

U DX372

**Papers of Betty Mackereth
relating to Philip Larkin**

1957-2010

Accession number: 2013/18

Biographical Background:

Betty Mackereth was born in 1924 in Hull and was educated at Newland High School and the Commercial College. She was called up shortly after the onset of the Second World War, being sent to a government training facility in Leeds as a quality-control inspector. Whilst there, she learned how to do welding. Later during the war she worked in Gloucester and in 1945 returned to Hull to work for the Transport Department. She stayed there for twelve years before taking the position of Philip Larkin's secretary at the Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull on 20 May 1957, remaining as his secretary until her retirement in 1984.

Betty and Philip began an affair during the spring and summer of 1975, when they were both in their fifties and with Betty fully aware of Larkin's relationships with both Monica Jones and Maeve Brennan. Their personal relationship continued until Larkin's death in 1985. After his death, on Larkin's wishes, Betty destroyed his diaries, shredding them sheet by sheet and then sending what remained to the University incinerator. In his little drawings in his letters, Larkin depicted Mackereth as a whale, whilst Monica was a rabbit and Maeve a mouse.

Custodial history:

Donated by Betty Mackereth, Jul 2013

Description:

This small collection includes correspondence between Betty Mackereth and Philip Larkin; correspondence to Betty Mackereth from various correspondents relating to Philip Larkin; newspaper articles relating to Larkin and copies of Larkin poems; photographs of the construction of the Brynmor Jones Library extension and group photographs of library staff; the Brynmor Jones Library betting book; rough sketches by Philip Larkin and a handwritten, untitled poem by Philip Larkin.

Extent: 1 box

Related material:

Papers of Philip Larkin [U DPL]
Photographs of Philip Larkin [U DLV]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

U DX372/1	File. Correspondence from Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Includes birthday and Christmas cards, and correspondence relating to the position of Secretary to the Librarian and general instructions concerning library work. 1 file	1957-1978
U DX372/1/1	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Includes two typed letters from Larkin relating to his offer of the post of Secretary to Betty and her acceptance of the position, with a copy of Betty's original application letter. 1 item	12 Mar- 2 Apr 1957
U DX372/1/2	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to general instructions for Betty concerning library work. 1 item	24 Aug 1978
U DX372/1/3	Cards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten birthday and Christmas cards 1 bundle	n.d.
U DX372/2	File. Correspondence from Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Includes correspondence relating to library work, general instructions, Larkin's health, Larkin's literary work, holidays and other general news. 1 file	1959-1983
U DX372/2/1	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's return of a book to the library and general instructions for Betty. 1 item	16 Mar 1961
U DX372/2/2	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Christmas and general work news. 1 item	28 Dec 1959
U DX372/2/3	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's thanks for gifts received from staff and general comments about his [hospital stay]. 1 item	9 Mar 1961

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U DX372/2/4	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to news of colleagues and his health. 1 item	13 Apr 1961
U DX372/2/5	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Two handwritten letters relating to his health. 1 item	16-18 Apr 1961
U DX372/2/6	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his health. 1 item	10 Apr 1961
U DX372/2/7	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his health and his concern for the library. 1 item	25 Apr 1961
U DX372/2/8	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his return to Hull, his health, news of colleagues, and general pleasantries. 1 item	1 May 1961
U DX372/2/9	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his recent telegram, the cricket and his interview with [Anthony] Thwaite. 1 item	23 Jun 1961
U DX372/2/10	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his health and general instructions for Betty. 1 item	22 Oct 1961
U DX372/2/11	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to news of Betty and other friends, his health, and his current holiday. 1 item	18 Apr 1962
U DX372/2/12	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his birthday, his visit to Loughborough and general instructions for Betty. 1 item	12 Aug 1962
U DX372/2/13	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's health, his health, general instructions for the library and Betty, and instructions regarding the company Down Beat. 1 item	26 Feb 1963

