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Papers, 1931-1975, of the novelist George Friel (1910-1975), with papers, 1975-1985, of his wife, Isobel, concerning his writing and literary estate.

George Friel was born in Glasgow, and educated at St Mungo's Academy and the University of Glasgow. He worked as a teacher in Glasgow until his retirement in 1973. He published five novels:

The Bank of Time (London: New Authors, 1959)
The Boy Who Wanted Peace (London: John Calder, 1964)
Grace and Miss Partridge (London: Calder and Boyars, 1969)
Mr Alfred M.A. (London: Calder and Boyars, 1972)
An Empty House (London: Calder and Boyars, 1974).

For further papers of George Friel, please see Acc.8797.

Presented, 1986.

1-15. Papers of George Friel, 1931-1975.

- 1. Correspondence, 1932-1967.**
- 2-3. Poetry, ca. 1974.**
- 4-7. Television scripts, 1970-1971.**
- 8-12. Diaries, 1971-1975.**
- 13-15. Other items, 1931-1932, 1973.**

16-19. Papers of Isobel Friel, 1975-1985.

1. Correspondence, 1932-1967.

Letters from agents, publishers, and editors of journals. Correspondents include editorial staff of the following periodicals and publishing houses: the *Adelphi*, Basil Blackwell, Jonathan Cape, Chapman and Hall, Chatto and Windus, Curtis Brown, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Faber and Faber, the *Freethinker*, Victor Gollancz, Grant and Murray, the Hogarth Press, Houghton Mifflin, Hutchinson, John Lehmann, *Life and Letters To-day*, the *Listener*, Macdonald, the *Modern Scot*, *New Stories*, *Outlook*, Penguin Books, the Pioneer Press, the Porpoise Press, Unicorn Press, and *World Review*. There are also some letters of Fred Urquhart and Woodrow Wyatt, and some readers' reports for 'No Other Herald', a novel.

For further letters of Fred Urquhart, see Acc.9248/16 below.

2-3. Poetry, ca. 1974.

2. 'Verses in the First Voice'

An uncorrected typescript, ca. 1974, of a volume of collected poems. Most of the poems are dated, from 1954-1974.

3. Uncorrected typescript, ca. 1974, of 'On His Brother Gabriel/The Daily Worker Cartoonist', a sequence of poems dated 1954-1974.

This file is not available for consultation until 2005.

4-7. Television scripts, 1970-1971.

A series of scripts of thirty minute television plays, submitted to the British Broadcasting Corporation.

4. Corrected typescript, 1970, of 'Two Little Girls in Blue'.
5. Typescript, n.d., of 'After the Ball', with a letter, 1971, written on behalf of Pharic Maclaren.
6. Typescript, n.d., of 'A Man with Power', with a letter, 1971, of Pharic Maclaren.
7. Typescript, n.d., of 'The Bigots', with a letter, 1971, of Pharic Maclaren.

8-12. Diaries, 1971-1975.

8. 1971.
9. 1972.
10. 1973.
11. 1974.
12. 1975.

13-15. Other items, 1931-1932, 1973.

13. Programme, signed by the cast, for Glasgow University Dialectic Society production of 'The Rivals' and 'The Man of Destiny' at the Lyric Theatre, Glasgow, 1931.
14. Degree certificate, University of Glasgow, 1932.

15. Scroll presented to George Friel on his retirement, 1973.

16-19. Papers of Isobel Friel, 1975-1985.

16. Correspondence, 1975-1985.

Correspondents include Iain Cameron, of Polygon, David Campbell, of the British Broadcasting Corporation, Stephanie Wolfe Murray of Canongate Publishing, Stanley Simpson of the National Library of Scotland, Fred Urquhart, and Hamish Whyte.

For earlier letters of Fred Urquhart, see Acc.9248/1 above.

For a further letter of David Campbell, see Acc.9248/19 below.

17. Royalty statements, 1980-1984.

18. Contracts and invoices for broadcasts by the British Broadcasting Corporation, 1979-1980.

19. Papers concerning George Friel, 1976, 1985.

Letter, 1976, of David Campbell, enclosing a copy of an article concerning George Friel.

For further letters of David Campbell, see Acc.9248/16 above.

Script, 1976, of 'The Novels of George Friel' by David Campbell, a radio programme in the 'Scottish Writing' series.

Teacher's Notes for 'Scottish Writing' series, 1976, edited by David Campbell.

Photocopy of typescript, 1985, of an article concerning George Friel by James Gillespie.