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ROBERT NYE MANUSCRIPTS

MSS 2881-2916, 2938-40, 3122-3123

MS 2881-3: *Merlin* (published Hamish Hamilton, 1978, Putnam 1978).
(See also MS 2914)

MS 2881

- .1 Author's autograph working notes, etc.
- .2 Rough draft version. 200 folio pages with autograph corrections.
- .3 Draft of Book 1 (18 chapters) on 112 pages folio, typescript with autograph corrections. Opening of Book 2.
- .4 Drafts relating to Books 2-4.

MS 2882

- .1 Copy-text: typescript worksheets with authors annotations. 405 pages.
- .2 Copy-text: typescript worksheets.
- .3 The Gold Book. Corrected ts.
- .4 Photocopies of source material.

MS 2883

- .1 Copy-text: typescript worksheets.
- .2-.5 Proofs. Various corrected. 3 copies of a poster for the book, and 2 suggestions for a cover design.

MSS 2884-2886: *Faust*. (Published Hamish Hamilton 1981, Putnam 1981)

MS 2884 Notebooks, notes and heavily corrected tss.

MS 2885 Heavily corrected tss and uncorrected tss.

MS 2886 Uncorrected tss, photocopies of source material, and copy of printed book, cannibalised & with alterations for NY edition. Facsimile of same used by printers.

MSS 2887-2889: *The Voyage of the Destiny*. (Published Hamish Hamilton 1982, Putnam 1982)

MS 2887-8 Heavily-corrected tss.

MS 2889 Photocopied tss, page proofs, with author's corrections, and photocopies of source material, with 3 notebooks containing ms notes, and a suggestion for the cover of the published work.

MS 2890

- .1 Box containing all working mss., holograph notes, manuscripts and typescripts- heavily corrected and reworked for Nye's novel *The Memoirs of Lord Byron* (Hamish Hamilton, 1989). Also corrected proofs of the same novel.
- .2 Loose red folder holding the final typescript, still with some corrections in handwriting, of the same novel.
- .3 Folio notebook, 1970. Fugues. Contains a great deal of original holograph material, and original manuscript of draft material, including an early version of Adam Kadmon.
- .4 Robert Nye's *Falstaff*. Version for solo performance by David Buck. Two ts versions: 39pp, and 61pp dated 1993. Also, 2 fliers for a performance.
- .5 *Falstaff*. A play in 2 acts by W Gordon Smith. Based on the novel by R.N. 1978/9. Ts.
- .6 *Falstaff*. A play in three acts by Robert Nye and John Abulafia. Tss. 3 copies.

MS 2891

- .1 Penthisilea, by Heinrich von Kleist: a version by R.N. BBC script, 1971. Tss and corrected tss.
- .2 Reynolds, Reynolds. TV Play. BBC script, 1971. Ts and notes.
- .3 Fugue. A film script. Corrected ts and photociped ts.
- .4 A Bloody stupid hole. BBC script, 1969. Ts.
- .5 Tung, the master mason. Carbon ts.
- .6 The Devil's Jig. BBC script, 1979. Ts.
- .7 The Devil's Jig. Thomas Mann's Doctor Faustus. A programme by Robert Nye and Humphrey Searle. Manuscript with Robert Nye's corrections.
- .8 Words I/II/III/IV/V/VI. BBC script, 1978. Ts and corrected ts.
- .9 Arthur. A Play. BBC script. three drafts. Ts and corrected ts.

MS 2892

- .1 *The Facts of Life*. Short stories. (Hamish Hamilton 1983). The Same Old Story. Coral. Like an Absence. The Dog. Prunty. Visakha. The Whole Story. 59x: the True Tale. The Lesson. Adam Kadmon. The Barber. True Thomas. Randal. The Facts of Life. Glendower. The Second Best Bed. Mostly corrected tss. Also earlier versions, notes, corrected proofs and related correspondence.
- .2 Corrected proofs of various articles, along with a set of galleys of reviews for *The Times*, all corrected by Robert Nye, on Beckett, David Jones, Laura Riding, Pound, Auden, Wain, Ronald Duncan, Andrew Young. Also some corrected typescripts.

MS 2893

- .1 *The Bird of the Golden Land*. (Hamish Hamilton 1980) Work sheets and Early paste-up of printed sheets.
- .2 *Wishing Gold* and other stories.
- .3 Miscellaneous short stories and plays, including: *Owain Glendwyr*, a novel for children; *Harry Pay*; *A Perfect Stranger: a Play for radio or television*; *Gingember, a Drama in Three Acts*; and other short plays. Corrected tss.

MS 2894

Miscellaneous criticism, talks, essays. Notebooks and diaries. Needs further sorting.

MS 2895

- .1 Notebook, containing poetic drafts, reviews, notes and other material. Ms.
- .2 Loose sheets of poems, some with accompanying letters. Needs further sorting. Nothing later than 1988. Tss and corrected tss.
- .3 Copy of *Lines Review* no 38, September 1971: four stories, eight poems and a film script by R.N. Signed by R.N.
- .4 Copy of *Two Prayers*, a poem by R.N. (The Keepsake Press, 1974). In envelope.
- .5 Box containing complete working typescripts and manuscripts for his *A Collection of Poems, 1955-1988*. Ms, in different coloured inks, corrected ts, corrected proofs, etc. Nye has written "As you will see, some of the poems (eg. Circe's Farewell to Ulysses comes to mind) there are dozens of drafts and some of the versions - as with this one instanced - were considerably longer than the final poem as included in the volume. I might say that I regard this collection as my life's work, and definite."
- .6 A green folder containing the final typescript (incorporating a few hand-written corrections) for his *A Collection Of Poems, 1955-1988* (Hamish Hamilton, 1989).
- .6 Further page proofs for the *Poems*. Some corrections. With covering letter from Anthony Sheil Associates, dated 8 September 1989.

