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Inventory of the papers and correspondence of William Mactaggart RSA RA etc and Fanny Aavatsmark Mactaggart.

**Restriction rescinded by executor, March 1994.**

**Correspondence**

1. Letters from F B Aavatsmark to W Mactaggart March-December 1936 (45).
2. Letters from F B Aavatsmark to W Mactaggart January-October 1937 (50).
3. Letters from W Mactaggart to F B Aavatsmark January 1932 (1), 1936 (1), September-October 1937 (10).
- 3a. Letters from Harold Morton to F B Aavatsmark 1931-1937 (10).
4. Letters from W Mactaggart to F Mactaggart April-May 1940 (17).  
Letters from F Mactaggart to W Mactaggart April-May 1940 (20).  
F Mactaggart worked during this period in the Norwegian Section of the BBC in London.
5. Letters from W Mactaggart to F Mactaggart 1942-49 (37).  
Letters from F Mactaggart to W Mactaggart 1945, 1947 (2).
6. Letters from W Mactaggart to F Mactaggart 1950 (27).  
Letters from F Mactaggart to W Mactaggart 1950 (32).
7. Letters from W Mactaggart to F Mactaggart 1952 (18).  
Letters from F Mactaggart to W Mactaggart 1952 (20).
8. Letters from W Mactaggart to F Mactaggart 1954 (24).  
Letters from F Mactaggart to W Mactaggart 1954 (25).
9. Letters from W Mactaggart to F Mactaggart 1955, 1957 (25).  
Letters from F Mactaggart to W Mactaggart 1955, 1957 (25).
10. Undated notes and photographs found among personal papers.  
Biographical letter from WM to his father-in-law 1945.
- 10a. Papers relating to William Mactaggart RSA, the elder.
11. W Mactaggart, FB Aavatsmark Mactaggart general correspondence 1933-39.
12. Wedding letters, cards and telegrams on their marriage 31 July 1937.

13. Wedding telegrams, cards, press-cuttings.
14. Legal correspondence on action taking by the legatees of the late Hugh and Bertha Mactaggart against the Shotts Mining Company on damage caused by subsidence to "Hillwood", the family home. 1934-36.
- 14a. Legal correspondence on the winding up of the estate of the late Hugh and Bertha Mactaggart. 1930-31.
15. W Mactaggart's wartime correspondence (letters received, copies of letters sent).  
Correspondence while working for CEMA organizing touring exhibition of Scottish Scenes by Scottish Artists.  
Manuscript catalogue for exhibition paintings by 7 Scottish Artists held at Annans, Glasgow. August-September 1945.  
2 letters from D M Sutherland.
16. F Mactaggart's correspondence 1940. (Letters received, copies of letters sent).
17. F Mactaggart's correspondence 1941. (Letters received and copies of letters sent).
18. Letters to F Mactaggart January-July 1942.  
F Mactaggart appointed Scottish Representative of Norwegian government Information Services in February 1942. From 1942 she had a copious correspondence with The Norwegian Government Information Service in London, The Ministry of Information, The British Council, various voluntary bodies in Scotland, and local authorities in Lothian and Fife.
19. Letters to F Mactaggart August to December 1942.  
Correspondence concerning Norwegian Exhibition at National Gallery of Scotland October-November 1942, and King Haakon's visit to Scotland October 1942.
20. Letters from F Mactaggart January-July 1942.
21. Letters from F Mactaggart August-December 1942.
22. Norway House, 37 Inverleith Place.  
General correspondence concerning its establishment and furnishing in 1942.  
Minutes of the General Management Committee 1942-47 (incomplete).

23. Letters to F Mactaggart January-June 1945.
24. Letters to F Mactaggart July-December 1943.  
Grieg Centenary concert, Usher Hall, October 1943.
25. Letters from F Mactaggart January-June 1943.
26. Letters from F Mactaggart July-December 1943.
- 26a Correspondence, invitation programmes for Grieg Centenary concert  
October 1943.
27. Letters to F Mactaggart January-June 1944.
28. Letters to F Mactaggart July-December 1944.  
Norwegian concert in Glasgow October 1944.  
Correspondence about scheme for twinning 5 towns in Fife with 5 in  
Norway.  
Dunfermline with Trondheim (formalized May 1945).  
Kirkcaldy with Aalesund (formalized December 1945).  
St Andrews with Halden (formalized December 1945).  
Buckhaven Methil with Kristiansund.  
Burntisland with Flekkefjord.
29. Letters from F Mactaggart January-June 1945.
30. Letters from F Mactaggart July-December 1945.
31. Letters from F Mactaggart January-December 1945 (F Mactaggart was in  
Norway in September and October 1945 – see folder no.5).
32. Typescripts of talks given by F Mactaggart on Norway during the war.
33. Letters to F Mactaggart January-June 1945.
34. Letters to F Mactaggart July-December 1945.
36. Letters to F Mactaggart January-December 1946.  
Typescripts of talks and articles.
38. Letters to and from W Mactaggart January-December 1946.  
1 letter from D M Sutherland.  
Text from WM's broadcast on Picasso/Matisse show in Glasgow.

