University of Victoria Special Collections

Dolmen Press

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Title

Dolmen Press collection

Dates

1951-1964

Extent

70 cm of textual records 1 audio reel

Administrative History

The Dolmen Press was founded by Liam Miller at Drumcondra in 1951. It started as a small private press, using a hand press, with the intention of issuing works by Irish poets. In the early days of the press, some poets such as Thomas Kinsella set up the type themselves. In 1954, the press was moved to Glenageary. In 1958, the printing shop was established in Dublin, due to their increased sources of work. The press moved to Portlaoise about 1980, and ceased in 1988, Liam Miller having died shortly beforehand.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of manuscripts, typescripts, page proofs, galley proofs, correspondence and original illustrations of early books published by the Dolmen Press, comprising some of the work of about 25 writers. Included among these authors are Austin Clarke, Padraic Colum, Thomas Kinsella, and Richard Murphy. Also included are translations of earlier works in Irish and an edition of one of W. B. Yeats' works.

Finding Aids

File list available.

Title Source

Title based on the contents of the collection.

DOLMEN PRESS

MANUSCRIPTS

ACCESSION 83-003 to 83-135, 99-004

1) BARRY, FRANCISJ.

Who, a Stranger: a sequential lament for love's unending 1953

File 1 tss, corr. 13I./ 14p. A ccession 83-112

(Dolmen) holdings

PR8899/ B37W4 #2 of 200, signed PR8899/ B37W4/ 1953 #101 of 200, pb PR8899/ B37W4f Prospectus, 1 leaf

2) CLARK, AUSTIN Later Poems 1961

File 2 Reviews 1961-2, tss 6l./ 6p. Accession 83-046

Isis 31/ 1/ 61
Irish Times Weekly Review 5 Oct. 1962
The Times 28 Sept. 1961
Poetry Review Jan 62

Hercure de France November 1961 Sunday Times 13 Aug. 1961 " 3 Dec. 1961

 New Statesman
 25/ 8/ 61

 The Guardian
 A ugust 4 1961

 " Dec. 15 1961

(Dolmen) holdings PR6005/ L24L3

Too Great A Vine: Poems and Satires Second Series 1957

File 3 Page Proofs, corr. 30L/30p. Accession 83-044

File 4 Galley Proofs, corr. 4l./4p. Accession 83-045

(Dolmen) holdings

PR6005/ L24T6 I.e. 200 PR6005/ L24T6/ 1958 2nd. Imp.

3) CLIFFORD, SIGERSON

Travelling Tinkers 1954

File 5 Layout copy for 2nd ed. pp.12-17 Accession 83-120

File 6 Corrected copy of 1st ed. used to set 2nd Accession 83-121

(Dolmen) holdings

PR8899/ C55T7/ 1951 2 c. PR8899/ C55T7/ 1954 2 c. PR8899/ C55T7/ 1954f prospectus

4) COGHILL, RHODA

Time Is A Squirrel, poems 1956

File 7 Page Proofs, corr. 41. Accession 83-119
File 8 Galley Proofs, corr. 41. Accession 83-118

File 9 Layout copy A ccession 83-117

File 10Tss, copy text for printer

File 11Original design for cover - 2 drawings

File 12Prospectus; page proof, corr., notes

A ccession 83-115

A ccession 83-114

(Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ C64T5

5) COLUM, MARY (MAGUIRE)

The Ballad Of The Lone Woman n.d.

File 13 tss 1 l. A ccession 83-133

File 14hls from Padraic Colum to Liam Miller 11. Accession 83-134 (re his wife's poem)

(Dolmen) holdings

PS3505/ 23765D5 (broadsheet)

6) COLUM, PADRAIC

Irish Elegies

Enter These Enchanted Woods by Arland Ussher 1957
File 15 Tss, corr. of Foreword 3 I. Accession 83-038

(Dolmen) holdings

PN 3437/ U8/ 1957 2 copies

1958

File 16 Trial type settings 5 I. Accession 83-106 File 17tls to Liam Miller 12 May 58? Accession 83-103 11. 6 I. tss, corr. File 18tls from Liam Miller 1 May 58 1 I. Accesssion 83-101 tls to Liam Miller 30 May 58 11. (airmail) tls to Liam Miller n.d. (June 58?) 1 I. File 19 Page Proofs, corr. 8 I. Accession 83-107 (2nd ed.) File 20 Trial Settings, corr. (not used) 6 I. Accession 83-105 File 21 Pasteup (2nd ed., corr.), holo. & tss, 16 I. Accession 83-104

trial settings
File 22Tss. (2nd ed.)
2 I. Accession 83-102
File 23Copy of 1st ed., corr., used for 2nd ed. 7 I. Accession 83-108

File 24 Original design, proof for dust jacket 21. Accession 83-100

(Dolmen) holdings

PR8835/ D6/ No.9 #9 of 50, signed

PR8835/ D6/ No.9/ 1958

PR8835/ D6/ No.9/ 1961 2nd ed.