MS 2896

- .1 *The Faber Book of Sonnets*. Edited by R.N. Page proofs, with covering letter from Faber and Faber.
- .2 *A Choice of Swinburne's Verse*. Selected and with an introduction by Robert Nye (London, 1973). Ts, with mss notes (also used by printer). Corrected galleys, uncorrected galleys, and page proofs. Also corrected ts of introduction.
- .3 A red folder containing work on editing anthology *Pen New Poetry I* (Quartet Books, 1986). Also in this folder work in judging Hennessy/Irish Press Literary Awards which Nye did in 1985.
- .4 Grey folder containing poetic work by Anthony Howell. Tss, corrected tss, and photocopies.

[MS 2897 unallocated]

MS 2898-2903:

pre-1977 correspondence. Partly sorted: A-F/G-H/H-M/M-R/S/T-Z and unsorted. [Location no. 1 on attached index of correspondents.]

MS 2904-2906:

Correspondence, 1978-1983. Partly sorted: A-F/G-P/R-Z. [Location no. 1 on attached index of correspondents.]

MS 2907-2909:

Correspondence, 1984-1988. Partly sorted: A-F/G-M/M-Z. [Location no. 2 on attached index of correspondents.]

MS 2910-2911:

Correspondence, 1989-1992. Partly sorted: A-G/H-Z. [Location no. 3 on attached index of correspondents.]

MS 2912

- .1 File containing extensive details of Robert Nye's financial affairs, royalties, bank statements, accounts prepared for the Inspector of Taxes, up until his leaving Edinburgh for Ireland, and all other matters relating to his income and expenditure.
- .2 16 unidentified colour transparencies. For a work by R.N.?
- .3 Publishers catalogues containing notices of works by R.N., newspapers, single issues of journals and magazines, &c., in which R.N. has contributions.

MS 2913: Mrs Shakespeare

- .1 Notebook containing notes. Ms.
- .2 Loose sheets and cards containing notes. Ms and corrected ts.
- .3 Source material, mainly photocopies.
- .4 Heavily corrected ts. needs reordering?
- .5 Corrected word-processed ts.

MS 2914

- .1 Corrected word-processed ts. of *Mrs Shakespeare*.
- .2 Corrected proofs of *Mrs Shakespeare*.
- .3 Letters between Sinclair-Stevenson and Nye relating to the forthcoming publication of Mrs Shakespeare. January-June 1992.
- .4 Photocopies of some reviews of *Mrs Shakespeare*.
- .5 *Tales I Told my Mother*. Working notes for, and fair-copy ts of Introduction to new edition.
- .6 Robert Nye's *Merlin*. A version by Trevor Ray. Ts. (See also MSS 2881-3)
- .7 Notes for *Gilles de Rais* on cards. Ts.
- .8 Notes for *Gilles de Rais* on loose sheets. Ms, ts and photocopied ts.
- .9 Letters from the publisher, Hamish Hamilton, about publication details. With book jacket suggestion.
- .10 Corrected ts, partial, of *The Life and Death of My Lord Gilles de Rais*.

MS 2915

- .1 Faxed ts of forthcoming novel about Gilles de Rais, October 1992.
- .2 Corrected original ts of *The Life and Death of My Lord Gilles de Rais*.
- .3 Photocopy of ts of *The Life and Death of My Lord Gilles de Rais*, with publisher's reader's corrections.
- .4 Corrected proofs of *The Life and Death of My Lord Gilles de Rais*.
- .5 Material relating to Tom O'Sullivan's adaptation of *Gilles de Rais* for the screen. Mainly ts. Also some photocopies of newspaper articles.

MS 2916

- .1 *14 Poemes*. Tss and mock up of the publication, which has 12 collages by Cozette de Charmoy. Various proofs including a large number of rejected illustrations, letters and copies of the translations into French.
- .2-3 Tss and notes of reviews, 1992-1996. 2 unsorted folded bundles.
- .4 Mss and tss of critical essays, biographical work, etc. and material relating to his introduction to an edition of Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* and *Tropic of Capricorn*.

MS 2938-2940:

Correspondence, 1992-1996. Partly sorted: copies of outgoing correspondence, A-Z and unsorted; incoming A-K/L-Z. [Location no. 4 on attached index of correspondents.]

MS 3122 *Collected Poems*.

- .1 Bound notebook containing ms poems. With 3 cards inserted at the front.
- .2 Working ms for *Collected Poems*. Ms, and corrected ts, photocopies of printed versions, etc.
- .3 Ts of *Collected Poems*, corrected.
- .4 Ts of *Collected Poems*. With some corrections. Photocopies of earlier printed appearances of some poems at rear.
- .5 Correspondence, April-July 1995, concerning the *Collected Poems* and page proofs of the work. With dustjacket proofs.

MS 3123

- .1 Corrected proofs of *Collected Poems*.
- .2 *Henry James and other poems* (RLB, 1995). Proofs with one correction, and three photographs of a drawing of Nye loosely inserted. Other miscellaneous poetical material.
- .3 Ts of *Spine-Chilling Tales*, with some ancillary material in ms and ts. 1994-95.
- .4 Corrected proofs of *Lord Fox and other Spine Chilling Tales*. (This is the revised title of the collection comprising MS 3122.3.)
- .5 Proofs of *Lord Fox & other Spine Chilling Tales*. A new collection of children's stories, to be published in 1997.

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