

## MS 75 Nietzsche Collection

### About the collection:

This collection, purchased from Ross's Auctioneers & Valuers in 2020, comprises notebooks, photographs, pamphlets and an ink stamp belonging to Paul Felix Franz Nietzsche (1885 - 1950).

Nietzsche was a Ukrainian artist and teacher who spent several years travelling across Europe and North America to paint and exhibit his work. He visited Ulster initially at the invitation of Dr Michael O'Brien, lecturer in Celtic Studies at Queen's University, whom he had befriended in Berlin. After many more visits to Northern Ireland, Nietzsche eventually settled down in Belfast in the late 1930s. After a brief spell of internment on the Isle of Man during the war as a result of his German parentage, he rented a studio on the Dublin Road where he continued to paint and exhibit his work until his death in 1950. Fluent in Russian, German, English and French, he was known to have befriended a large number of other artists, writers, actors, amongst others. His artwork consisted of mostly still life and portraits, and he published one poem in *Rann: An Ulster Quarterly of Poetry*.

Further reading on Paul Nietzsche:

<i>Paul Nietzsche 1885 - 1950</i> , Arts Council of Northern Ireland Gallery, 1984	hp ND497.N5 NIET
<i>Dictionary of Irish Artists, 20<sup>th</sup> Century</i> , Theo Snoddy, 1996	h N6789 SNOD
<i>Rann: An Ulster Quarterly of Poetry</i> , Number Three, Winter 1948-49	h PR8891.R1

### MS 75 Outline

<b>MS 75/1</b>	Photographs
<b>MS 75/2</b>	Notebooks
<b>MS 75/3</b>	Ink Stamp
<b>MS 75/4</b>	Pamphlets
<b>MS 75/5</b>	Miscellaneous Notelets

## MS 75/1 Photographs

- MS 75/1/1** Black framed photograph of Paul Nietzsche. Mirror reflection photograph of Paul Nietzsche painting. 'Christmas 1948' noted at the back.
- MS 75/1/2** Brown framed photograph of Paul Nietzsche. Portrait photograph of Paul Nietzsche with smoking pipe.
- MS 75/1/3** Unframed B/W photograph of Paul Nietzsche's grave.

## MS 75/2 Personal Notebooks

### Two notebooks belonging to Paul Nietzsche.

- MS 75/2/1** Brown leather notebook with note attached to front: 'Book 1'. 44 pages (some blank). No pagination. Various notes in English, German and possibly Russian. Dates within span 1934 to 1950. 2 loose pieces of blotting paper. Bundle of loose notelets (See MS 75/5).
- MS 75/2/2** Brown leather notebook. No pagination. 31 pages of notes at the front and 5 at the back. Mostly lists of painting/portrait customers. Dates mentioned span 1941 to 1950.

## MS 75/3 Ink Stamp

**Wooden ink stamp of Paul Nietzsche's face and signature. Effect can be seen on the front of some of the pamphlets (MS 75/4). Wrapped in several layers of blotting paper.**

## MS 75/4 Pamphlets

### A selection of pamphlets relating to exhibitions of Paul Nietzsche's work.

- MS 75/4/1** 14/04/1947 - 26/04/1947 Exhibition of recent work by Paul Nietzsche, Monday 14th April 1947 to Saturday 26th April 1947, 55a Donegall Place Belfast.
- MS 75/4/2** 19/04/1948 - 01/05/1948 Exhibition of recent work by Paul Nietzsche,

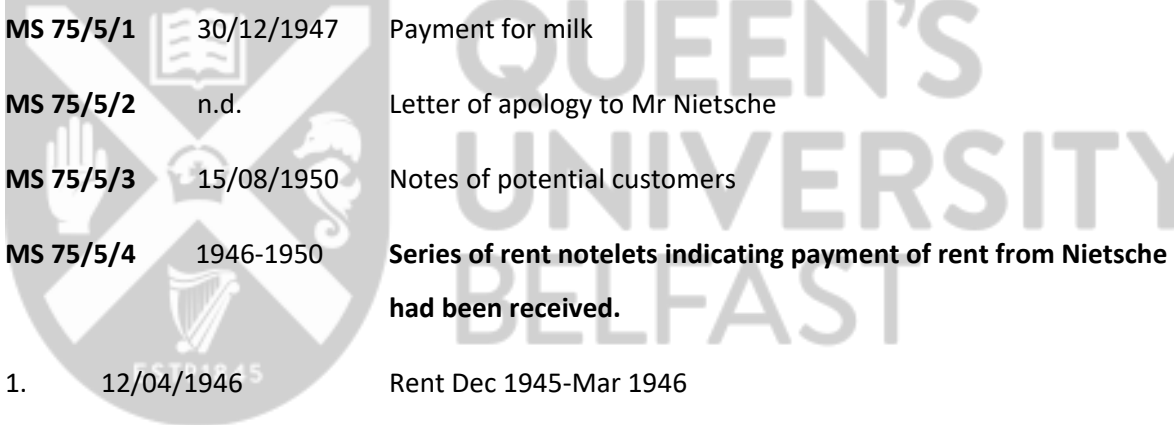
19th April - 1st May 1948, 55a Donegall Place  
Belfast.

**MS 75/4/3** 17/10/1949 - 22/10/1949 Exhibition of recent work by Paul Nietsche,  
17th to 22nd October 1949, 55a Donegall Place  
Belfast.

**MS 75/4/4** 27/10/1952 - 08/11/1952 2 x Exhibition of Paintings by the late Paul Nietsche,  
27th October to 8th Nov. 1952, Ulster Farmers'  
Union Hall 18 Donegall Sq. East.

### MS 74/5 Miscellaneous Notelets

Series of short notelets found inside notebooks (MS 75/2/1 and MS 75/2/2).



<b>MS 75/5/1</b>	30/12/1947	Payment for milk
<b>MS 75/5/2</b>	n.d.	Letter of apology to Mr Nietsche
<b>MS 75/5/3</b>	15/08/1950	Notes of potential customers
<b>MS 75/5/4</b>	1946-1950	<b>Series of rent notelets indicating payment of rent from Nietsche had been received.</b>
1.	12/04/1946	Rent Dec 1945-Mar 1946
2.	19/06/1946	Rent Apr-May 1946
3.	19/08/1946	Rent June-July 1946
4.	10/10/1946	Rent Aug-Sept 1946
5.	31/10/1949	Rent June-Sept 1949
6.	18/12/1946	Rent Oct-Nov 1946
7.	04/03/1946	Rent Dec 1946 – Jan 1947
8.	29/04/1947	Rent Feb-Mar 1947
10.	19/06/1947	Rent Apr-May 1947
11.	15/08/1947	Rent June-July 1947

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| 12. | 28/10/1947 | Rent Aug-Sept 1947       |
| 13. | 30/12/1947 | Rent Oct-Nov 1947        |
| 14. | 26/02/1948 | Rent Dec 1947 – Jan 1948 |
| 15. | 07/05/1948 | Rent Feb-Mar 1948        |
| 16. | 21/10/1948 | Rent Apr-Sept 1948       |
| 17. | 04/02/1949 | Rent Oct 1947 – Jan 1949 |
| 18. | 01/06/1949 | Rent Feb-May 1949        |
| 19. | 22/02/1950 | Rent Oct 1949 – Jan 1950 |
| 20. | 26/06/1950 | Rent Feb-May 1950        |



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