16 July 1922.

Fawcett, Millicent Garrett, 1847-1929. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 5 August 1913.

Filippi Rosina, 1866-1930. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 29 November no year.

Fitzpatrick, James Percy, Sir, 1862-1931. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 16 June 1909.

Geary, Wade. ALS, ALS / incomplete, 3 AL / incomplete to Mitchison, Naomi, undated. Included with this: card with English and Greek notes.

Gielgud, Lewis Evelyn, 1894- . ALS, TLI to Mitchison, Naomi, 10 March 1931, undated.

Golding, Louis, 1895-1958. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 10 March 1932.

Haire, Norman, 1892-1952. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 28 December 1928.

Hobhouse, Stephen Henry, 1881- . ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 20 January 1937.

Hogben, Lancelot Thomas, 1895- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 29 April no year.

Housman, Laurence, 1865-1959. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 18 May 1933.

Jeffrey, William. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 29 August 1933.

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Kennington, Eric H., 1888- . 2 ALS, APCS to Mitchison, Naomi, 1937, undated.

Keynes, Lydia Lopokova. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 11 December 1931.

Lang, Cosmo Gordon Lang, Baron, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1864-1945. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 28 June 1932.

Lansbury, George, 1859-1940. ALS, ALI to Mitchison, Naomi, 19 January and 30 May 1934.

Lowndes, Marie Adelaide Belloc, Mrs., 1868-1947. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 7 December no year.

Lucas, Frank Laurence, 1894-1967. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 18 November 1929.

Macaulay, Rose, Dame, 1881-1958. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 14 April 1935.

Mackenzie, Agnes Mure, 1891-1955. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 9 September 1932.

Mackenzie, Compton, Sir, 1883-1972. ALS, TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 12 and 22 January 1932.

Masefield, John, 1878-1967. 2 ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, undated.

Maxton, James, 1885- . ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 7 May 1935.

Milles, Carl, 1875-1955. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 20 June 1929.

Moulton, John Fletcher Moulton, Baron, 1844-1921. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 2 April 1914.

Murray, Gilbert, 1866-1957. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 14 June 1934.

Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1957. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 18 January 1937.

Nevinson, Henry Woodd, 1856-1941. TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 18 March 1931.

Nichols, Beverley, 1899- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 22 August 1933. Included with this: TLS to Naomi Gwladys Royde-Smith, 15 February 1934.

Orage, Alfred Richard, 1873-1934. ALS, APCS to Mitchison, Naomi, 20 and 26 December 1917.

Orwell, George, 1903-1950. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 17 June 1938.

Pankhurst, Estelle Sylvia, 1882- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 21 November 1932.

Pollit, Harry, 1890-1960. 2 TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 27 January and 12 June 1936. Letterhead: Communist Party of Great Britain.

Read, Herbert Edward, Sir, 1893-1968. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 14 December 1929.

Sheean, Vincent, 1899- . TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 3 May no year.

Sidgwick, Frank. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 24 October 1923.

Sims, Alan. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 17 June 1930.

Sorensen, Reginald. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 11 October 1935.

Stopes, Marie Charlotte Carmichael, 1880-1958. 2 TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 27 October 1920, 12 November 1921.

Toller, Ernst, 1893-1939. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 8 January 1934.

Trevelyan, Charles Philips, Sir, 1870- . 6 TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 1932-1935.

Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, undated.

West, Rebecca, Dame, 1892- . ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, undated.

Wilkinson, Ellen Cicely, 1891-1947. ALS, TLS to Mitchison, Naomi, 12
February no year, undated.

Zimmern, Alfred, Sir, 1879-1957. ALS to Mitchison, Naomi, 26 December 1931.

Miscellaneous:

- Addison, Christopher Addison, Baron, 1869- . ALS to unidentified recipients, 5 July 1935. **Container** 17.4
- Baring-Gould, Sabine, 1834-1924. ALS to unidentified recipient, 21 August 1908.
- Botrel, Theodore Jean Marie, 1868-1925. Autograph, 1918.
- Laski, Harold Joseph, 1893-1950. TLS to Mitchison, G. Richard, 20 May 1935.
- Linchwe. Installation speech, carbon copy typescript / copy with few handwritten revisions, 2 pages, undated.
- Mitchison, Naomi:
- Correspondence re We have been warned, ALS, 10 TLS, 3 TLI, TL to Mitchison, Naomi, 1933-1934, undated. Chiefly letters from publishers or readers, including Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., Edward Garnett, John Lane the Bodley Head, Jonathan Cape Ltd., and Victor Gollancz Ltd. Included with these: 6 TccL by Mitchison. **Container** 17.5
 - Miscellaneous notes, handwritten manuscript / notes, 17 pages in 2 notebooks, 3 loose pages, undated. **Container** 17.6
 - Tractor log book, handwritten manuscript, 33 pages in notebook, 1946. **Container** 17.4
- National Unemployed Workers' Movement. TLS to Mitchison, G. Richard, 29 January 1934.
- Pearson, Karl, 1857-1936. TLS to Haldane, Kathleen, 27 November 1912.
- Simon, John Allsebrooke Simon, Viscount, 1873-1954. ALS to Comtrey, Lady, 25 March 1912.
- Original envelopes and folders. **Container** 17.8-10

Additional Acquisitions; Not Described in Card Catalog:

Manuscripts for seven works by Mitchison, one unidentified, one short story, and five articles, most marked by Mitchison as unpublished, circa 1990. Purchase, 1993 (R12860):

Unidentified handwritten manuscript, approximately 34 pages in notebook, undated. **Container**
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The gun culture, signed typescript, 4 pages, undated.

Short sentence, signed typescript, 4 pages, undated.

Thunder over Dacca, signed typescript with handwritten revisions, 4 pages, undated.

A town in Malaysia, signed typescript with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated.

Tribal people, initialed typescript, 3 pages, undated.

Us and India, initialed typescript / incomplete with corrections, 4 pages, undated.

Mitchison, Naomi. Handwritten note to unidentified recipient, undated.

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