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SUMMARY: The Plath family papers document the life and work of American poet Sylvia Plath, her relationship with her family, the lives of her parents, Aurelia and Otto Plath, and her brother, Warren Plath. The papers consist of correspondence, personal and professional papers of members of the Plath family, photographs, and audiovisual materials.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Related Materials

Related material: Sylvia Plath collection at Smith College (MRBC-MS-00045); Sylvia Plath collection at Emory University (Manuscript Collection No.1318); Ted Hughes papers at Emory University (Manuscript Collection No. 644); and Plath mss I-XI at the Lilly Library of Indiana University Bloomington.

Sylvia Plath (1932-1963)

Sylvia Plath was an American poet, best known for the poetry collections, *The Colossus and Other Poems* (1960) and *Ariel* (1965), and the novel, *The Bell Jar* (1963). Plath was born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 27, 1932 to Aurelia Schober Plath and Otto Plath. Her brother, Warren Plath was born in 1935. While Plath was growing up, her family lived in Jamaica Plain, Winthrop, and Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Plath attended Smith College, and after graduation, attended Newnham College at Cambridge University on a Fulbright fellowship. While at Cambridge, she met English poet Ted Hughes, and the two were married on June 16, 1956. Following Plath's graduation from Cambridge in 1957, she and Hughes relocated to the United States until 1959, then they returned to England.

After returning to England, Plath published *Colossus and Other Poems*, wrote *The Bell Jar*, and completed the poems that would comprise *Ariel*. Additionally, Plath's and Hughes' children, Frieda Hughes (b. April 1, 1960) and Nicholas Hughes (b. January 17, 1962) were born during this period.

Plath lived with and was treated for clinical depression throughout her adult life, and depictions of mental illness were a recurrent theme in her writing. Sylvia Plath died by suicide in London on February 11, 1963.

In 1975, a collection of Plath's letters to her family, compiled by Aurelia Plath, was published as *Letters Home*. In 1981, her *Collected Poems* was posthumously awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

Ted Hughes (1930-1998)

Ted Hughes was an English poet, husband of Sylvia Plath, and father of their two children, Frieda and Nicholas Hughes. Born on August 17, 1930, Hughes grew up in West Yorkshire, England. He had two siblings, Gerald Hughes and Olwyn Hughes. Hughes attended Pembroke College at Cambridge University, where he

studied English, anthropology, and archaeology. His poetry was widely published throughout his lifetime, and in 1984, he was appointed Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom, a title he held until his death.

In 1962, while married to Sylvia Plath, Hughes began an extramarital affair with writer Assia Wevill, which resulted in his and Plath's separation. Hughes and Wevill remained partnered after Plath's death and had one daughter together, Alexandra (Shura) Hughes, born in 1965. Both Assia Wevill and Shura Hughes died on March 23, 1969 in a murder-suicide carried out by Wevill. In 1970, Hughes married Carol Orchard, and they remained married until Hughes' death on October 28, 1998.

Aurelia Plath (1906-1994)

Aurelia Plath was an American university professor, wife of Otto Plath, and mother of Sylvia and Warren Plath. She was born Aurelia Schober on April 26, 1906, in Boston to parents Frank Schober and Aurelia Greenwood Schober. She had two siblings, Dorothy Schober (later Dorothy Benotti) and Frank Schober, Jr.

Plath attended Boston University's College of Practical Arts and Letters and graduated with a Bachelor of Secretarial Sciences degree in 1928. She subsequently completed a Master of Arts degree in English and German at Boston University in 1930. She married Otto Plath in 1932, and their children, Sylvia and Warren Plath were born in 1932 and 1935, respectively.

Following Otto Plath's death in 1940, Aurelia began working as an instructor of medical secretarial skills at Boston University and attained the rank of associate professor. Plath retired from teaching in 1971. In the later years of her life, she was actively involved in the stewardship of Sylvia Plath's posthumous legacy, and compiled the collection, *Letters Home*, published in 1975. Aurelia Plath died on March 11, 1994.