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U DX372/2/14	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his return to the library and general instructions. 1 item	24 Mar 1964
U DX372/2/15	Postcard. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten postcard relating to a conference he is attending. 1 item	29 Mar [1963]
U DX372/2/16	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's health, his hopes that he can visit her, and his current holiday. 1 item	20 Jul 1963
U DX372/2/17	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's health, his visit to Loughborough, the progress of his book 'Jill', his library work, his thoughts on marriage and his opinion on the case of Dr [Stephen] Ward. 1 item	7 Aug 1963
U DX372/2/18	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to his work at the library and his talk on 'Revivalism' jazz. 1 item	2 Dec 1963
U DX372/2/19	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his visit to Loughborough, with a newspaper cartoon cutting. 1 item	30 Mar 1964
U DX372/2/20	Postcard. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten postcard relating to general instructions for Betty. 1 item	26 Nov 1964
U DX372/2/21	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his health, general library work, and his visit to Loughborough. 1 item	19 Jan 1965
U DX372/2/22	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to arrangements to visit his mother in Loughborough. 1 item	8 Aug 1965

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U DX372/2/23	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his thanks for sending his mail and general instructions for replies, and his current holiday. 1 item	12 Sep 1965
U DX372/2/24	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to general library work and his current visit to York. 1 item	8 Jun 1966
U DX372/2/25	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his thanks for sending his mail and general instructions for replies, general library work, and thanks for a present. 1 item	8 Aug 1966
U DX372/2/26	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his health and general instructions concerning library work. 1 item	20 Jul 1969
U DX372/2/27	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his thanks for his present, Betty's current holiday and his current holiday. 1 item	17 Aug 1969
U DX372/2/28	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to his library work, his Easter holiday, and his opinion of Tariq Ali. Includes a small calendar page for 20 Jul 1967 with the quote 'There's one thing about baldness; it's neat'. 1 item	16 Apr 1968
U DX372/2/29	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his visit to Oxford relating to a [poetry competition] he is judging, his thoughts of missing Hull and the library, and Betty's love of golf. 1 item	9 Oct 1970
U DX372/2/30	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Christmas and the New Year, and general library work. 1 item	5 Jan 1971
U DX372/2/31	Card. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Small handwritten birthday card. 1 item	27 Jun 1975

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U DX372/2/32	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten birthday note, with rough sketches of Larkin and Betty's faces. 1 item	[1975]
U DX372/2/33	Postcards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten postcards relating to various holidays. 1 bundle	1962-1983
U DX372/3	File. Correspondence from Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Includes correspondence relating to library work, general instructions, Larkin's health, holidays and other general news. 1 file	1963-1985
U DX372/3/1	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to M[eave's] health, Larkin's current holiday, Betty's holiday, and other general news. 1 item	4 Apr 1983
U DX372/3/2	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's car, his health, and general instructions concerning work. 1 item	12 Sep 1978
U DX372/3/3	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's health. 1 item	11 Jul 1985
U DX372/3/4	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his current holiday, a meeting with Betty, and the New Year. 1 item	31 Dec 1976
U DX372/3/5	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's health, general news, and his opinion on the Humberside Statistical Bulletin. 1 item	15 Mar 1974
U DX372/3/6	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's recent mail, and his current holiday. 1 item	27 Jul 1970
U DX372/3/7	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to a recent party organised by Betty. 1 item	22 Mar 1975

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U DX372/3/8	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to general news and his trip to SCONUL. 1 item	n.d.
U DX372/3/9	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's recent birthday present to Larkin and his birthday in general. 1 item	11 Aug 1965
U DX372/3/10	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his current holiday, arrangements for his return, and his birthday. 1 item	16 Aug 1967
U DX372/3/11	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to general instructions for booking a restaurant table and acquiring copies of newspaper articles relating to Guy [?]. 1 item	5 Nov 1966
U DX372/3/12	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his current holiday and Betty's health. 1 item	16 Jul 1963
U DX372/3/13	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to work at the library. 1 item	21 Aug 1963
U DX372/3/14	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Christmas. 1 item	23 Dec 1973
U DX372/3/15	Postcards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten postcards relating to Larkin's various holidays and some Christmas cards. 1 bundle	1963-1984

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U DX372/4	File. Correspondence from Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Includes birthday, Christmas and Valentine's Day cards, and correspondence relating to library work, general instructions, Larkin's health, Larkin's literary work, holidays and other general news. 1 file	1963-1985
U DX372/4/1	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's instructions concerning various pieces of literary work, Christmas and New Year, with a newspaper cutting relating to an appearance by Ted Hughes on the South Bank Show. 1 item	29 Dec 1980
U DX372/4/2	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his current holiday. 1 item	18 Jan 1969
U DX372/4/3	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to Larkin's instructions for work at the library. 1 item	21 Aug 1964
U DX372/4/4	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to Betty's health, news of colleagues, arrangements for her sick pay, and the progress of his book 'Jill'. 1 item	31 Jul 1963
U DX372/4/5	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to the donation of periodicals to the Brynmor Jones Library. 1 item	3 Jun 1985
U DX372/4/6	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's recent letters, Larkin's mother, his health, his neighbours, the library and news of colleagues, and his birthday. 1 item	21 Aug 1977
U DX372/4/7	Card. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten birthday card with a handwritten postcard relating to Larkin's current holiday. 1 item	13 Sep 1977
U DX372/4/8	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's birthday, news of colleagues, photographs of Larkin and Betty on a day trip (enclosed), Larkin's health, and Betty's current holiday. 1 item	23 Aug 1978

