

J. Howard Woolmer:

A Preliminary Inventory of His Collection of Sebastian Barry and Penelope Fitzgerald at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Woolmer, J. Howard, 1929-
Title:	J. Howard Woolmer Collection of Sebastian Barry and Penelope Fitzgerald
Dates:	1978-2014
Extent:	1 document box (.42 linear feet)
Abstract:	Rare book dealer J. Howard Woolmer's personal and professional files relating to the archives of authors Sebastian Barry and Penelope Fitzgerald.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4882
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Gifts, 2001 (G11927), 2016 (16-06-023-G)
Processed by:	Elizabeth E. Preston, 2016
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the files rare book dealer J. Howard Woolmer maintained on authors Sebastian Barry and Penelope Fitzgerald. The files are primarily correspondence concerning the sale and transport of the authors' manuscript collections to the Harry Ransom Center. Woolmer was friendly with both of his clients and continued to correspond with them after he brokered the sales of their collections. In the case of Fitzgerald, Woolmer continued to correspond with family members after her death, and contributed to research for biographies.

Separated Material

One cassette recording of the Somerville London Literary Group discussing Penelope Fitzgerald, dated 1 October 2003, was transferred to the Ransom Center's Sound Recordings Collection.

Barry, Sebastian

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| Correspondence, 2001-2013 | Container 1.1 |
| Sale of manuscripts to Harry Ransom Center, 2001 | Container 1.2 |
| Sale of manuscripts to Harry Ransom Center, 2005 | Container 1.3 |

Fitzgerald, Penelope

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| Correspondence, 1978-2014 | Container 1.4-1.8 |
| Correspondence between Fitzgerald and Phillip Christensen (photocopies), 1993-1999 | Container 1.9 |
| Memorial service program, 10 October 2000 | Container 1.10 |
| Notes for collection appraisal, 1988 | Container 1.11 |
| Reviews and articles, 1989-2000 | Container 1.12 |