

NORMAN NEWTON 1929 -

AN INVENTORY OF HIS PAPERS

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INTRODUCTION

Norman Newton, a Vancouver native, was born on July 9, 1929. After leaving school early, he worked at a variety of jobs. His first radio transcript was accepted by CBC Radio in Vancouver. Newton spent some time in England in the 1950's where he worked occasionally for the British Broadcasting Corporation. In Canada, he was employed by the CBC for several years and eventually became their senior drama producer. Newton's prime literary interest is poetry, although he has written novels, plays, histories and one libretto for an all-Canadian produced in Canada.

Norman Newton's significance in the literary world is evidenced by this collection, presented to the UBC library in May of 1989. While much of the correspondence is essentially straightforward, there were a few series of significance which dictated their being separate. For example, the correspondence with Oxford University Press clearly details the commission and later unreasonable rejection of Newton's 'Fire In The Raven's Nest'. The correspondence with New Press depicts the publication of that book one year later.

Newton collaborated with Derek Healey and Tibor Serly on two separate occasions. The documentation of both 'Seabird Island' and 'A Rhetoric Of Melody' are so significant that it was necessary to give each its own subgrouping. It should be noted that while Tibor Serly died in 1978, correspondence is dated as late as 1985. That is because his wife, Miriam, assumed responsibility for the book's publication following the composer's death.

The word 'item' has been used in this context to indicate one complete letter. In other words, if a letter is three pages long, it has been listed in the index as only one item for that particular date or from that particular person.

CORRESPONDENTS

Aitken, Robert
Amory, Hugh
Arthur, Eric
Bevan, Alan
Canada Foundation, The
Canadian Literature
Canadian Review
Carey, Neil
Carty, Christine
Centennial Commission
Choate, Catherine
Cooswell, Fred
Doering, Kent O.
Eukin, Sharon
Fink, Howard
Gladish, Robert W.
Gordon, Cyrus H.
Hemblen, David
Houston, Jean
Journal of Canadian Fiction
League of Canadian Reij
Lee, Alma
Macdonald, Bruce
McIntyre, Scott
Malmo, William
Hanley, Beverly
Marchand, Blaine
Molinardo, J.A.
Owen, Peter
Shaw, Edward A.
Shiel, Anthony
Smith, Julin
Swerling, Anthony
Totton, Mr.
Turner, Robert
Tynan, Kenneth
Vancouver Sun
Watmough, David
Weaver, Robert
Wylde, Peter C.

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LETTERS: INCOMING

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Items</u>
1-1	Ammon, Jack	1969	1
	Arthur, Eric	1974	1
	Bankson, Douglas	1974	2
	B.B.C.	1954	1
	B.C. Studies	1975	3
	Bell, Robert E.	1966	1
	Bevan, Alan	1965	1
	Blyth, John C.	1976	1
	Borealis Press Ltd.	1975	1
	British Museum	1967	1
	Callwood, June	1979	1
	Canada Council	1976-77	2
	Canada Foundation	1959	1
	C.B.C.	1949-77	4
	Canadian Review	1975	4
	Canadian Theatre Centre	1968	1
	Canadian Writers' Service	1957	2
	Canino, Frank	1978	3
1-2	Cardenas, Olga	1978	2
	Carene, John	1981	2
	Caron, Edwina	1976-77	6
	Cespinall, Dawn	1975	1
	Christy & Moore	1960-71	30
1-3	Conahan, Peter	1955-57	9
	Consumer & Corporate Affairs	1975	1
	Coryell, Jane	1975	1
	Crucible Theatre	1973	1
	Cultural Advisory Committee	1973	3
1-4	Daniells, Roy	1968	1
	Davis, Chuck	1971-75	4
	Davis, Donald	1954	1
	Dean, Mr.	1955	1
	Del Torto, Mrs, J.	1952	1
	Dibble, Charles E.	1966	1
	Doubleday Canada Ltd.	1968	1
	E. Johnson Music Foundation	1977	1
	Enkin, Sharon	1979	1
	Faye, Northrop	n.d.	1
	Fingerson, Mrs. S.O.	n.d.	1
	Fladell, Ernie	1976	1
	General Publishing Ltd.	1974	3
	Goldie, Mary L.	1969	2
	Grant, Sonia	1954	1
	Guttrig, Mr.	1954	1
1-5	Halbert, Isabel	1957	3
	Hinitt, Robert N.	1956-57	4
	Holiday Playhouse	1968	5
	Hollinger House Ltd.	1973	1