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U DX372/4/9	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to Larkin's instructions for work at the library. 1 item	22 Aug 1969
U DX372/4/10	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's instructions for work at the library, his current holiday, his car, and Miss United Kingdom. 1 item	11 Sep 1974
U DX372/4/11	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's recent letters, Betty's mother, Larkin's health, and news of colleagues. 1 item	23 Aug 1985
U DX372/4/12	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to Betty's recent letters and present, library work, and news of friends, with a newspaper cutting of a horoscope for the star sign Leo. 1 item	22 Aug 1979
U DX372/4/13	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his current holiday and best wishes for 1979. 1 item	28 Dec 1978
U DX372/4/14	Cards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten birthday, Christmas and Valentine's cards. 1 bundle	1970s-1980s
U DX372/5	File. Correspondence from Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Includes Christmas and birthday cards, correspondence relating to library work, and copies of the poems 'Apples on a Christmas Tree!', 'Morning at last', 'We met at the end of the party', 'When first we faced', 'Be my Valentine this Monday' and 'Dear Jake'. 1 file	1969-2010
U DX372/5/1	Card. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten Christmas card with a handwritten poem beginning 'Apples on a Christmas Tree!...' 1 item	n.d.
U DX372/5/2	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed, unsigned poem beginning 'Morning at last: there in the snow...' 1 item	30 Dec 1975

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U DX372/5/3	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten letter relating to his poetry, with a handwritten poem beginning 'We met at the end of the party...' and a typed copy of the poem. 1 item	22 Feb 1976
U DX372/5/4	Postcard. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten postcard relating to his hope that she had a good Christmas and his poetry, with a typed copy of a poem beginning 'When first we faced, and touching showed...'. 1 item	13 Feb 1976
U DX372/5/5	Card. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten Valentine's card with a poem beginning 'Be my Valentine this Monday...' 1 item	n.d.
U DX372/5/6	Postcard. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten postcard (1976) with a typed poem entitled 'Dear Jake', and a newspaper cutting relating to Larkin's affair with Betty Mackereth (2010). 1 item	1976-2010
U DX372/5/7	Letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Typed letter relating to Larkin's instructions as regards work at the library. 1 item	1 Aug 1969
U DX372/5/8	Card. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackereth Handwritten birthday card. 1 item	n.d.
U DX372/6	File. Correspondence from Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Includes holiday postcards and correspondence relating to her health, Larkin's health, and other general news. 1 file	1960-1985
U DX372/6/1	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten letter relating to her recent holiday, Larkin's health, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget. 1 item	19 Apr 1961
U DX372/6/2	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten note relating to welcoming Larkin back and that she missed him. 1 item	3 Jul 1977

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U DX372/6/3	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's birthday, general news, the cricket, and her current holiday. 1 item	13 Aug 1977
U DX372/6/4	Card. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten card relating to her health and Larkin's recent holiday. 1 item	25 Jul 1963
U DX372/6/5	Card. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten card relating to her health and Larkin's recent holiday. 1 item	18 Jul 1963
U DX372/6/6	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Sending her love and best wishes. 1 item	5 Jun 1985
U DX372/6/7	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to the cricket and Larkin's health. 1 item	17 Jun 1985
U DX372/6/8	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to Larkin's health and general news of the University. 1 item	13 Jun 1985
U DX372/6/9	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to her current holiday, her mother's health and Larkin's health. 1 item	10 Oct 1985
U DX372/6/10	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to errands she is running for Larkin. 1 item	13 Jul 1985
U DX372/6/11	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to errands she is running for Larkin. 1 item	5 Jul 1985
U DX372/6/12	Postcards. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten holiday postcards. 1 bundle	1960-1985

