

U DP193

**Correspondence between A T Tolley
(in Canada) and P A Larkin (in Hull)**

1981-1986

Historical Background:

Arnold Trevor Tolley was born in Birmingham on 15 May 1927 and educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham and Queen's College Oxford. He has taught at a number of universities including in Finland (1955-1961), Australia (1961-1965) and was professor of Comparative Literature at Carleton University in Canada (1967-1996). He has published a number of books on Larkin including *Larkin at Work* (1997) a detailed study of all of Philip Larkin's Workbooks and *Early Poems and Juvenilia*, by Philip Larkin (2005). He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 1998.

Custodial history:

Purchased from Professor AT Tolley, School of Comparative Literary Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, March 1995

Description:

Correspondence discussing Philip Larkin's poems including early workbooks and discussion of Tolley's drafts. There are also three letters to/from Margaret Elliot in the wake of Larkin's death.

Extent: 19 items

Related material:

AT Tolley's transcriptions of Philip Larkin's Workbooks [U DX/281]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| U DP193/1 | Typescript letter unsigned. A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Queries regarding Philip Larkin's first poetry workbook, 'In the grip of light' and All what jazz?. 1p.
1 item | 11 Nov 1981 |
| U DP193/2 | Typescript letter signed. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley. Philip Larkin's first poetry workbook; meaning of 'Canto'; modernism in jazz. 1p.
1 item | 18 Nov 1981 |

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U DP193/3	Typescript letter unsigned. A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Proposed publication by Tolley of study based on Philip Larkin's first workbook; invites comments on draft articles; encloses list of questions (included, with replies and chronology, at 5 below). 2pp. 1 item	24 Jul 1982
U DP193/4	Typescript letter signed. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley. Promises a more detailed reply to letter of 24 July; publication of previously unpublished poems. 1p. 1 item	20 Aug 1982
U DP193/5	Typescript letter signed. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley Replies to letters from Tolley of 20 August (above) and 1 September (missing), with answers to queries about the workbook, 'In the grip of light' and Tolley's draft article on 'The making of At Grass'. 2pp. [plus enclosure, 3pp.] 1 item	30 Sep 1982
U DP193/6	Typescript letter unsigned (draft). A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Further comments on Philip Larkin's first workbook and Tolley's transcription and other mistakes. 3pp. 1 item	[21 Oct 1982]
U DP193/7	Typescript letter signed. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley. Philip Larkin's amendments to Tolley's drafts. 1p. 1 item	3 Nov 1982
U DP193/8	Typescript letter unsigned. A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Comments on Required writing; sends Time/Life Teschemacher album (not present), and comments on its compilation; Tolley's forthcoming publications. 2pp. 1 item	29 Jul 1984
U DP193/9	Typescript letter signed. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley. His pleasure with the Teschemacher album; would send him a first edition of Required writing. 1p. 1 item	15 Aug 1984
U DP193/10	Typescript letter unsigned (draft). A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Expresses thanks for receipt of Required writing; describes the content of his forthcoming The poetry of the Forties and Aquarius; asks about possible re-publication of poems published whilst Philip Larkin at Oxford, but not in The North Ship or elsewhere; encloses photocopies from Recognitions (1971 - not present). 2pp. 1 item	2 Dec 1984

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U DP193/11	Typescript letter signed (carbon). A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Had sent off copies of Arc including his article on 'At grass'; article on 'In the grip of light' to be included in Agenda. 1p. 1 item	10 Dec 1984
U DP193/12	Typescript letter signed. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley. Had received copies of Arc; re-publication of early poems; jazz. 1p. 1 item	21 Dec 1984
U DP193/13	Typescript letter signed (carbon). A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Possible re-publication of early Philip Larkin poems in Aquarius. 1p. 1 item	8 Jan 1985
U DP193/14	Typescript letter signed (carbon). A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Philip Larkin's illness; article on 'In the grip of light'. 1p. 1 item	8 Jul 1985
U DP193/15	Typescript letter unsigned. A T Tolley to Philip Larkin. Encloses copy of The poetry of the Forties (not present); misprints in the Agenda article on 'In the grip of light'; further work on Philip Larkin's first workbook. 1p. 1 item	30 Oct 1985
U DP193/16	Typescript letter unsigned. Philip Larkin to A T Tolley. Expresses thanks for The poetry of the Forties; his ill health. 1p. 1 item	11 Nov 1985
U DP193/17	Typescript letter unsigned. A T Tolley to Margaret Elliott (PL's secretary). Death of Philip Larkin. 1p. 1 item	11 Dec 1985
U DP193/18	Margaret Elliott (PL's secretary) to A T Tolley Death of Larkin; establishment of a memorial fund. 1p. 1 item	23 Jan 1986
U DP193/19	Typescript letter signed (carbon). A T Tolley to Margaret Elliott (PL's secretary). Encloses a notice about Larkin (not present); asks her to dispose of second copy of The poetry of the Forties as she wished. 1p. 1 item	29 Mar 1986