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Items</u>
	Hollingsworth, Margaret	1974	1
	Hubert, Cam	n.d.	1
	Hurtig Publishers	1972	2
	Hutchison, Sybil	1961	1
	James, Clifford	n.d.	1
	<u>Journal of Canadian Fiction</u>	1971	2
1-6	Lamont, Helen Lamb	1968	1
	League of Canadian Poets	1976	1
	Lemire, Sister Marie	1963	1
	Lowry, Margerie	1961-67	5
	MacDonald, Bruce	1980	3
	MacPherson, Jay	1961-66	5
	Marley, David F.	1981	1
	Marcuse, Judith	1981	1
	Mayne, Seymour	1973	2
	Meadows, Mervyn	1975	1
	Mexican Government	1967	1
	Milne, W.S.	1957	1
	Molinaro, J.A.	1958	1
	New American Library	1954	1
	New Lindsey Theatre Club	1963	1
	New Play Centre	1973-74	2
	Nijhoff, Martinus	1967	1
1-7	Owen, Peter	1960-65	22
1-8	Owen, Peter	1966-74	20
1-9	Pegasus Theatre Society	1955-56	3
	Pennypacker, Miriam	1962	1
	Poets' Theatre in Cambridge	1955	1
	Prism International	1973	1
	Radman, S.	1969	2
	Reaney, James	1962-69	4
	Robertson, George	1961	3
	Rudelsheim, Jacob L.	1966	1
	Russell, Peter	1956	2
1-10	Saunders, Stanley	1977	1
	Steinberg, Albert	1949	1
	Stratford Shakespearian Festival Foundation	1975	1
	Thompson, Eric	1969	1
	Thurston, F.R.	1954	1
	Toronto Arts Production	1974	2
	Toronto Star Ltd,	1967	1
	Turner, S & R	1972-83	10

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Items</u>
1-11	Tynan, Kenneth	1956	1
	Vancouver Museum & Planetarium Association	1973	1
	Wainscot, Stanley	1961	2
	Watt, Gladys	1954	4
	Weaver, Robert	1959	1
	Winston, Helene	1957	1
	Woodcock, George	1966-75	19
	1-12	unidentified	1955
	"Alan"	1956	1
	unidentified	1961	1
	M.	1976	1
	"Ken"	n.d.	1
	M.	n.d.	1
	unidentified	n.d.	1

LETTERS: OUTGOING

1-13	"Jim"	1951	1
	Pete	1955	1
	Kent, E.W.	1955	1
	Russell, Mr.	1956	1
	Halbert, Isabel	1957	1
	Tyler, Mr.	1957	1
	Owan, Mr.	1960	1
	Pendleton, Mr.	1960	1
	Russell, George	1961	3
	Duff Wilson	1962	1
	John	1964	2
	<u>American Antiquity</u>	1966	1
1-14	<u>The Sun</u>	1966	2
	Wauchope, Mr.	1967	1
	Dennis	1968	1
	John	1968	1
	Owen, Peter	1968	1
	<u>The Sun</u>	1968	1
	Gordon	1969	1
	Owen, Peter	1971	2
	Gordon, Mr.	1971	2
	Betty	1971	1
	Hurtig, Mr.	1972	2
	Owen, Peter	1972	1
	Arnason, Mr.	1972	1
	Aveni, Professor	1972	1
	Woodcock, George	1972	1