Otto Plath (1885-1940)

Otto Plath was a German-American entomologist and university professor, husband of Aurelia Plath, and father of Sylvia and Warren Plath.

Otto Plath was born on April 13, 1885, in Grabow, Germany, the oldest of six children. In 1900 at the age of 15, Plath emigrated to the United States, initially living with an uncle in New York City before moving to Wisconsin to live with his grandparents. From 1906 to 1910, Plath attended college at Northwestern University, earning a bachelor's degree in classical languages. Following a brief tenure at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Plath moved to Seattle and earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Washington. Beginning in 1922, Plath taught at Boston University. During this time, he completed both a Master of Science and Doctoral degree at Harvard University. In 1929, he met Aurelia Schober while she was a graduate student at Boston University.

Otto Plath began to suffer from a long-term illness in 1935 that was ultimately diagnosed as advanced diabetes. He died on November 5, 1940.

Warren Plath (1935-2021)

Warren Plath was an American computer scientist, son of Aurelia and Otto Plath, and brother of Sylvia Plath. He was born in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts on April 27, 1935. Plath attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees, ultimately earning a Ph.D in 1964. He also attended the University of Bonn in Germany on a Fulbright Fellowship. An expert in the field of theoretical and computational linguistics, Plath spent his career as a researcher at IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center until his retirement in 2001.

In 1960, Plath met Margaret Wetzel and the two married in 1962. The couple had two daughters, Jennifer and Susan Plath (later Susan Winston). Warren Plath died on February 14, 2021.

Scope and Contents

The Plath family papers document the life and work of American poet Sylvia Plath, her relationship with her family, the lives of her parents, Aurelia and Otto Plath, and her brother, Warren Plath. The papers consist of correspondence, personal and professional papers of members of the Plath family, photographs, and audiovisual materials.

Correspondence in the papers is notable for including letters between Sylvia Plath and her immediate family; letters between Ted Hughes and members of the Plath family; extensive correspondence between Aurelia and Warren Plath; and letters written by Ted Hughes's partner Assia Wevill to Aurelia Plath. Sylvia Plath's correspondence includes some letters that were published in *Letters Home*. The papers also include documentation of Sylvia Plath's death and its immediate aftermath, including correspondence between family members, letters to the Plath family from Sylvia Plath's friends, notebooks maintained by Warren and Margaret Plath, and official documentation.

Personal and professional papers of Aurelia, Otto, and Warren Plath include diaries and notebooks, educational records, writings, clippings, and other papers. Aurelia Plath's papers include extensive documentation of the production and publication of *Letters Home*, which she was heavily involved in. Many of the letters featured in the book can be found in the correspondence.

Photographs document Sylvia Plath throughout her life, other Plath and Schober family members, and Ted, Frieda, and Nicholas Hughes.

Audiovisual materials include commercially-produced recordings of Sylvia Plath reading her poems, interviews with Aurelia Plath, and recordings of television programs about Sylvia Plath.

Arrangement

Organized in four series: I. Correspondence, 1911-2017; II. Plath family papers, 1884-2019; III. Photographs, 1890-1994; IV. Audiovisual materials, 1958-1999.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1911–2017

This series contains correspondence of Sylvia Plath, her husband, Ted Hughes, her parents, Aurelia and Otto Plath, and her brother, Warren Plath.

Organized in five subseries: Sylvia Plath correspondence, Ted Hughes correspondence, Aurelia Plath correspondence, Otto Plath correspondence, Warren Plath correspondence.

Sylvia Plath correspondence 1941–1963

This series contains outgoing and incoming correspondence written by and to Sylvia Plath throughout her life. Correspondents are primarily family members. The bulk of the letters are to Sylvia's mother Aurelia and brother Warren. Also included are correspondence to and from friends, and colleagues.

This subseries is organized into two groupings: Outgoing correspondence, Incoming correspondence.

