

U DX135

Papers of Frank and Myfanwy Westrope

1917-1959

Biographical Background:

Frank Westrope and Myfanwy Wynne married in 1911. The couple were pacifists and members of the Independent Labour Party since the early 1900s. Myfanwy was also involved in the women's suffrage movement. Frank was imprisoned as a conscientious objector during the First World War and served his sentence in Wormwood Scrubs, Wandsworth Prison, Hounslow Barracks and Pentonville Prison. By the early 1930s the Westropes had a bookshop in Hampstead, and for a brief period George Orwell lodged with them in the flat above the shop and served in the bookshop in the afternoons. Out of his experiences during this period grew his novel *Keep the Aspidistra Flying*.

Custodial history:

Donated by Miriam Wynne, Hothfield, through Prof. John Saville, 22 Dec 1977

Description:

The most significant part of this collection is the correspondence between Frank and Myfanwy Westrope during Frank's imprisonment as a conscientious objector during the First World War, with related articles and typescripts, and items such as charge sheets, summaries of evidence, a notice to appear before a Military Service Tribunal and his final discharge certificate. There are also almost 200 personal letters from Katharine Bruce Glasier over the period 1929-1950. Myfanwy Westrope wrote over 300 poems during her lifetime, including on war-related subjects, which were published in local newspapers and magazines; a large proportion of these are also held.

Extent:

c.774 items

Related material:

Papers of Audrey Jupp-Thomas [U DJT]

Papers of Kenneth Hibbert [U DX176]

Papers of Lord Charles George Ammon and Lady Ada Ammon [U DMN]

Papers of Lt Commander Edgar Philip Young RN (retired) and Amicia More Young [U DYO]

Papers of Tony (Anthony John) Topham [U DTO]

Records of the No Conscription Fellowship (Willesden Branch) [U DCO]

Other repositories:

Katharine Bruce Glasier archives are held at Liverpool University, Special Collections & Archives [Ref GP]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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U DX135/1	Letters from Katherine Bruce Glasier to Frank and Myfanwy Westrope 199 items	1 Aug 1929- 29 May 1950
U DX135/2	Typed copies of letters as U DX135/1 Nos. 3 of 26 September 1929 and 183 of 22 October 1949 are typed but the originals are missing. Letters of 17 June and 4 November 1932; 3 June 1945; 2 September, 4 and 23 October, 6 November and 3 December 1948; and 5 June 1949 are among those at U DX135/1, but are not typed With a pamphlet. 'The Katherine Bruce Glasier Glen Cottage Youth Hostel' (at Earby, Yorkshire), a final appeal for funds, [1955] 200 items	1 Aug 1929- 29 May 1950
U DX135/3	Letters and postcards from Frank to Myfanwy Westrope Written while imprisoned in Wormwood Scrubs, Wandsworth Prison, Hounslow Barracks, Pentonville and elsewhere as a conscientious objector 46 items	4 Jun 1917- 17 Apr 1919
U DX135/4	Letters from Myfanwy to Frank Westrope during his imprisonment, in reply to those at U DX135/3 30 items	29 Aug 1917- 6 Apr 1919
U DX135/5	Letter: Home Office to Myfanwy Westrope Cannot comply with her request concerning Frank Westrope 1 item	9 Mar 1918
U DX135/6	Copy Letter: Vanwy [Myfanwy Westrope] to Constance [Westrope]. About Communism, Marxism, Socialism 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX135/7	Copies of letters: Bowdan [?] (Engineers) Ltd. to Mrs Wynne. About the death of her husband 2 items	1-2 Dec 1949
U DX135/8	Copies of letters: Miriam Lord, Bradford to Myfanwy Westrope. About Katherine Bruce Glasier, and Glen Cottage 2 items	7 Jul 1950- 19 Jun 1953
U DX135/9	Press cutting from 'The Workers' Dreadnought': 'A Personal Tribute to Sylvia Pankhurst' 1 item	15 Jan 1921
U DX135/10	Ts. article by Frank Westrope, 'Prisons from within' 1 item	early 20th cent.

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U DX135/11	Ts. article by Frank Westrope, 'Prisons from within and prison reform', an extended version of U DX135/10 1 item	early 20th cent.
U DX135/12	Handbill. Notice of meetings organised by the Cardiganshire Labour Party to be addressed by Katherine Bruce Glasier 1 item	24-30 May [1921]
U DX135/13	Lecture on 'The Russian Revolution' given to strikers at Aberystwyth by Myfanwy Westrope, during the General Strike 1 item	May 1926
U DX135/14	Pedigree of the Unwin family, 1566 - 1929 Mary Constance Unwin was the mother of Frank Westrope 1 item	c.1929
U DX135/15	Pamphlet. 'The London Tribunal Questions the CO' (London Friends Local Conscription Committee) 1 item	1939
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U DX135/17	Ts. Frank Westrope's memories of his childhood in the 1880s 1 item	mid 20th cent.
U DX135/18	Ts. 'Summary of Frank's War Experiences: 1914 - 1919, by Myfanwy Westrope 1 item	mid 20th cent.
U DX135/19	Ts. 'Pioneers! O Pioneers!', by Myfanwy Westrope Article printed in the 'Hastings Herald', on Katherine Bruce Glasier 1 item	Jul 1950
U DX135/20	Press cutting from 'Telegraph and Argus' of picture at the opening of the Margaret McMillan Community Centre, Bradford, by Miriam Lord 1 item	20 Apr 1959
U DX135/21	Carbon copy ts. poems by Myfanwy Westrope With list. Ten of those listed are missing 269 items	20th cent.

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U DX135/22	Charge sheet, list of witnesses and summary of evidence against Frank Westrope. Charged with disobeying an order at Wimbledon Common Camp. With his pleading 1 item	13 Jun 1917
U DX135/23	Notice to appear before a tribunal at Wormwood Scrubs as a conscientious objector 1 item	8 Aug 1917
U DX135/24	Prison number patches 2 items	c.1917
U DX135/25	Christmas card from Friends' Chaplains' Committee 1 item	Dec 1918
U DX135/26	Programme of concert 1 item	[Dec 1918]
U DX135/27	Charge sheet and summary of evidence against Frank Westrope, charged with disobeying an order at Hounslow 1 item	22 Feb 1919
U DX135/28	Temporary discharge notice to Frank Westrope 1 item	7 Apr 1919
U DX135/29	Discharge certificate of Frank Westrope 1 item	24 Apr 1919