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Items</u>
1-15	John	1973	1
	Mr. Hunter	1973	1
	Harry	1973	1
	Owen, Peter	1974	1
	Mayne, Seymour	1974	1
	Mr. Wylde	1974	1
	Mr. Barbour	1974	1
	C.B.C.	1974	1
	Turner, Robert	1974	3
	Publishing Firm	1974	1
	Miss. Prang	1975	1
1-16	Wilson	1975	1
	Letter to Editor	1976	1
	Turner, Robert	1976	1
	Canada Council	1976	1
	Lee, Alma	1976	1
	Ernie	1976	1
	Max	1978	1
	Frank	1978	1
	Ed, The Sun	1978	1
	Mr. Shiel	1978	1
	Macdonald, Bruce	1981	1
	Letter to Editor	1981	1
	Dr. Archer	1982	1
	Undated		
1-17	'Dear Sir'	n.d.	1
	" "	n.d.	1
	Mr. McDowell	n.d.	1
	Editor, The Sun	n.d.	1
	'Dear Sir'	n.d.	1
	Senhor Figuerires	n.d.	1
	Smith, John (Telegram)	n.d.	1
	Editor, Ebony	n.d.	1
	Mr. Kilgallin	n.d.	1
	'Dear Sir'	n.d.	1
	Sir Charles	n.d.	1
	Miss. Szigethy	n.d.	1

CORRESPONDENCE: GENERAL

Arranged Chronologically

(1-18) - 2-3

1965 - 1986

ca. 200

CORRESPONDENCE: SUBJECT

2-4	Academy of the New Church (incl. 2 Galley Proofs)	1960-76	15
2-5	Academy of the New Church (incl. 3 Galley Proofs)	1977-78	14
2-6	Faber & Faber Publishers	1966-04-68	33
2-7	Faber & Faber Publishers	05-68-1979	32
2-8	McLelland & Stewart Publishers	1964-69	25
2-9	McLelland & Stewart Publishers	1970-71	16
2-10	McLelland & Stewart Publishers	1972-73	17
2-11	McLelland & Stewart Publishers	1974-75	16
2-12	New Press Limited	1972	21
2-13	New Press Limited	1973	20
2-14	New Press Limited	1974-77	17
2-15	Oxford University Press	1970-71	20

MANUSCRIPTS

DRAMA

3-14	The Abdication, by Norman Nedor		
3-15	Pacific Soundscape	"	"
3-16	Free Enterprise	"	"
3-17	Orpheus 6	"	"
3-18	The Choice of Hercules	"	"
3-19	Vile Shadows	"	"
4-1	A Mirror of Mist and Foam	"	"
4-2	The Troy Game	"	"
4-3	Three Cartoons		

- 4-4 The Death of Dermot O'Dyna by Norman Newton
 Shakuntala adapted by Norman Newton
 Ninety-Three " " "
 Le Misanthrope translated by N.N.

LIBRETTO

- 4-5 The Old Man who Bound Up his Wrinkles
 (Later Seabird Island)

POETRY

- 4-6 From Hippolytus
 Floodwaters
- 4-7 The White Man from The Sea
- 4-8 Forests of the Night
- 4-9 On the Broken Mountain Selected Poems

PROSE

- 5-1 The Big Stuffed Hand of Friendship
- 5-2 Fire in the Raven's Nest (Rough; Part I)
- 5-3 Fire in the raven's Nest (Rough; Part II)
- 5-4 Fire in the Raven's Nest
- 6-1 The One True Man
- 6-2 Thomas Gage in Central America (Rough -Divided into 3)
- 6-3-5 The Ancient Land

V RADIO SHOW TRANSCRIPTS

- 6-6 Young Goodman Brown
 Thomas Lovell Beddoes
 The Vanishing Point
 The Woman in the Wilderness
- 6-7 Untitled; (Canadian Composer)
- The Poetry of Richard Crashaw
 Wilderness no Wilderness
 Early Birney
 The Iconoclast as Icon
 Talk Written for 'Critically Speaking'