Ten Poems 1957

File 25 Galley Proofs 31. Accession 83-050

File 26Tss, corr. ("The Basket Maker") 21. A ccession 83-048 File 27 Correspondence (17 letters) A ccession 83-047

tls to Liam Miller-May 5, 1956 (airmail)

tlc from Liam Miller-May 18, 1956

tls to Liam Miller-June 24, 1956 (airmail)

tlc,s from Liam Miller-Feb 15, 157

tls to Liam Miller-March 1, 1957 (airmail)

tls to Liam Miller-March 24, 1957 tls to Liam Miller-April 5, 1957 hls from Liam Miller-August 8, 1957 tlc from Liam Miller-August 12, 1957

tls to Liam Miller-August 13, 1957 (airmail)

hls from Liam Miller-August 16, 1957 tls to Liam Miller-August 19, 1957 tlc, s from Liam Miller-August 22, 1957 tls to Liam Miller-August 23, 1957 (airmail)

tlc from Liam Miller-Sept. 1, 1957 tls to Liam Miller-Sept. 14, 1957 tls to Liam Miller-Sept. 24, 1957

File 28 Original designs for title page by Liam Miller (31.) Accession 83-049

(Dolmen) holdings

PR6005/ O38T4 #4 of 50, signed

PR6005/ O38T4/ 1957 #51 of 500

7) The Dolmen Miscellany of Irish Writing 1962

edited by John Montague

File 29 Page Proofs, corr. 119 I. A ccession 83-111 File 30 "The Cleggan Disaster" by Richard 16 I. A ccession 83-110

Murphy. Page Proofs Corrected

by author

File 31 "Ferris Moore and the Earwig" by 41. Accession 83-109

James Plunkett. Galley Proofs

corrected by author

(Dolmen) holdings PR8844/ D6 PR8844/ D6/ 1962

8) DURYEE, MARY BALLARD

Words Alone Are Certain Good: William Butler Yeats: himself, the poet, his ahost 1961

File 32 Galley Proofs, press copy

37 I. A ccession 83-043

File 33 Galley Proofs, corr. 201. Accession 83-042

File 34Tss, corr. 37 I. Accession 83-041

(Dolmen) holdings

PR5906/ D8 I.e. 500

9) FAULKNER, PETER

William Morris and W.B. Yeats 1962

16 I. File 35 Galley Proofs, corr. Accession 83-039 (Dolmen) holdings PR5083/ F3 10) IRELAND (Provisional Republic 1916) The Easter Proclamation of the Irish Republic MCMXVI 1960 File 36 Layout copy Accession 83-016 7 I. File 37 Trial Setting in Undial type 21. Accession 83-017 File 38 Original Design by Leslie MacWeeney 1 I. Accession 83-019 (Dolmen) holdings DA 962/ 17/ 1960 3 variant bindings DA 962/ 17/ 1975 11) KENNEDY, MAURICE The Freebooters 1952 File 39 Tss, corr. and autographed 17 I. Accession 83-113 (Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ K45F7 12) KINSELLA, THOMAS Another September 1958 File 40 Advance Proofs, corr. 46 I. Accession 83-058 File 41 Author's Proofs, corr. 61 I. Accession 83-057 File 42 Layout copy "Baggot Street Deserta" 18 I. Accession 83-060 File 43Tss, cts, mss of some of the poems Accession 83-059 24 I. File 44 Tss. "Bulletin" & "For Biographical 4 I. Accession 83-056 Note"- background of poems and bio. possibly re Book award (Dolmen) holdings PR6021/ 135A75 #2 Of 50 (spec. ed.) PR6021/ I35A75/ 1958 pb PR6021/ I35A75/ 1958b PR6021/ I35A 75/ 1962 new ed. PR6021/ I35A75/ 1962b new ed.-pb Faeth Fiadha: The Breastplate of Saint Patrick 1954 translation of a hymn composed by St. Patrick to shield himself and his monks from their enemies. It is called the deer's cry (faeth fiadha) File 45 Page Proofs Accession 83-011 7 I. File 46 Layout copy Accession 83-012 File 47 Mss 3 I. Accession 83-007 File 482 scrapper boards with original Accession 83-009 designs by H. Neville Roberts File 49 Galley Proofs, corr. (2nd ed.) 1 I. Accession 83-008 File 50 Layout copy, (text omitted) for 2nd ed. 31. Accession 83-010 (Dolmen) holdings BX4700/ P3A4 #1 of 15 special ed. BX4700?P3A4f prospectus