Outgoing correspondence 1941–1963

Contains outgoing correspondence written by Sylvia Plath. The correspondence is largely to Sylvia's family members including her aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Joseph Benotti, her mother Aurelia, her brother Warren and Warren's first wife Margaret. Also included in this series are letters to a friend of her mother's, Grace Berry, and an unidentified friend Macey.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 1, f. 1	Benotti, Dorothy and Joseph	1956-1963, 2001
b. 1, f. 2	Berry, Grace	1960 July 9
b. 1, f. 3	Feingold, Macey	undated

This is a photocopy of a letter Sylvia Plath wrote on September 22, 1954 in response to her childhood neighbor, Macey Feingold about their romantic troubles.

Plath, Aurelia 1941–1962

Contains letters from Sylvia Plath to her mother Aurelia Plath. Included in the material are childhood cards with drawings and poems as well letters that were published in *Letters Home*.

Organized chronologically.

b. 1, f. 4	Plath, Aurelia	1941
b. 1, f. 5	Plath, Aurelia	circa 1940s
b. 1, f. 6	Plath, Aurelia	1943
b. 1, f. 7	Plath, Aurelia	1943 March 14
b. 1, f. 8	Plath, Aurelia	1948 July 10
b. 1, f. 9	Plath, Aurelia	1951 February 10
b. 1, f. 10	Plath, Aurelia	1956 January 7

Sylvia Plath correspondence > Outgoing correspondence > Plath, Aurelia (continued)

b. 1, f. 11	Plath, Aurelia This note accompanied flowers given to Aurelia by Sylvia upon her mother's arrival in England.	1956 June 13
b. 1, f. 12	Plath, Aurelia This postcard is partially water stained.	1956 July 18
b. 1, f. 14	Plath, Aurelia	1957 December 3
b. 1, f. 15	Plath, Aurelia	1959 January 23
b. 1, f. 13	Plath, Aurelia	1962 January 18
b. 1, f. 16	Plath, Aurelia	1962 July 18
b. 1, f. 17	Plath, Aurelia This is a fragment of a letter wherein pages 1 and 2 are missing.	circa 1960s
b. 1, f. 18	Plath, Aurelia A collage letter using colored wrapping paper.	undated
b. 1, f. 19	Plath, Aurelia Blank card with Sylvia Plath's initials on recto.	undated
b. 1, f. 20	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel)	1962 January 27
b. 1, f. 21-22	Plath, Warren One letter, dated 1961, from Chalcot Square is a joint letter from Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes to Warren Plath.	1952-1962
Incoming correspondence Contains incoming correspondence sent to Sylvia Plath. Both letters in this sub-series are copies of letters Sylvia received from editors at Harper & Row and Knopf rejecting her manuscript of <i>The Bell Jar</i> .		undated
Organized alphabetically.		
b. 1, f. 23	Jones, Judith B.	undated
b. 1, f. 24	Lawrence, Elizabeth	undated
Ted Hughes correspondence Consists primarily of outgoing correspondence of Ted Hughes. Correspondents include Frieda and Nicholas Hughes, Aurelia, Warren, and Margaret Plath, Elizabeth Aldrich, a childhood friend and neighbor of Sylvia Plath, and the writer Olive Prouty, who was a friend and financial benefactor of Sylvia Plath during her early adult life.		1959-1993
Materials in this subseries are organized alphabetically.		
b. 53, f. 1	Aldrich, Elizabeth	1966
b. 53, f. 2	Hughes, Frieda and Nicholas	1968
b. 53, f. 3	Plath, Aurelia	1963-1984

Ted Hughes correspondence (continued)

b. 53, f. 4	Plath, Margaret and Warren	1963, 1979-1993
b. 53, f. 5	Prouty, Olive	1959
b. 53, f. 6	Empty envelope addressed to Ted Hughes	1963

Aurelia Plath correspondence

This subseries contains both outgoing and incoming correspondence written by and to Aurelia Plath throughout her life. Correspondents include family members, friends, colleagues, publishing industry figures, and fans and researchers of Sylvia Plath's life and work.