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U DX372/7	File. Correspondence from Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Includes correspondence relating to work at the library, news of colleagues, holidays, Larkin's health and other general news. 1 file	1961-1984
U DX372/7/1	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to Larkin's work at the library. 1 item	5 Sep 1975
U DX372/7/2	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten letter relating to Larkin's work at the library and news of colleagues. 1 item	12 Sep 1975
U DX372/7/3	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's work at the library, his weight loss, car problems, her work at the library and news of colleagues. 1 item	1 Sep 1978
U DX372/7/4	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to her work at the library, and Larkin's paper entitled 'A Neglected Responsibility'. 1 item	14 Sep 1982
U DX372/7/5	Card. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten card thanking Larkin for arranging a party and his birthday present to her, Larkin's work, and general news. 1 item	29 Jun 1984
U DX372/7/6	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's work at the library and news of colleagues. 1 item	30 Aug 1979
U DX372/7/7	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's work at the library and his [hearing] aid. 1 item	n.d.
U DX372/7/8	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten letter relating to her current holiday. 1 item	29 Aug 1980
U DX372/7/9	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to her current holiday. 1 item	6 Apr 1981

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U DX372/7/10	Card. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten card relating to her current holiday. 1 item	15 Aug 1979
U DX372/7/11	Postcard. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Handwritten postcard relating to Larkin's health, her new car, and news of colleagues. 1 item	7 Mar 1961
U DX372/7/12	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's health and various well-wishers. 1 item	9 Mar 1961
U DX372/7/13	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's health, letters to Larkin from Oxford Magazine and Atlantic Monthly, and news of colleagues. 1 item	18 Apr 1961
U DX372/7/14	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's work at the library, his health and news of colleagues. 1 item	25 Apr 1961
U DX372/7/15	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to the library and news of colleagues. 1 item	28 Apr 1961
U DX372/7/16	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to news of colleagues. 1 item	15 Jul 1961
U DX372/7/17	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter, with handwritten annotations, relating to Larkin's radio interview with Anthony Thwaite, news of colleagues and general library work. 1 item	20 Jul 1961
U DX372/7/18	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's health, the University Publications Committee and news of colleagues. 1 item	23 Oct 1961
U DX372/7/19	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to Larkin's library work and news of colleagues. 1 item	8 Sep 1979

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U DX372/7/20	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to a request for Larkin to be interviewed on Radio 4 for the programme 'Birthday interview' and other general news. 1 item	8 Sep 1979
U DX372/7/21	Letter. Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Typed letter relating to news of friends. 1 item	8 Sep 1979
U DX372/8	File. Correspondence from Betty Mackereth to Philip Larkin Includes birthday, Christmas, Valentine's and other greetings cards. 1 file	1967-1980
U DX372/9	File. Correspondence from Philip Larkin to various correspondents Includes letters relating to the suggestion that Philip Larkin be appointed a Governor of the BBC, a request for Larkin to sit for a photograph, and a request from a student for help with a dissertation. 1 file	1983-1984
U DX372/10	File. Correspondence from Mary Judd to Betty Mackereth and Maeve Brennan Includes two typed letters from Mary Judd relating to attempted resignations by Mary, Betty and Maeve, work in the university library, news of colleagues and family, and other general news. 1 file	1959-1986
U DX372/11	File. Correspondence from various correspondents to Betty Mackereth Includes two letters from Gosschalks solicitors relating to Philip Larkin's will and estate; letters from [Andrew Motion] relating to their recent conversation about Larkin; letters from the BBC about Betty Mackereth's appearance on the Radio 2 Arts Programme (1991); a thank you letter from the University of Hull relating to the purchase of the 'Larkin Letters' for the University; a request from Janice Rossen to quote from one of Larkin's letters to Betty; letters from C.K. [Tirumalai] relating to his work on Larkin, and Philip Larkin's death; a list of research questions relating to Larkin from A.J. Bowen; a letter from John Chapple relating to Larkin's obituary, and letters from Barry Bloomfield relating to his work, with a copy of the booklet by Barry Bloomfield entitled 'Brought to Book: Philip Larkin and his bibliographer', and the Larkin memorial appeal. 1 file	1985-1995

