

U DX59

Letters of John Redwood Anderson

1963

Biographical Background:

John Redwood Anderson was born in Salford in 1883; he was educated on the Continent and later studied for a year at Oxford University. He also studied at the Brussels Conservatoire. He took several teaching positions in different parts of the country before he settled in Hull where he taught at Hymers College from 1916 to 1942. He was the English master for the Junior School. During and after his time in Hull he wrote a considerable amount of poetry. He was a member of the Hull Literary Club [U DLC], the Hull Literary and Philosophical Society and he also acted as president of the Hull Chamber Music Society.

When he retired from teaching he moved to Wales and then to London in 1953. Over his poetry career he wrote more than 20 books. He left two unfinished books, one which was on philosophy. His last book of poetry, published in 1962, was 'While the Fates Allow'. He also wrote the play 'Babel' which was produced several times. He was known as one of the leading modern English poets.

He died in Sible Hedingham, Essex on 29th March 1964.

Custodial history:

Donated by Mrs G. Redwood Anderson, Lamb Cottage, Halstead, Aug 1965

Description:

A small collection of letters, one to John Redwood Anderson and two copies of a reply by Anderson. Anderson's letters focus on his mystic beliefs.

Extent: 3 items

Related material:

Letters to Frank Noble Wood [U DX45]
Papers relating to J Redwood Anderson [U DX80]
Papers of Howard Sergeant [U DSG]
Hull Literary Club [U DLC]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader.

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| U DX59/1 | Letter from Mildred Wyatt-Rawson, Fort La Crete, Bonne Nuit, Jersey, Channel Islands, to John Redwood-Anderson
Birthday greetings. Contains encouragement to continue with his work.
1 item | 12 Mar 1963 |
| U DX59/2 | Letter in reply from John Redwood-Anderson to Mildred Wyatt-Rawson
Predominantly about his mystic beliefs. This is a handwritten version of U DX59/3. It can be quite difficult to read.
1 item | [14] Mar 1963 |
| U DX59/3 | Typescript of letter at DX59/2
The letter is mainly about John Redwood Anderson's mystic or religious beliefs and mentions that he experienced 'mystical illuminations' during his life. Contains thanks for the birthday gift from Mrs Rawson of the 'message from Plotinus' - the famous letter to Flacus - as mentioned in U DX59/1. His essay 'The Fourth Mysticism' and a lecture he delivered on his 'Divine Encounter' were originally enclosed with the letter, but are not part of this item.
1 item | c.1963 |