

MS47 J. N. Hart Collection

About the collection

A small collection of Forrest Reid related material donated to Special Collections in July 2001. John N. Hart (1881[?]-1963) was a lifelong friend of Reid (see correspondence, [MS44/1/55](#)). The bulk of material in this collection dates from after Reid's death in 1947 and relates to the Forrest Reid Memorial exhibition in 1953 and Russell Burlingham's Forrest Reid: a portrait and study (London: Faber and Faber, 1953).



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MS47/1/1**Blunden, Edmund Charles (1896-1974)**

24/06/1934 19 Woodstock Close, Oxford. TLS + envelope. 1p.

MS47/1/2**Buchanan, George**

24/07/1951 Roe Park, Limavady, Co. Londonderry. TLS, 1p. Letter was accompanied by a manuscript of Russell Burlingham's essay on FR. The essay is not included

MS47/1/3**Burlingham, Russell, writer**

1. 07/09/1950 4 Museum Road, Oxford. ALS, 2pp. Burlingham's first approach to Hart regarding research for his book.
2. 09/09/1950 4 Museum Road, Oxford. ACS.
3. 15/10/1950 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. ALS, 2pp. Thanking Hart for lending FR correspondence and manuscripts.
4. 03/11/1950 Reform Club, Pall Mall, London. ALS, 2pp.
5. 10/11/1950 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. ACS.
6. 20/12/1950 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. ACS.
7. 08/05/1951 Reform Club, Pall Mall, London. ALS, 2pp. Discusses sending finished manuscript to Richard de la Mare.
8. 27/08/1951 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS, 1p. Thanking Hart for commenting on his manuscript. Mentions Norman Douglas letters.
9. 31/08/1951 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS, 1p. Discusses photographs for book.
10. 30/10/1951 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS, 1p. Letter written in answer to a query from Brien [?] clarifying identity of people associated with FR.
11. 01/12/1951 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS, 1p. Confirming Faber's publishing of book. Discussion of cover design.
12. 08/12/1951 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TCS. Discusses some passages from The Retreat MSS.
13. 15/05/1952 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TCS.
14. 20/05/1952 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS, 1p.
15. 24/07/1952 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS, 1p.
16. 01/1953 7 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London. TLS + envelope, 1p. Letter accompanying a copy of Burlingham's book (see MS47/3/5)

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Cunningham, Samuel Knox (1909-1976), politician.

14/11/1951 2 Essex Court, Temple, E.C.4. ALS, 1p. Cunningham inviting Hart to become a supporter of the Forrest Reid Memorial.

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de la Mare, Walter (1873-1956), poet and writer.

19/07/1952[?] 30 Montpelier Row, Twickenham. ALS + envelope + enclosures, 1p. Enclosed is a 3 page typescript of de la Mare's Introduction to Burlingham's book (e1- e3) and a cutting from the Listener, 06/07/1944 (e4) reviewing FR's Young Tom.

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Reid, Forrest (1875-1947), novelist.

Correspondence between FR and Miss Mary Anne (Queenie) Hart, J.N. Hart's sister.

1. 14/08/1929 13 Ormiston Crescent. ALS, 1p. Written after return from a croquet match in Birmingham [?]
2. 01/01/1932 13 Ormiston Crescent. ALS, 1p + envelope. Letter refers to an enclosed letter that would be "of interest to Jack", this letter is missing.
3. 04/06/1932 13 Ormiston Crescent. ALS, 1pp.
4. 12/12/1939 13 Ormiston Crescent. ALS, 1p + envelope. Letter accompanied some stamps for Miss Hart's Collection.

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Wright, Robert

1. 03/02/1953 Scrabo Isles, Newtownards, Co. Down. ALS, 1p. Discusses FR's book collection and FR photographs and a childhood anecdote.
2. 23/08/1953 Scrabo Isles, Newtownards, Co. Down. ALS, 1p.
3. 27/08/1953 Scrabo Isles, Newtownards, Co. Down. ALS + envelope, 1p. Discusses meeting with Stephen Gilbert, FR's estate and Kenneth's Magazine.
4. 07/09/1953 Scrabo Isles, Newtownards, Co. Down. ALS + enclosures, 2pp.
Letter discusses FR finances, estate and memorial. Also attached are 7 newspaper clippings reporting on the Memorial Exhibition:
Exhibition of Forrest Reid Manuscripts – Northern Whig (29/08/1953)
Forrest Reid Exhibition - Belfast Telegraph (03/09/1953)
Forrest Reid was a "gentle rebel" – Northern Whig (03/09/1953)
Earl of Antrim Opens Forrest Reid Exhibition – Irish News 03/09/1953
[Photograph] – Belfast Telegraph (03/09/1953)
Exhibition has caused a demand for F.R.'s books - Northern Whig (08/09/1953)
Forrest Reid Exhibition [with photograph] – [?] undated
5. 17/09/1953 Scrabo Isles, Newtownards, Co. Down. TLS, 1p + enclosure. Newspaper clipping (Northern

Whig, 16/09/1953) of a letter by Knox Cunningham correcting a newspaper report that stated he was the originator of the FR memorial idea.

MS47/2 Photographs

1. n.d. B/W print of Charles Lamb Memorial, Inner Temple Garden, Crown Office Row, London.
"Chas Lamb statue Temple gardens" inscribed on verso
2. n.d. As above, but different angle. This print is without inscription.
The statue depicted is by Margaret Wrightson, and is presumably the original lead statue as reported by the Times on 4th June 1930. The original statue was removed during World War 2 and replaced by a replica. J.N. Hart and Edmund Blunden were both involved in the Elian Society's appeal to have a bust of Lamb erected in London. The bust was unveiled in November 1935 at Christ Church, Greyfriars. Presumably the Wrightson statue (of a naked boy) was of interest to both J.N. Hart through his Elian Society and Reid because of its subject matter.
3. n.d. B/W print of Forrest Reid, Stephen Gilbert and an unknown woman playing Monopoly outdoors.
4. n.d. B/W print of same subjects as [MS47/2/3](#) (above).
5. n.d. B/W print of a couple holding cats [?]

MS47/3 Monographs

1. The Spring Song by Forrest Reid, published by Edward Arnold, London. 1916. Inscribed by the author (facing title page): Queenie Hart/from/Forrest Reid/23rd Sept. 1928
2. Retrospective Adventures by Forrest Reid, published by Faber and Faber, London. 1941. Dust wrapper.
3. Young Tom by Forrest Reid, published by Faber and Faber, London. 1944. Inscribed in pencil: J. N. Hart. Dustwrapper
4. Denis Bracknel by Forrest Reid, published by Faber and Faber, London. 1947. Dust wrapper.
5. Forrest Reid: a portrait and study by Russell Burlingham, published by Faber and Faber, London. 1953. Inscribed by the author: To J.N. Hart/With the author's/grateful thanks. /January 1953. Dust wrapper.

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Miscellaneous

1. 07/01/1947 Newspaper clipping (The Times, 07/01/1947) Mr. Forrest Reid/Writer of Vision and Delicacy – Obituary
2. 01/02/1953 Newspaper clipping (The Observer, 01/02/1953) Crying for Elysium by John Sparrow – Review of Burlingham’s book.
3. 1953 Invitation card to Forrest Reid memorial exhibition.
4. 16/09/1953 Newspaper clipping and complements slip from the Northern Whig. (As contained in MS47/1/7/5)



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