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| U DX372/12 | <p>File. Correspondence from Rosemary [Parry] and William Larkin to Betty Mackereth</p> <p>Includes two handwritten letters from Rosemary Parry relating to William Larkin and the death of Rosemary's mother Catherine Hewett, and two letters from William Larkin relating to Philip Larkin's death and his decision to have some of his files destroyed after death, with a reply from Betty Mackereth and colour photographs of William Larkin and his family.</p> <p>1 file</p> | 1990-1993 |
| U DX372/13 | <p>File. Items relating to Philip Larkin and the Brynmor Jones Library</p> <p>Includes a postcard copy of the Philip Larkin portrait by Humphrey Ocean; a catalogue for the exhibition at the Brynmor Jones Library entitled 'Philip Larkin: Letter-Writer' (1992); a signed copy of the poem 'Femmes Damnees' by Philip Larkin; newspaper cuttings relating to Larkin and his work; a programme for the Hull Literature Festival (1992); a copy of St Mary the Virgin Cottingham parish magazine containing a short article relating to Larkin's funeral; a programme for the Stephen Joseph Theatre Scarborough (1999-2000) containing an advert for the play 'Larkin with Women'; three colour photograph of Hull University Library staff, two include Larkin (1970s); menus for various celebratory events relating to the Brynmor Jones Library; a signed menu of a meal to celebrate [Betty Mackereth's] birthday; a commemorative copy of two poems by Larkin to celebrate the Brynmor Jones Library's fiftieth anniversary (1979); a copy of a black and white photograph of library staff, including Larkin, moving books (1959), and a copy of [Betty Mackereth's] speech at her retirement party.</p> <p>1 file</p> | 1959-2000 |
| U DX372/14 | <p>Envelope. Photographs of the construction of the Brynmor Jones Library extension</p> <p>Includes black and white photographs (20) of the Brynmor Jones Library extension in various stages of construction, and one black and white photograph of the Chemistry Building.</p> <p>1 envelope</p> | c.1959 |
| U DX372/15 | <p>Volume. Library Betting Book</p> <p>Includes handwritten details of the date, the proposed bet, by whom the bet was placed, whether the bet was won or lost, and how much was paid.</p> <p>1 item</p> | 1962-1984 |

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U DX372/16	File. Sketches by [Philip Larkin] Includes rough sketches on scrap paper by Philip Larkin of a rabbit with a drum, various flags, an apple and pear, a gravestone and bones, his Librarian's Office and other rooms, various animal cages, and a [self portrait]. 1 file	[1980-1982]
U DX372/17	File. Untitled poem by [Philip Larkin] Includes a handwritten poem by [Philip Larkin] beginning 'Prison for strikers...', and a shorthand [copy of the poem]. 1 file	c.1981
U DX372/18	Booklet. Copy-letter book Includes letter templates to be sent in reply to correspondence sent to Philip Larkin relating to addressing societies and organisations, requests for his autograph, being photographed, biographical information, criticism of poetry, interviews, judging poetry competitions, reviews and other publishing queries. 1 item	1982-1984
U DX372/19	File. Photographs of Betty Mackereth and Philip Larkin Includes black and white, and colour, photographs of Betty Mackereth (9), Philip Larkin (5), and both of them together (2) [on holiday] and in the Librarian's office. Some of these photographs are copies of those already held under U DLV. 1 file	n.d.
U DX372/20	File. Correspondence to Betty Mackareth Includes birthday, Valentine's, and retirement greetings cards, from various correspondents including Philip Larkin. 1 file	1984
U DX372/21	File. Correspondence to Betty Mackareth Includes correspondence relating to work at the library, news of colleagues, holidays, and other general news. 1 file	1959-1987
U DX372/21/1	Photocopy letter. Philip Larkin to Mary, Betty and Maeve Handwritten letter relating to their working conditions and his holiday. 1 item	25 Jul 1959

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U DX372/21/2	Photocopy letters. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter relating to his holiday and an interview by Anthony Thwaite (23 Jun 1961), and a typed letter relating to communications with the Building Committee, the Easter holidays and Tariq Ali. 2 items	23 Jun 1961- 16 Apr 1968
U DX372/21/3	Photocopy postcards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes photocopies of two handwritten postcards relating to his holidays and general news. 1 item	[1962-1965]
U DX372/21/4	Photocopy letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter relating to his holiday. 1 item	18 Apr 1962
U DX372/21/5	Photocopy letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a typed letter relating to instructions regarding library work. 1 item	20 Apr 1962
U DX372/21/6	Photocopy postcards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes photocopies of eight postcards relating to his holidays and general news. 1 item	1964-1980
U DX372/21/7	Photocopy letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter relating to his health and thanks for helping with domestic chores. 1 item	19 Jan 1965
U DX372/21/8	Photocopy letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a typed letter regarding instructions for library work. 1 item	1 Aug 1969
U DX372/21/9	Invitation to Betty Mackareth to the formal opening of the Brynmor Jones Library Extension 1 item	1970
U DX372/21/10	Photocopy letter. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter regarding instructions for library work. 1 item	11 Sep 1974
U DX372/21/11	Photocopy postcards. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes photocopies of two handwritten postcards relating to his holidays. 1 item	2-11 Sep 1975