BX4700/ P3A4/ 1954 #182 of 275

BX4700/ P3A4/ 1954/ No.2 unnumbered, signed

BX4700/ P3A4/ 1954/ No.3 Xmas special ed. for friends of John Mcguire

BX4700/ P3A4/ 1955 same as prev. except overprinted St Patrick's

Day 1955
BX4700/ P3A 4/ 1957 #1 of 10 special ed., vellum
BX4700/ P3A 4/ 1957/ No.2 decorated boards
BX4700/ P3A 4/ 1957/ No.3 yellow wrappers BX4700/ P3A 4/ 1961

Downstream 1962		
File 51 Final Page Proofs, corrpress copy		Accession 83-067
plus unmarked proof copy		
File 52 Final Page Proofs, corrpress copy	60 I.	Accession 83-068
plus tss of table of contents	1 I.	
File 53 Galley Proofs 22 I.		Accession 83-065
File 54 Galley Proofs, corr. 13 l.		Accession 83-066
File 55 Layout copy	12 I.	Accession 83-064
File 56 Tss, corr.; Mss; printed copy text	41 I.	Accession 83-062
plus holo. note to Liam Miller		
from author		
File 57 "Moralities" (Dolmen Chapbook #12)	15 p.	Accession 83-063
1960- most of these poems were		
included in Section II of Downs	tream	
File 58 Holo. note to Liam Miller n.d. 11.		Accession 83-061
-probably 1962		

(Dolmen) holdings PR6021/ I35D6

Longes Mac n-Usnig: The Exile and			1954
translated from the Book of Leinster	(12th cent	ury)	
File 59 Paste up, corr.	38 I.	Accession 83	3-020
File 60Tss, corr., plus holo. list of setting	18 I.	Accession 83	3-022
instructions & proof of 1st pag	ge of text		
File 61 Mss plus photocopy of review by	81.	Accession 83	3-023
Pearce Hutchinson	3 I.		
File 624 original designs by Mia Cranwill		Accession 83	3-024
File 63 Trial title page plus paste up of 1st p		Accession 83-025	
of text, including an original	drawing		
by Bridget Swinton			
File 64 Galley Proofs, corr. (2nd ed.) 6		Accession 83-030	
File 65 Page Proofs "	41.	Accession 83	
File 66 Layout copy "		Accession 83	3-028
File 67 Copy of 1st ed (#157 of 200) with		Accession 83-024	
author's corrections for 2nd e	ed.		
File 68 Original design by Bridget Swinton		Accession 83	3-026
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PB1397/ L59/ 1960/ No.2	variant binding

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13) MacDONAGH, DON <u>Love Duet</u> 1951 File 83tls to Liam Miller Dege Proof, con Tss	from] December 13	the pla 3 1951	ay "God 1 I.	l's Gen 1 I. 1 I.	try] Accession 83-078

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15) MARCUS, DAY Six Poems File 90 Tss File 91 tls to Liam Mill File 92 Design for Laye	<u>1952</u> er	6 I. 1 I. 1 I.	A ccession 83-122 A ccession 83-123 A ccession 83-124
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16) MERRIMAN, BRIAN (usually trans.Bryan in Ireland) 1757-1808
[ie. Brian MacGiolla Meidhre]
The Midnight Court 1953
translation of Cuirt An Mheadhon Oidhche 1780
by David Marcus (unless otherwise indicated)
File 93Tss, corr. 11 Accession 83-031
translated by Bre[a]ndon (Brendan) Behan
not used
File 94Galley Proofs, corr. 91. Accession 83-032
File 95Layout copy Accession 83-035
File 96Tss, corr. 401. Accession 83-033

