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Scope & Content Note

The Mary Lavin Collection supplements another significant acquisition in Irish literature, The Padraic Colum Collection, at the State University of New York at Binghamton. The Lavin collection, consisting almost entirely of letters, is of interest to scholars primarily because of the close and lasting friendship between Mary Lavin and Lord and Lady Dunsany. The correspondence lasts more than twenty years, and includes more than 191 letters or postcards from the Dunsanys to Mary Lavin.

In addition to the Dunsany letters, other correspondence to Mary Lavin from Seumas O'Sullivan, Estella Starkey, and Jack B. Yeats is included in this collection, as well as tape recordings of a set of interviews I conducted with Mary Lavin during the spring of 1972. The letters, which were purchased from Ms. Lavin several years ago, delineate the scope of Lord Dunsany's imagination, and testify to a warm, longstanding community of literary interest. I am indebted to Mr. Josiah T. Newcomb, former Director of Libraries at State University of New York at Binghamton, for his confidence and judgment in consenting to the purchase of the Lavin collection, and to Mr. Willis Bridegam for his encouragement in preparing and publishing this catalog. I would like also to extend my appreciation to Theodore Billy and Robert Kuhn for doing most of the detail work in the preparation of this catalog.

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From: Lord Edward Dunsany
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Letter 69, "Thank you very much for sending me 3 more of your stories..." September 7, 1939

From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 70, "Many thanks for your letter. But do write to me whenever you feel like it." September 21, 1939

From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin
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To: Mary Lavin
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Letter 74, “I think your last story is the best you have written. I think it is perfect.” October 15, 1939

Letter 75, “Here is a page of a letter from Heinemann, or rather from Mr. Evans…” October 24, 1939

Letter 76, “Thank you for your letter. I quite understand about the 2 stories that you do not want to publish yet…” November 3, 1939

Letter 77, “Yes, I was very pleased on your account, when I heard about Good Housekeeping.” November 7, 1939

Letter 78, “Many thanks for your letter, & for the new story.” November 14, 1939

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Letter 80, “No, don’t think of copying out the ‘Nun’s Mother’ for me…” November 28, 1939

Letter 81, “The enclosed letter about the dinner originated in a suggestion of mine…” December 3, 1939

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Letter 83, “I am delighted to get another story from you.” December 19, 1939

Letter 84, “Thank you for sending me the Dublin Magazine, and my congratulations on having two poems in it.” December 28, 1939

Letter 85, “Many thanks for the bunch of stories.” January 5, 1940

Letter 86, “I have been looking at the tales again…” January 5, 1940

Letter 87, “I enclose your letter from the editor of the Atlantic Monthly.” January 9, 1940
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To: Mary Lavin
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From: Lord Edward Dunsany
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Letter 106, "I am interested in everything you do..." October 2, 1940
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 107, "A line to wish your novel well, & to remind you to keep at it." November 3, 1940
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 108, "How is the novel going?" November 19, 1940
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 109, "We arrived here on Jan. 7 & I have got your two letters..." January 25, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 110, "I have been out after the snipe again." February 16, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 111, "This should be written in haste, so I dictate." February 19, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 112, (Telegram) "Probable available writing." February 20, 1941
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To: Mary Lavin

Letter 113, "I got a bundle of letters yesterday, not having had any for a fortnight..." March 31, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 114, "Things warmed up in Greece, especially at night..." May 9, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 115, "We wander again..." June 17, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 116, "I enclose a few 'everlastings' [a flower] from here." July 29, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
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Letter 117, "I've just got your letter of July 18..." September 22, 1941
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
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From: Lord Edward Dunsany
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From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 133, "I have often criticized tales of yours, and one good turn deserves another.” January 14, 1951
From: Lord Edward Dunsany
To: Mary Lavin

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From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 202, "Of course I will read the collection of your stories, ..." November 8, 1940
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 203, "Many thanks for the MS `Lilacs'..." January 6, 1941
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 204, "I return, with many thanks, the copies of the College Magazine..." January 12, 1941
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 205, "I will be very glad to have a story from you for my July-August issue." April 21, 1941
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 206, "Miss Gough has sent me your MSS and on re-reading them..." May 7, 1941
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 207, "(I must really have a little time in which to grow accustomed to the other name)..." May 24, 1943
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 208, "I am in a difficulty, and I appeal to you for help." August 10, 1943
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 209, "Thanks for your letter. I would certainly like to have a story from you..." October 6, 1943
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 210, "Many thanks for the review of `Food and Farming'." October 20, 1943
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 211, "Many thanks for your letter. We were indeed sorry to hear that your father has been ill,..." February 15, 1945
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 212, "We both show you our grateful thanks for the much appreciated gift of your book." September 8, 1945
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 213, "Our best thanks for the very kind gift..." December 2, 1946
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 214, "I wish that I could be of some use in regard to Mr. Westrop, but I have never met him." January 28, 1947
From: Seumas O'Sullivan
To: Mary Lavin
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216. Letter 216, “Thanks for your letter, …” June 30, 1947
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