Hull History Centre: Papers of Betty Mackereth relating to Philip Larkin

U DX372/21/12	Photocopy postcard. Philip Larkin to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten postcard relating to his holiday. 1 item	1979
U DX372/21/13	Letter. Professor John Phillips to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter relating to her retirement party. 1 item	7 Jun 1984
U DX372/21/14	Letter. John Saville to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter relating to her retirement party 1 item	11 Jun 1984
U DX372/21/15	Letter. Barry Bloomfield to Betty Mackareth Includes a typed letter relating to her retirement party. 1 item	23 Jun 1984
U DX372/21/16	Letter. David Cross to Betty Mackareth Includes a handwritten letter relating to her retirement party. 1 item	25 Jun 1984
U DX372/21/17	Letters. BBC to Betty Mackareth Includes two typed letters relating to the BBC programme 'The Bicycle-Clipped Misanthropist' about Philip Larkin. 1 item	18-28 Nov 1986
U DX372/21/18	Letter. Ian Mowat to Betty Mackareth Includes a typed letter relating to the opening of the Philip Larkin Suite at the Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull. 1 item	13 Oct 1987
U DX372/21/19	Letter. Alan [?] to Betty Mackareth Typed note relating to a comment by Sir Brynmor Jones in response to a comment by [Philip Larkin]. 1 item	n.d.
U DX372/22	File. Correspondence relating to Betty Mackareth's retirement Includes correspondence between various correspondents, including Philip Larkin, relating to Betty Mackareth's retirement, and typed notes for a [speech by Philip Larkin] at Betty's retirement. 1 file	1984

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U DX372/23	<p>File. Correspondence</p> <p>Includes a photocopy handwritten letter from Philip Larkin to Leishman about 'The Less Deceived' (2 Dec 1955); photocopy typed letters from [Bettie] to Philip Larkin relating to the Brynmor Jones Library, news of colleagues and the Publications Committee (28 Apr, 23 Oct 1961); typed letters from Philip Larkin to William Warley (4 Jun 1965, 7 Dec 1976) relating to Warley's work at the Brynmor Jones Library; a photocopy typed letter from Philip Larkin relating to the suggestion he put his name forward for appointment as a Governor of the BBC (29 Nov 1983); a photocopy typed letter from Philip Larkin to Gavin Ewart relating to Larkin's health and Ewart's poetry (26 Jul 1985); and a typed letter from Betty Mackareth to Dr John Osbourne of the Philip Larkin Society relating to the use of the terminology 'Chairperson' (14 Nov 1996). 1 file</p>	1955-1996
U DX372/24	<p>File. Larkin with Women</p> <p>Includes a copy of the script for the play 'Larkin with Woman' by Ben Brown; related newspaper reviews and correspondence between Ben Brown and Betty Mackareth; and a season programme for the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough (Autumn 1999-Winter 2000). 1 envelope</p>	1999
U DX372/25	<p>File. Love Again</p> <p>Includes a typescript for a film by Richard Cottan about Philip Larkin entitled 'Love Again', with related press cuttings and correspondence to Betty Mackareth. 1 file</p>	2002-2003
U DX372/26	<p>File. Long-Term Service Award</p> <p>Includes a certificate presented to Betty Mackareth in recognition of twenty-five years' service with the University of Hull; colour photographs of the award presentation, and a copy of Hull University Bulletin Issue 69, containing an article about the presentation event. 1 file</p>	1984
U DX372/27	<p>File. Library Staff Photographs</p> <p>Includes a large black and white Brynmor Jones Library staff photograph with added thought bubbles for each member of staff (n.d.), and a colour staff photograph with a list of individuals' names (Jun 1971). 1 file</p>	[c.1960s]- 1971

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File. Unidentified Photographic Negatives
Includes colour photographic negatives of unidentified
[Brynmor Jones Library] events.
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