Christopher Murray Grieve Collection: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Christopher Murray Grieve collection

Dates (inclusive): 1927-1929

Collection Number: mssGrieve

Creator: MacDiarmid, Hugh, 1892-1978

Extent: 3 boxes (3.9 linear feet)

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Abstract: Collection contains 119 essays and 4 letters written by Christopher Murray Grieve. The manuscript essays, dating from 1927-1929, cover topics related to Scottish culture and politics and were often published weekly in various Scottish newspapers under pseudonyms, usually "Mountboy" or "Special Correspondent."

Language: English.

Access

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Preferred Citation


Provenance

Collection is comprised of materials purchased from K. D. Duval Rare Books in two accessions, July 1962 and April 1963. Accession dates are noted on individual folders.

Biographical Note

Christopher Murray Grieve (1892-1978), best known by the pen name Hugh MacDiarmid, was a Scottish poet, journalist, and critic. He studied at Edinburgh University and served in the Royal Medical Corps (1915-1920). Following wartime service, he became a journalist at the Montrose Review in Montrose, Angus. Grieve was politically active, a founder member of the National Party of Scotland (now the Scottish National Party) in 1928 and at times a member of the Communist Party. As a poet, he is credited with leading the Scottish literary renaissance in the first half of the 20th century.

Scope and Content

Collection contains 119 essays and 4 letters written by Christopher Murray Grieve. The materials date from 1927-1929, while Grieve was living in Montrose, Scotland and working at the newspaper Montrose Review. The manuscript essays cover topics related to Scottish culture and politics and were syndicated via the Scottish Secretariat to various weekly local Scottish newspapers under pseudonyms, usually "Mountboy" or "Special Correspondent." Newspapers that published the pieces include the Kelso Journal, Kilmarnock Standard, Brechin Times, Perth Advertiser, and others.

Related Materials in the Huntington Library

MacDiarmid, Hugh [pseudonym]. Direadh III manuscript, 1930s. HM 22515.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged by type: correspondence and manuscripts. Manuscripts are arranged alphabetically by title.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects

MacDiarmid, Hugh, 1892-1978.

Montrose (Scotland).

Politics and culture -- Scotland.
Scotland -- Politics and government.
Scottish literature -- 20th century.
Scottish National Party.

Forms/Genres
Essays -- Scotland -- 20th century
Letters (correspondence) -- Scotland -- 20th century
Manuscripts -- Scotland -- 20th century

Alternate Authors
Grieve, Christopher Murray, 1892-1978.

Box 1, Folder 1-41  Correspondence, manuscripts (A-I) 1927-1929
Scope and Content
Folder 1 contains 4 letters written by Grieve in 1927-1928 addressed to the Scottish Secretariat and "Miss Archibald" (probably a staff member of the Secretariat). Folders 2-41 contain manuscripts.

Box 2, Folder 1-40  Manuscripts (I-S) 1927-1929
Box 3, Folder 1-39  Manuscripts (S-W) 1927-1929