218. Letter 218, “Please forgive my delay in writing to you.” May 16, 1954
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

220. Letter 220, “Thanks for your letter and for your kind invitation…” April 3, 1955
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

221. Letter 221, “Thanks for your letter of July 2nd…” July 21, 1955
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

222. Letter 222, “Many thanks for the return of the novel, …” August 8, 1955
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

223. Letter 223, “Please forgive my delay in writing to you.” October 2, 1955
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

224. Letter 224, “Many thanks for your very kind gift…” March 9, 1956
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

225. Letter 225, “Many thanks for the story, Brigid, …” N. D.
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

226. Letter 226, “Thanks for your letter. We have been hoping to get to Bective…” N. D.
From: Seumas O'Sullivan  
To: Mary Lavin

227. Letter 227, “If you are doing nothing important tonight…” December 19, 1940
From: Estella F. Starkey  
To: Mary Lavin

228. Letter 228, “We have just seen the announcement of the death of your dear father…” October 1, 1945
From: Estella F. Starkey  
To: Mary Lavin

229. Letter 229, “We both feel we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year--” December 31, 1945
From: Estella F. Starkey  
To: Mary Lavin

230. Letter 230, “We are so very pleased to hear the good news of the arrival of 'Elizabeth'.“ January 3, 1946
From: Estella F. Starkey  
To: Mary Lavin

231. Letter 231, "We were very pleased to hear from you & look forward to seeing you both quite
soon.” May 22, 1946
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 232, “Thank you very much for your very kind invitation.” June 22, 1946

232.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 233, (Postcard) “Very sorry we couldn't get down to you.” April 28, 1947

233.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 234, “So sorry I missed you on phone.” September 10, 1947

234.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 235, “I'm so very sorry to have to postpone our visit to you again.” September 18, 1947

235.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 236, (Postcard) “Thank you for card, but-no letter arrived here!” October 17, 1947

236.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 237, “The Fates & the elements seem determined to prevent our long postponed visit to you.” November 2, 1947

237.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 238, “Would you & Mr. Walsh come & have dinner with us on Wednesday next…” March 16, 1950

238.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 239, “Would you both come & have dinner with us next Saturday 14th?” July 6, 1951

239.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 240, “I was very glad to get your very kind letter.” June 19, 1958

240.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 241, “I meant to write to you long ago but Seumas has been very ill…” May 10, (no year)

241.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 242, “I was disappointed when I heard that you had called with that magnificent bunch of daffodils, …” March 30, (no year)

242.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 243, “Thank you for your card.” May 31, (no year)

243.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 244, “We were very pleased to get your card this morning…” November 10, (no year)

244.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 245, “With many thanks. I think that these first notices are really remarkably good.” N. D.

245.
From: Estella F. Starkey
To: Mary Lavin
Letter 246, “It was very kind of you to make me a present of your book ‘The Becker Wives’.” January 7, 1947

246.
From: Jack B. Yeats
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 247, "I thank you very much for your letter and the pleasurable things you say in it." August 17, 1948

From: Jack B. Yeats
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 248, "Thank you very much for sending me 'Mary O'Grady.'" April 18, 1950

From: Jack B. Yeats
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 249, "Thank you again for sending me your book and thank you for writing 'Mary O'Grady.'" November 9, 1950

From: Jack B. Yeats
To: Mary Lavin

Letter 250, "It is only now I hear of your great sorrow..." October 29, 1954

From: Jack B. Yeats
To: Mary Lavin

Typed Manuscript, (with handwritten note) “Preface” by Lord Edward Dunsany N. D. (1941)
Note: "I wrote these lines about a year ago, and someone will find them in a drawer, ...”

From: Jack B. Yeats
To: Mary Lavin

Signed Article, “8 Minutes on Meath,” by Lord Edward Dunsany N. D.

Part 2

Tapes, 3 cassettes. Tape-recorded interviews of Mary Lavin by Zack Bowen. Recorded April, 1972.