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Handlists of manuscripts, H 45: **W. H. AUDEN**

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The following list describes a small collection of material formed by gift and purchase over the past few years. It serves as a complement to the Auden collection of about 750 printed items purchased from Auden's bibliographer, B.C.Bloomfield, in 1982, and augmented by gift by him and purchase since then. Most of the Bloomfield Auden Collection has not yet been catalogued, but an annotated copy of Bloomfield and Mendelson's *W.H. Auden, a Bibliography, 1924-1969* (referred to below as B&M) is kept in the Department of Special Collections for consultation. Moreover, typescript and other material relating to the compilation of B&M is kept in the Strong Room at Gen. 2239.

MS 3080.1: works

- MS 3080.1.1 "Writing", autograph essay, [192-]. 15 pp. of text on 9 fols of lined foolscap.
(E82.63)
- MS 3080.1.2 "Democracy and education", typescript, 55 fols. Top copy with pen and pencil annotations. This is the first draft of B&M A19. (E86.5.1)
- MS 3080.1.3 "Education", by WHA & T.C. Worsley, typescript, 57 fols. Carbon copy with pen and pencil annotations. Published as *Education: Today and Tomorrow* [Day to Day Pamphlets, no. 40] (London, Hogarth Press, 1939) (B&M A19).
(E86.5.2)
- MS 3080.1.4 "To Dr Kallman" [i.e. father of Chester]. Pencil draft on verso of one leaf of headed notepaper of St Mark's School, Southborough, Mass., with, in ink, a manuscript list of 36 titles of his poems on recto [1939]. (E88.34)
- MS 3080.1.5 "Matthew Arnold", typescript poem with manuscript corrections. 1 fol. First published in *The Listener*, 14 September 1939.
(E92.36)
- MS 3080.1.6 "Not as that dream Napoleon". 2 fols. Typescript poem with manuscript corrections on fol. 1 and a later version on fol. 2. First published in *Southern Review*, Autumn 1939. (E92.36)
- MS 3080.1.7 Miscellaneous notes. 4 fols. E.g.: agriculture, cities, career, liberty, Rilke, Baudelaire, D.H.Lawrence, Amy Beryl Cecily Dorothy. (E92.36)

- MS 3080.1.8 "In memoriam Emma Eierman. ob. Nov 4th, 1967". 2 fols. Typescript, signed, Kirchstetten. First published in *London Magazine*, August 1968. (E91.25)
- MS 3080.1.9 Clerihew. 1 fol. Autograph in turquoise ink, n.d. "Good Queen Victoria/In a fit of euphoria/Commanded Disraeli/To blow up the Old Bailey." (E92.80)
- MS 3080.2:** correspondence
- MS 3080.2.1 Postcard, signed, to [Professor] Dawkins from WHA & Christopher Isherwood, Hong Kong. [Postmarked 21 February 1935.] (E92.87)
- MS 3080.2.2 ALS to [C.] Lakin [Editor of Daily Telegraph & Sunday Times]. 42, Lordswood Road, Harborne, Birmingham [c.1935]. 1p. (E92.2)
- MS 3080.2.3 ALS to [Alan] Rook. 13, Court Oak Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 13 January 1939. 2pp. Extracted from a copy of *Look Stranger!* (London, 1936), signed "Oxford, 1937". Praises Rook's poems, with constructive criticism on writing; Auden offers to meet Rook at Oxford Station on 17 January. (E91.85)
- MS 3080.2.4 Postcard, signed, to Pascal Corvici, Viking Press, NY. Bective Poplars, Long Island, 4 August 1947. Suggests the publication of a portable G.K.Chesterton. (E88.102)
- MS 3080.2.5 Postcard, signed, to Pascal Corvici, 16 October 1951. Informs of a change of address. (E88.102)
- MS 3080.2.6 TLS to Nevill Coghill. Forio d'Ischia, 13 May [1952]. 2 pp. Talks about libretto writing and about people, e.g. Christopher Hassall staying with the Waltons. "I didn't know he was married. She seems quite nice but almost half-witted." (E92.18)
- MS 3080.2.7 ALS to Nevill Coghill. 77, St Mark's Place, New York, 31 January [1956]. 1p. (E92.19)
- MS 3080.2.8 ALS to Nevill Coghill. 77, St Mark's Place, New York, 10 February [1956]. 1p. On N.C.'s successful promotion of WHA for the Oxford Chair of Poetry, with various literary comments. (E92.19)

[MS 3080.2.9-11 3 ALS to Nevill Coghill from George A. Auden, 18 January 1956 (2 pp.), 10 February 1956 (1p.) and 13 February 1956 (2p.). Letters 1 and 3 are dictated. Concerns the Oxford Chair of Poetry. (E92.19)]

MS 3080.2.12 ALS to Mr Epstein. 77, St Mark's Place, New York [1957]. 1p. Forwards the text of "An Elizabethan song book" [not present] and gives the wording of the title-page credits. (E90.33)

MS 3080.2.13 ALS to Professor Jack Matthews, Ohio University. Kirchstetten, 24 July [1957]. 1p. (with envelope). "Cannot leave N.Y. this winter". (E92.39)

MS 3080.2.14 ALS to Eric Bentley, March 10 [1960]. 1p. On the translation of Brecht's *Caucasian Chalk Circle*; says that he and Kallman were doing one of *Mahagonny*. (E89.12)

MS 3080.2.15 TLS to Mr Best. Kirchstetten, 31 July 1962. 1p. On typos in manuscript of "Aphorisms". (E88.102)

MS 3080.2.16 ALS to Mr Gonin. Kirchstetten, 27 May 1965. 2pp. On suicide. (E88.66)

MS 3080.2.17 ALS to J.Michie. 77, St Mark's Place, New York, 28 February 1966. 2pp. (E92.20)

MS 3080.2.18 ALS to Professor Jack Matthews. 77, St Mark's Place, New York, 20 March 1967. 1p. Apology: no engagements. (92.40)

MS 3080.2.19 ALS to Ted Hughes. Kirchstetten, 10 June 1967. 1p. (with envelope). WHA is coming to the Poetry Festival, 12-16 July, and staying with the Spenders. (E92.13)

MS 3080.2.20 TLS to Mr Williams. Kirchstetten, 21 July 1969. 1p. On typos in manuscript of *A Certain World: a Commonplace Book* [1970]. (E88.102)

MS 3080.2.21 TLS to Miss Medinz. Kirchstetten, 20 August 1969. 1p. About his translations and notes on Holderlin and Hammarskjöld in *A Certain World: a Commonplace Book* [1970]. (E93.29)

MS 3080.2.22 TLS to Professor Alastair Fowler, Edinburgh. Kirchstetten, 12 May 1972. 1p. Declines invitation to a dinner for Hugh MacDiarmid. (E88.123)

MS 3080.2.23 ALS to Professor Alastair Fowler, Edinburgh. Kirchstetten, 5 June [1972]. 1p. Declines to give the Alexander Buist Memorial Lecture. (E88.123)

MS 3080.2.24 ALS to Professor Alastair Fowler, Edinburgh. Kirchstetten, 13 June 1972. 1p. Declines to give a poetry reading. (E88.123)

MS 3080.2.25 Postcard, signed, to Edward Upward, Rumford [Romford], Essex. Berlin [postmarked 30.12.30]. Mentions Stephen Spender. (E93.101)

MS 3080.2.26 ALS to Mr Cornell. Department of English, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts [1950-51]. 1p. (E93.118)

Related Material

In the papers of Professor Archibald H.Campbell, not yet catalogued but currently given the accession number E89.60, there is a box containing press cuttings and letters concerning Auden and Spender, Spender letters, and the following 18 items from Auden to Campbell, in Edinburgh. All items are single sheets.

- (1) ALS, Spa, Belgium [July/August 1928]. Refers to AHC's Senior Studentship and own third.
 - (2) Typescript, Berlin [December 1928].
 - (3) MS note [1932].
 - (4) MS note, 21 April 1932.
 - (5) ALS, New York, 2 Feb [1955]. (With envelope.)
 - (6) TLS, Forio d'Ischia, 22 July [1955].
 - (7) ALS, New York, 29 October 1955. (With envelope.)
 - (8-9)) Two ALS, Oxford, 2 June 1956, stapled together. (With envelope.)
 - (10) ALS, Forio d'Ischia, 21 June [1956].
 - (11) ALS, Forio d'Ischia, 16 December [1956].
 - (12) ALS, Forio d'Ischia, 5 February [1957].
 - (13) Telegram, Forio d'Ischia, 21 February 1957.
 - (14) Postcard, signed, Kirchstetten, 11 July 1957.
 - (15) TLS, Oxford, 26 May [1959].
 - (16) ALS, Kirchstetten, 3 August [1959].
 - (17) ALS, Kirchstetten, 3 October [1960].
 - (18) ALS, Kirchstetten, 17 October [1960]. (With envelope.)
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