

Finding Aid for Angelica Garnett collection of letters to Richard Lipsett, 1978-2009.

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Title

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Size

94 items.

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Biography

Angelica Garnett (b. 1918), the daughter of the artist Vanessa Bell (Virginia Woolf's sister) and the artist Duncan Grant, believed until the age of 17 that her father was Clive Bell, her mother's husband and the man whose surname she bore. In 1942, she married the writer and publisher David Garnett (1892-1981), the former lover of her biological father, Duncan Grant. They had four daughters before separating. Her memoir *Deceived with Kindness* (London: Chatto and Windus/Hogarth Press, 1984), often highly critical of her mother and of Grant, won the 1985 J. R. Ackerley Prize for Autobiography.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of 93 letters (55 t.l.s., 28 a.l.s., 10 a.n.s.) from Angelica Garnett to Richard Lipsett and one letter from Lipsett to "Milbs and Mollie." The letters date from May 15, 1978 to Dec. 28, 2009. Subjects discussed include Virginia Woolf; Vanessa Bell; the Berg Collection letters written by Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell to each other; Charleston, the East Sussex country home of Vanessa Bell, her husband, Clive Bell, and her lover, Duncan Grant, which became a meeting place for the Bloomsbury Group; Duncan Grant; art historian Quentin Bell (Garnett's half-brother); biographers of Bloomsbury Group members and scholars of their works; and Angelica Garnett's personal life.

Correspondence

Folder 1 (3 a.l.s., 6 t.l.s., 1 photocopy)

1. May 15, 1978 (photocopy) 3 leaves + train ticket + library card
From Richard Lipsett to Milbs and Mollie. Describes his visit to AG at Charleston.
2. May 29, 1978 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. July 23, 1978 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. Sept. 4, 1978 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Reaction to Jean O. Love's "Virginia Woolf."
5. Dec. 21, 1978 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Discusses letters in Berg Collection between Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf. Problems of what to do with Charleston.
6. March 6, 1979 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf
7. April 14, 1979 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. June 7, 1979 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
RL's donation to save Charleston
9. Sept. 9, 1979 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
10. Nov. 16, 1979 (a.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
AG has changed her biography of Vanessa Bell into a memoir.

Folder 2 (5 a.l.s., 5 t.l.s.)

1. Jan. 22, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope + 2 printed notices
American launching of Charleston Trust
2. Feb. 17, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. March 6, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf
4. Aug. 9, 1980 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Choice of Frances Spalding [for biography].
5. Sept. 25, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

6. Dec. 12, 1980 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
7. Jan. 6, 1981 (a.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
AG's U.S. speaking tour to save Charleston.
8. Feb. 22, 1981 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
American tour. David Garnett's death.
9. May 18, 1981 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
10. Nov. 17, 1981 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
American drama "Virginia."

Folder 3 (5 a.l.s., 5 t.l.s.)

1. April 5, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf
2. July 28, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Sept. 21, 1982 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf
4. June 7, 1983 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Sept. 20, 1983 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf
Critique of Spalding's biography of Vanessa Bell.
6. Dec. 19, 1983 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
7. May 17, 1987 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope + 2 photos
8. Dec. 15, 1984 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Original artwork by AG.
9. April 18, 1985 (a.l.s.) 3 leaves + envelope
Restoring Charleston.
10. Nov. 2, 1985 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf
Charleston. Quentin [Bell's] book [Virginia Woolf biography]

Folder 4 (10 t.l.s.)

1. April 1, 1986 (t.l.s.) 3 leaves + envelope
Duncan [Grant's] paintings. Trip to Texas.

2. Aug. 27, 1986 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Jan. 18, 1987 (t.l.s.) + envelope
4. April 26, 1987 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Jan. 3, 1989 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Reading Virginia Woolf novels.
6. Oct. 11, 1989 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
On writing prefaces to Virginia Woolf novels.
7. Nov. 6, 1989 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
Family letter writing.
8. May 23, 1990 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
Maynard [Keynes] and Lydia [Lopokova]. Virginia Woolf.
9. Oct. 5, 1990 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
“The Passionate Apprentice” [by Virginia Woolf].
10. Jan 11, 1992 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

Folder 5 (1 a.l.s., 9 t.l.s.)

1. March 4, 1992 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
2. Aug. 8, 1992 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Nov. 1, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. Dec. 7, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Feb. 9, 1993 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
6. July 24, 1993 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
“Orlando” the film and the book.
7. Dec. 22, 1993 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. Feb. 5, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
9. April 26, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

Discussion at the Tate [Museum] of Bloomsbury. Virginia Woolf's memoirs.

10. July 21, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Janet Malcolm's article in the *New Yorker* on Charleston.

Folder 6 (3 a.l.s., 7 t.l.s.)

1. Sept. 25, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Critique of Q's [Quentin Bell's] book.
2. Dec. 30, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Prologue to Vanessa Bell's memoirs.
3. Feb. 19, 1996 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Duncan Grant. French literature. [John] Fuegi's film.
4. June 30, 1996 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Exhibition of Vanessa Bell's work. Anais Nin.
5. Sept. 29, 1996 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Houseboat. Duncan Grant. Roger Fry. Clive Bell.
6. December 1996 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Death of Quentin Bell.
7. 1997 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf
New Year's card with artwork.
8. Jan. 21, 1997 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Death of Quentin Bell.
9. May 21, 1997 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Frances Spalding, Hermione Lee, Henrietta Garnett.
10. Sept. 27, 1997 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Ali, new love, from Morocco.

Folder 7 (7 t.l.s., 2 a.l.s., 1 a.n.s.)

1. Oct. 25, 1997 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
2. May 16, 1998 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
AG's daughters.

3. Aug. 24, 1998 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. December 1998 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + attached artwork
5. March 26, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
6. June 2, 1999 (a.n.s.) + envelope
Julia Strachey.
7. June 25, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. Oct. 5, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + 7 photos + envelope
Photos of AG and daughter Fan [Fanny] Garnett.
9. Nov. 26, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
10. December 1999 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + attached artwork + envelope

Folder 8 (6 a.l.s., 1 t.l.s., 3 a.n.s.)

1. July 17, 2000 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf
Life with Ali, AG's descendants.
2. Aug. 4, 2000 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. December 2000 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. July 4, 2001 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Jan. 4, 2002 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
AG recovery from a stroke.
6. Jan. 30, 2002 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
7. Sept. 10, 2002 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. Jan. 25, 2003 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Separation from Ali, *The Hours* [*Mrs. Dalloway*].
9. Aug. 9, 2003 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Problems with AG daughters.
10. Dec. 20, 2003 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

Folder 9 (5 a.l.s., 5 a.n.s.)

1. December 2003 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf
2. Jan. 28, 2004 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. March 30, 2004 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. April 16, 2004 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Aug. 20, 2004 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
6. [Dec. 2004?] (a.n.s.) 1 leaf
7. Aug. 2, 2005 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. Aug. 16, 2005 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
9. Dec. 20, 2005 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
10. Dec. 22, 2006 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

Folder 10 (2 a.l.s., 2 a.n.s.)

1. 2007 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
AG writing autobiography.
2. Dec. 27, 2008 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Aug. 11, 2009 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Visit to Charleston.
4. Dec. 28, 2009 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope