UQFL391
Ernest Briggs Collection

Size
1 box

Contents
Correspondence and poetry manuscripts

Biography
Ernest Briggs, a fifth generation Australian, was born in Sydney in 1905. He was descended from Captain Thomas Rowley, adjutant to Governor Phillips, and later Lieutenant Governor of Norfolk Island. He was manager of Radio Station 4BK in Brisbane in the 1930s, and also wrote music and art reviews for the Courier Mail. He published several books of poetry. He died in 1967.

Notes
Open access
For further manuscript material related to Ernest Briggs, see the W B Ross Collection UQFL210 and the Ernest Briggs Collection UQFL517. See also the manuscript of his play The clearest call, held in the Hanger collection at H0201. A memorial lecture by Briggs on Robert Dalley-Scarlett is held in the Robert Dalley-Scarlett Collection UQFL38.

Box 1

Folder 1
Letter to Cecil Hadgraf giving a bibliography of his writing, 'excluding novels, plays, articles and a considerable number of other prose works', 24 Apr 1967, 2p, typescript, signed. Some title entries have a description following in brackets. Previously catalogued at F121.

Letter to Cecil Hadgraf, in reply to his of 26 Apr 1967, including two sonnets, 2 May 1967, 1p, typescript, signed. Previously catalogued at F123.

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‘The Timeless Flowers’ [poems], 1947, 56p, typescript in handmade binding. Includes a preface by the poet. Inscribed: ‘For Margery, with all good wishes, Ernest Briggs, 1947.’ Donated by Ms Margaret Higgs. Subsequently published in Brisbane by the Courier Mail, 1952, as The Timeless Flowers and the Water Carrier.

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‘The peat-fire flame’ [poems], [1951], 28p, typescript in handmade binding, subsequently bound. At head of title: ‘Festival of Britain. Scots poetry section, 1951.’ By Ernest Briggs [Rory Mor]. Inscribed: ‘For Firmin McKinnon, with all good wishes, from Ernest Briggs, 1951.’ Donated by Mrs Firmin McKinnon, May 1953.

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‘To the fleeting’, Brisbane, 1956, 32p, typescript in handmade binding, subsequently bound. Inscribed: ‘For Paul and Bobby, with every good wish from Ernest Briggs.’ From the collection of Father Leo Hayes. Previously catalogued at F1659.


Folder 16
‘Lieder der Seele (Songs of the Soul)’, Brisbane, 1958, 16p, ill., typescript in handmade binding. Inscribed: ‘For dear Margery, with all good wishes from your old friend Ernest Briggs, Xmas 1958.’ Donated by Ms Margaret Higgs.

Folder 17

Folder 18
‘Tranquil waters’ [poems], [after 1964?], 57p, typescript in handmade binding. Includes a brief biographical note on the poet. Previously catalogued at F1990.