

John Cowper Powys:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963
Title:	John Cowper Powys Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	circa 1900-1957, undated
Extent:	277 items (2 boxes)
Abstract:	The John Cowper Powys Literary File Photography Collection consists of 277 photographic prints and negatives, including images of Powys, his parents, several of his siblings, and various other people.
Call Number:	PH-02985
Language:	English
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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

The John Cowper Powys Literary File Photography Collection consists of 277 photographic prints and negatives, including images of Powys, his parents, several of his siblings (Albert Reginald, Gertrude, Llewelyn, Philippa, Theodore Francis, and William), and various other people. Over one third of the items are images associated with a 1957 edition of *Somerset and Dorset Essays* by Llewelyn Powys. There are also images of Llewelyn Powys' death mask and views of his house, as well as photographic prints and negatives removed from his correspondence. An index at the end of this guide lists photographers whose work is featured in this file. Further descriptions of some items may be available in a card catalog in the repository.

This file forms a part of the Literary Files Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Associated and related material by and about Powys can be found in the Center's library and in the John Cowper Powys Collection (MS-03320).

Index Terms

People

Powys, A. R. (Albert Reginald), 1881-1936.

Powys, Gertrude M. (Gertrude Mary).

Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963.

Powys, Llewelyn, 1884-1939.

Powys, Philippa.

Powys, Theodore Francis, 1875-1953.

Subjects

Illustration of books.

Masks (Sculpture).

Montacute (England)--Buildings, structures, etc.

Portraits.

Document Types

Gelatin silver prints.

Glass negatives.

Nitrate negatives.

Photographic prints.

Location
Powys, J.
C., Lit
File Box
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Print Number: P1 Image of Powys as a young man, seated with a dog in his lap.

Print Number: P2A-P2B Images of Powys standing in a doorway, 19 June 1954.

Print Number: P3 Image of Powys as an older man, on a dirt road with a dog.

Print Number: P6 Image of an aged, bedridden Powys with Louis Wilkinson seated next to him.

Print Number: P7 Image of Powys as an older man seated in a library looking at something with an unidentified man.

Print Number: P8A-P8B Images of Philippa Powys and her fisherman friend Bob Wooly.

Print Number: P9 Image of bas relief portrait of "Katie" by Gertrude Powys.

Print Number: P10 Image of Katey Grey.

Print Number: P11 Image of an older man in a clerical collar who is probably one of Powys' sons by his wife Margaret.

Print Number: P12 Image of Alfred Littleton.

Print Number: P13 Image of E. Sophia Bent.

Print Number: P14A-P14I Images of a bust of J. B. Priestley (8 variant photographic prints with corresponding negatives and 1 negative without print).

Print Number: P15 Image of Theodore Francis Powys and his wife Violet.

Print Number: P16 View of Montacute Vicarage.

Print Number: P17 Publicity photograph of Powys as a middle-aged man.

Accession Number: 957:0059:0005-0012, 0014-0027

Photographic prints removed from correspondence of Llewelyn Powys.

Accession Number: 957:0059:0000 Images associated with a 1957 edition of *Somerset and Dorset Essays* by Llewelyn Powys (folders 2.1-2.3, 107 photographic prints); accompanied by a typed, signed letter from John Foster White, director of MacDonald & Co., Publishers, to Alyse Gregory, 6th September 1957.

Location
Powys,
J. C., Lit
File Box
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Accession Number: 957:0059:0000 Images of the death mask of Llewelyn Powys (folder 2.4, 19 photographic prints).

Accession Number: 957:0059:0000 Images of various subjects, including portraits of J. C. Powys, his parents, several of his siblings (Albert Reginald, Gertrude, Llewelyn, Theodore Francis, and William), and various other people, as well as views of Llewelyn Powys' house (folders 2.5-2.15, 77 photographic prints).

Accession Number: 988:0033:0013 Portrait of Powys as a young man.

Accession Number: 957:0059:0000 Glass negative of Powys as an old man in bed.

Location
Cabinet
Storage

Print Number: P4 Nitrate negative of Powys standing in a stone arch.

Location
Cold
Storage,
Lit File
Boxes

Print Number: P5 Nitrate negative of Powys standing on a hillside

Accession Number: 957:0059:0001-0004, 0013 Five nitrate negatives removed from correspondence of Llewelyn Powys.

Accession Number: 957:0059:0000 Four nitrate negatives removed from folder 2.1.

Accession Number: 957:0059:0000 Six nitrate negatives removed from folder 2.11.

Index of Photographers

- Boughton, Alice, 1865-1943--988:0033:0013
- John Chaffin & Sons--Box 2 (1 item)
- S. J. Herbert & Sons--Box 2 (1 item)
- Stearn & Sons--Box 2 (1 item)