PRINTED MATTER

- 7-1 -Application for music seminar 77 (2 copies)
 -Contract for production of 'The Abdication' (2 copies)
 -Advertisement, "The Importance of Storytelling"
 -Adjudication results of Canadian playwriting competition
 -Article, 'The Queen Charlotte Islands' - a Haida speaks
 -Excerpt, unidentified magazine
 -The Canadian Forum: July, September 1949
- 7-2 -Spanish Newsletter
 -Vancouver Museum - Statement of purpose
 - Annual Report
 - General Information
 -Brochures on the Epigraph Society (2 items)
- 7-3 -Pamphlet on Robert Turner
 -Pamphlet on Peter Owen Books
 -Royalty Statement, Editorial Jus, S.A.
 -Royalty Statement, Anthony Shiel Associates Ltd.
 -Request to CBC for authorization of extra work
 -License to broadcast from CBC
 -Blueprint of stage setting for unidentified play
- 7-4 The New Philosophy
 Vol LXXIV no.4
 Vol LXXV no.1
 Vol LXXV no.2
 Vol LXXX no.1
- 7-5 The New Philosophy
 Vol LXXX no.2
 Vol LXXX no.3
 Vol LXXX no.4
 Vol LXXX1 no.1
- 7-6 The New Philosophy
 Vol LXXXI no.1
 Vol LXXXIV no.1 & 2
 Vol LXXXIV no.3 & 4

CLIPPINGS

- 7-8 Time Magazine June 2, 1961
 The Province Aug 20, 1969
 The Sun Dec 31, 1970
 The Vancouver Sun Feb 18, 1971
 The Vancouver Sun Aug 27, 1974
 The Vancouver Sun Aug 27, 1975

NOTES

7-7 Letter to Pam, n.d.
 The Flight of the Blue Jay - Review
 Letter P unidentified editor
 'Poetry published or performed'
 'General Note on My Plays'
 'Note to John, n.d.'
 Notes to unidentified manuscripts

SCRAPBOOKS

(oversize) -includes biographical info. about N. Newton
 7-10 inserts -primarily clippings of book review
 7-11 inserts -primarily pamphlets and programs from
 various productions

MISCELLANY

-notes on musical symbols
 -proposed changes in schedule of Radio Drama
 -unidentified notes
 -unidentified memo
 -newsletter, the Royal Canadian College of Organists
 -memo re app't as senior music producer
 -certificate from Royal Conservatory of Music
 -memo requesting addresses
 -letter requesting photo rights
 -memo addressed to photographic service of UBC

SUBGROUPS

Derek Healey

2-16 - 3-1
 3-1 General Correspondence Arranged Chronologically 67
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PRINTED MATTER

3-2 Pamphlet of Derek Healey n.d. 1
 Playboard Magazine June 1978 1

CLIPPINGS

3-3 Unidentified n.d. 1
 Vancouver Sun June 9, 1978 1

Tibor Serly

3- 4-9	General Correspondence	Arranged Chronologically 1975-1985	ca.120
	NOTES		
	- assorted memos concerning	n.d.	11
3-10	'A rhetoric of Melody'		
	PRINTED MATTER		
	-article by T. Serly, Philadelphia Eve.	Jan 19, 1974	1
3-11	BULLETIN		
	-4 postcards by Mary Barnard	1975	1
	-Program, recital by Mirian Molin	n.d.	1
	-Pamphlet about T. Serly	n.d.	1
	-Program, Portland Symphonic Choir	May 6, 1978	1
	-Brochure about T. Serly	n.d.	3
3-12	-Brochure Re. T. Serly's Death	n.d.	1
	-Musical Heritage Review	Nov. 20, 1978	1
	-Portland State U. Recital Program	Nov-Dec, 1978	
	-Presentation Speech by Morris Molin	March 15, 1979	1
	-Civil Orch. of Chicago	May 2, 1979	1
	-North Coast Chamber Orchestra	July 18, 1979	1
3-13	CLIPPINGS		
	NY Times	Jan 10, 1977	1
	Oregonian	April 11, 1977	1
	NY Times	May 6, 1977	1
	The Daily News	June 9, 1977	2
	The New Yorker	Feb 13, 1978	1
	Oregonian	May 5, 1978	1
	Encore Magazine	May, 1978	1
	NY Times	June, 1978	2
	Longview Daily News	n.d.	2
	NY Times	n.d.	1
	Evening Bulletin	n.d.	1
	Unidentified	n.d.	1