- From 1947 onwards no separation is made between the letters of W & F Mactaggart.
- F Mactaggart typed answers to most of her husbands letters though in some cases his manuscript drafts survive. Folders containing outgoing correspondence frequently include typescripts of articles by FM for BBC or Norwegian papers and typescripts of speeches by WM.
39. Letters to W & F Mactaggart January-December 1947.  
2 letters from Edwin Muir.
  40. Letters from W & F Mactaggart January-December 1947.  
Catalogues for W Mactaggart's 1947 exhibitions at Annan's of Glasgow and Frasers of Inverness.
  41. Letters to W & F Mactaggart January-December 1948.  
1 letter from D M Sutherland.  
2 letters from Johnnie Maxwell.  
2 letters from Henryk Gottlib.  
Preliminary programme of 1948 Folk Music and Dance Festival.  
Programmes of recitals in Scotland by Laila Aavatsmark 1948.  
Set of correspondence from Sir James Caw (uncle of WM) endeavouring to publicize his nephew's work in Canada.  
Catalogue in manuscript and in print of W Mactaggart's 1948 exhibition at Fraser's of Inverness.
  42. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1948.
  43. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1949.
  44. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1949.
  45. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1950.
  46. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1950.
  47. Letters to and from W & F Mactaggart 1951. Little correspondence for this year has been preserved. FM had pleurisy March-May. FM & WM spent July in France and most of August & September in Norway.
  48. Letters to and from W & F Mactaggart 1952.
  49. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1953.  
2 letters from W O Hutcheson.  
2 letters from Willa Muir.

50. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1953.
51. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1954.  
2 letters from R H Westwater.  
1 letter from Edwin Muir.  
1 letter from Tom Whalen.
52. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1954.
53. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1955.  
1 letter from Lily MacDougall.  
1 letter from Benno Schotz.  
1 letter from Stanley Cursiter.  
1 letter from Anne Redpath.  
1 letter from Peter Pears.  
4 letters from Elder Dickson.  
Introduction by Elder Dickson to WMs exhibition at the Kunstnervorbundet, Oslo, 15-27 September 1955.
54. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1955.
55. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1956.  
1 letter from Elder Dickson.
56. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1956.  
WM's speech at opening of Glasgow Arts Club Exhibition 30.11.56.
57. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1957.  
1 letter from Gladwyn Jebb.  
1 letter from D M Sutherland.  
1 letter from Sydney Newman.
58. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1957.
59. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1958.  
1 letter from Harold Morton.
60. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1958.
61. Letters and telegrams to W & F Mactaggart January-March 1959.  
W Mactaggart was elected President of the RSA in March 1959, including letters of congratulations from:  
Stanley Cursiter                      Compton Mackenzie

Bill Gillies	W O Hutchison
Benno Schotz	Tertia Liebenthal
Neil M Gunn	Tom Whalen
Hans Gal	Sydney Newman
John Houston	D M Sutherland
Andrew Dods	Anne Redpath

62. Letters to W & F Mactaggart April-December 1959.  
 1 letter from Harold Morton.  
 1 letter from Compton Mackenzie.
63. Letters from W & F Mactaggart January-December 1959.
64. Letters to W & F Mactaggart January-December 1960.  
 1 letter from D M Sutherland.  
 1 letter from Hew Lorimer.  
 1 letter from Bertrand Russell.
65. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1960.
66. Letters to W & F Mactaggart January-June 1961.
- 66a. Letters to W & F Mactaggart July-December 1961 (W Mactaggart received Honorary Degree from the University of Edinburgh July 1961) including letters of congratulations from:
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| Elder Dickson | Neil M Gunn |
| W O Hutchison | Joe Grimond |
67. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1961.
68. Letters of congratulation to W Mactaggart on announcement of his Knighthood in The New Years Honours List 1962 including letters from:
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| Mackintosh Patrick         | Hans Gal         |
| Sydney Newman              | Bill Gillies     |
| Robin Philipson            | Charles Wheeler  |
| Hew Lorimer                | R H Westwater    |
| Kenneth Clarke             | Willa Muir       |
| John Houston               | John Rothenstein |
| D M Sutherland             | Joe Grimond      |
| Baroness Elliot of Harwood |                  |
69. Letters to W & F Mactaggart January-December 1962.

70. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1962 including correspondence concerning the Onstad/Heine Exhibition at the RSA August-September 1962 on the State Visit of King Olav in October 1962.
71. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1963. Elder Dickson article on W Mactaggart in Studio & 1 letter from D M Sutherland.
72. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1963.
73. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1964.  
1 letter from Bill Gillies.  
1 letter from Robin Philipson.  
1 letter from Lord Crawford and Balcarres.
74. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1964.
75. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1965.  
1 letter from Benno Schotz.
76. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1965. W Mactaggarts obituaries for J M Gleave and R Scott Hay.
77. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1966.  
3 letters from Lord Crawford and Balcarres.
78. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1966. List of pictures available for sale in 1966.
79. Letters received by W & F Mactaggart 1967.  
1 letter from Compton Mackenzie.  
1 letter from Edward Heath.  
1 letter from Robin Philipson.  
1 letter from Audrey Lintott.  
1 letter from Brodrick Haldane.
80. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1967.
81. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1968.  
2 letters from Tom Monnington.  
2 letters from Laura Grimond.  
1 letter from Hew Lorimer.  
1 letter from Compton Mackenzie  
1 letter from Tertia Liebenthal.  
1 letter from Elder Dickson.



- 1 letter from Benno Schotz.  
1 letter from C D'O Pilkington Jackson.
82. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1968. Notebook containing drafts of letters in W Mactaggarts hand, 5 sketches and an etching of Mentone by Harold Morton.
83. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1969.  
1 letter from Gordon Gray.  
1 letter from Nicholas Fairbairn.  
1 letter from Elder Dickson.  
1 letter from D M Sutherland.  
1 letter from W Kinninmonth.
84. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1969 including arrangements and guest lists for farewell parties in March 1969.
85. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1970.  
1 letter from Kenneth Clarke.  
1 letter from Lord Crawford and Balcarres.  
1 letter from Willie Wilson.  
1 letter from Benno Schotz.  
1 letter from D M Sutherland.
86. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1970.  
Pages from a late notebook annotated by Hugh Macandrew.
87. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1971.  
1 letter from Adam Bruce Thompson.
88. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1971.
89. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1972.
90. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1972.
91. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1973, correspondence on BBCTV programme, Northern Lights including a list of WM's pictures in public collections in Great Britain.  
Correspondence on Harvey Wood book.  
Single letters from Adam Bruce Thompson, Tom Monnington, Elder Dickson & D M Sutherland.
92. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1973.

93. Papers concerning the executry of Sir William Gillies. (WM was one of his executors): will, valuation of estate, obituary by WM and correspondence, 1973-76.
94. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1974.
95. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1974.
96. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1975.
97. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1975.
98. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1976.  
Single letters from Baroness Elliot of Harwood, Elder Dickson & Robin Philipson.
99. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1976.
100. Letters to W & F Mactaggart 1977.  
Single letters from Elder Dickson & John Bratby.
101. Letters from W & F Mactaggart 1977.
102. Letters to and from W & F Mactaggart 1978.
103. Letters to and from W & F Mactaggart 1979.
104. Letters to and from W & F Mactaggart 1980.
- 104a. 4 letters, n.d. (Gillies, Pears, Talbot Rice).
- 104b. Packet of family papers of F Mactaggart.

In addition to the above correspondence it is the executors' intention to deposit correspondence concerning the executry, together with a copy of the catalogue of the Studio sale, in the National Library, when the winding up of the Estate is complete.

### **Financial Papers**

105. Bills of Sale for works by W Mactaggart 1938-59.
106. Bills of Sale for works by W Mactaggart 1960-76.

107. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1930-39.
108. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1940-49.
109. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1940-49.
110. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1950-59.
111. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1950-59.
112. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1960-69.
113. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1960-69.
114. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1960-69.
115. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1970-79.
116. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1960-69.
117. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1960-69.
118. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1960-69.
119. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1970-1980.
120. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1970-1980.
121. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1970-1980.
122. Financial and legal papers, bills & receipts 1970-1980.

**Miscellaneous Papers and Catalogues**

(numbered boxes 1-44, and shelved preceding above boxes 1-122).

**[Box nos]**

1. 1 Box of articles and interviews by F Mactaggart.
2. 1 Box of articles and speeches by W Mactaggart.
- 3-4 2 Boxes of the diaries of F Mactaggart from 1951-1980.

- 5-10 6 Boxes of Christmas cards, invitations, gift lists etc.
- 11-16 6 Boxes of Exhibition Catalogues and Notices W Mactaggart and other artists.
- 17-21 5 Boxes of photographs and postcards.
- 22-24 3 Boxes of notebooks, engagement diaries, bank books, passports etc.
25. 1 Box of Invitations.
- 26-30 5 Boxes of Edinburgh Festival Programmes, catalogues and miscellaneous material.
31. 1 Box of theatre programmes.
32. 1 Box of Norwegian wartime publicity material & photographs.
33. 1 Box of wartime pamphlets, publicity material, invitations and notices of meetings.
- 34-41 1 Skip full of Information News sheets from the Norwegian government information office.

**Printed material in Norwegian**

42. A small collection of Norwegian printed books.
43. A collection of Norwegian daily papers.