plus attached tls from Liam Miller

. 16th July 1952 File 97 Original designs and pulls of blocks 12 l. Accession 83-034 cuts by Michael Biggs (Dolmen) holdings PB1398/ M 4E5/ 1953 #56 of 200 PB1398/ M4E5/ 1953d prospectus (1st) PB1398/ M4E5/ 1953f (2nd) 3 copies PB1398M4E5/ 1953f/ No.2 luncheon invitation re publication PB1398/ M4E5/ 1975 3rd ed. 17) MILNE, EWART Galion 1953 File 98 Layout copy Accession 83-125 File 99 Tss 11 I. Accession 83-126 prospectus; signed prologue; final drafts of "Galion, or The Hound of Leinster" (signed) and "Galion and the White Bull"; List of Books (Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ M 54G3 Special Ed., #2 of 25 #171 Of 200 PR8899/ M54G3/ 1953 MONTAGUE, JOHN 18) Forms of Exile 1958 Advance Proof Copy File 100 24 p. Accession 83-083 File 101 Advance Proof - press copy 24 p. Accession 83-082 File 102 Galley Proofs, corr. 7 I. Accession 83-081 File 103 13 I. Accession 83-080 Layout copy File 104 Prospectus - postcard; Proof 21. Accession 83-079 (Dolmen) holdings PR6025/ O42F6 Special Ed., #6 of 50 PR6025/ O42F6/ 1958 PR6025/ O42F6f/ No.2 Postcard prospectus MURPHY, RICHARD 19) The Archaeology of Love 1955 File 105 Page Proofs, corr. - author's 23 I. Accession 83-085 plus holo, note from author Galley Proofs, corr. 5 I. Accession 83-086 File 106 File 107 Page Proofs -printer's copy 21. Accession 83-087 File 108 Tss, corr. 22 I. Accession 83-084 File 109 Galley Proofs, used to print "Sailing 1 I. Accession 83-088 To An Island" separately (Dolmen) holdings PR6025/ U75A8 le 200 PR6025/ U75A8a **Proof Copy** PR6025/ U75S3/ 1955 #32 of 35 The Woman Of The House 1959 File 110 hls to Liam Miller 19th May 1959 11. Accession 83-089 hls to Liam Miller 1 I. n.d. tls to Liam Miller 10th May 1959 11. tls to Liam Miller 7th May 1959 1 I. plus holo. postscript hls to Liam Miller 5th May 1959 11.

his to Liam Miller 2nd May 1959 11. hpc to Liam Miller 13th April 1959 hpc to Liam Miller 3rd April 1959 tis to Liam Miller 21st March 1959 1 I. tls to Liam Miller 26 March 1959 11. plus holo. postscript and 2 holo. notes hlc from Liam Miller 18 March 1959 1 I. tls to Liam Miller 15th March 1959 1 I. tls to Liam Miller 14th March 1959 1 I. plus holo, postscript and envelope with further postscript (Dolmen) holdings PR6025/ U75W6 Special Ed., #3 of 25 PR6025/ U75W6/ 1959 pb 20) POWELL-ANDERSON, CONSTANCE 1962 Barren Original design by Ruth Brandt 11. Accession 83-090 File 111 (Dolmen) holdings PR6031/ 0862B3/ 1962 new ed. PYE, PATRICK 21) Has Art Any Meaning File 112 Original design by author 1 I. Accession 83-018 (Dolmen) holdings N 70/ P9 22) RIVERS, ELIZABETH Out Of Bedlam 1956 XXVII wood engravings, with texts from Christopher Smart File 113 Page Proofs, corr. - preface 3 I. Accession 83-021 (Dolmen) holdings NE1146/R5 #1 of 225 NE1146/ R5f prospectus 23) ROBERTS, H. NEVILLE Song To A Gay Measure 1951 File 114 Mss, signed 1 I. Accession 83-127 (Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ R62S6 broadside Three Carols To Mary 1951 File 115 Tss 3 I. Accession 83-128 (Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ R62T4/ 1951 Special Ed., #2 of 25 c.1 #23 of 25, signed c.2 pb, le 225 c.3

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(Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ U88T5 PR8899/ U88T5/ 1956

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27) File 1	WYSE, NELLIE BONA PARTE The Golden Eagle 1956 32 Tss, corr.	<u>5</u>	21.	Accession 83-131
	(Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ W97G6	le 100		
File 1	Saint Anthony Of Padua 33 Tss, corr.	1956	1 I.	Accession 83-132
	(Dolmen) holdings PR8899/ W97S3	le 50		
28) File 1	YEATS, WILLIAM BUTLER A Tower Of Polished Black Sto Early Versions of "The Shadow arranged and edited by David 34 Proof Copy, corr. plus prospectus	y Waters"	1 <u>971</u> ark and George	Mayhew Accession 83-040
	(Dolmen) holdings PR5904/ S4/ 1971			
29) File 1	MacLIAMMOIR, MICHEAL <u>The Importance of Being Oscar</u> 35 Galley proofs (gift of Ann Saddlemyer	3	BI. Ac	cession 99-004
	(sc) holdings PR5823/ M3 (see also Skelton collection - no	tyet catalo	ogued)	

Miscellaneous additions

- Liam Miller audio tape Abbey Theatre Programme, November 20, 1986 (concerned with Lennox Robinson) 1) 2)