This subseries is organized into two groupings: Outgoing correspondence, Incoming correspondence.

Outgoing correspondence

Contains letters written by Aurelia Plath to family members and close friends. Notable letters include one written to Sylvia Plath (but addressed to both her and Warren Plath on the envelope) to be read on Sylvia's 15th birthday, as well as an unsent letter to Ted Hughes from the mid-1970s.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 1	Farrar, Hilda	1963
b. 2, f. 2	Heath, Ilah	1983
b. 2, f. 3	Hughes, Olwyn	1973-1974
b. 2, f. 4	Hughes, Ted	circa 1975
	Unsent letter to Ted Hughes.	
b. 2, f. 5	Hughes, Ted	1968, 1970, 1977
b. 2, f. 6	Plath, Jennifer	1973
b. 2, f. 7	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel)	1964-1969
b. 2, f. 8	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel)	1970-1979
b. 2, f. 9	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel)	1980-1990
b. 2, f. 10	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel) and Warren Plath	1962-1969
b. 2, f. 11	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel) and Warren Plath	1970-1979
b. 2, f. 12	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel) and Warren Plath	1980-1991
b. 2, f. 13	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel) and Warren Plath	undated
b. 2, f. 14	Plath, Molly	1982
b. 2, f. 15	Plath, Susan	undated
b. 2, f. 16	Plath, Sylvia	1947
	Letter written to Sylvia Plath by Aurelia Plath, to be read on Sylvia's fifteenth birthday. On the envelope in which it was enclosed, the letter is addressed to both Sylvia and Warren Plath.	

Aurelia Plath correspondence > Outgoing correspondence (continued)

b. 3, f. 1	Plath, Warren	1957-1958
b. 3, f. 2	Plath, Warren	1961, 1965
b. 3, f. 3	Plath, Warren	1972-1979
b. 3, f. 4	Plath, Warren	1980-1988
b. 3, f. 5	Plath family Christmas letters	1940-1988
b. 3, f. 6	Schober, Frank Sr.	1922
b. 3, f. 7	Schober, Frank Jr.	1957, 1971
b. 3, f. 8	Unknown correspondent	1982

Incoming correspondence

Consists of letters written to Aurelia Plath by family members, friends, colleagues, fans and researchers of Sylvia Plath's work, and publishing industry figures.

Organized in two groupings: Personal correspondence, Correspondence related to Sylvia Plath.

Personal correspondence

Consists of letters written to Aurelia Plath by family members, friends, and colleagues.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 4, f. 1	Aldrich, Virginia	1973, 1976
b. 4, f. 2-4	Chiti, Gian	1984-1992
b. 4, f. 5	Crockett, Wilbury	1989, 1991, undated
b. 4, f. 6	Davies, Winifred	1970, 1979
b. 4, f. 7	Dykes, Diana	1982-1988
b. 4, f. 8	Farrar, Hilda	1979
b. 4, f. 9	Flood, Pat	1983-1990
b. 5, f. 1	Hansen, Nancy	1983
b. 5, f. 2	Heath, Ilah	1983-1988
b. 5, f. 3	Helle, June	1983
b. 5, f. 4	Hincliffe, Beth	1987-1990
b. 5, f. 5	Horder, John	1963
b. 5, f. 6	Hughes, Carol	1979-1988
b. 5, f. 7	Hughes, Edith	1957

Aurelia Plath correspondence > Incoming correspondence > Personal correspondence (continued)

b. 5, f. 8	Larschan, Rosalind	1989
b. 5, f. 9	Norton, David	1987-1988
b. 5, f. 10	Philips Exeter Academy	1946-1952
b. 5, f. 11	Prouty, Olive	1962-1968
b. 5, f. 12	Prouty and Purmort bequests Correspondence related to bequests to Aurelia Plath from the estates of Olive Prouty and Hazel Purmort.	1956, 1974
b. 5, f. 13	Schober, Aurelia and Frank Sr.	1943
b. 5, f. 14	Schober, Frank Jr.	1971, 1987
b. 5, f. 15	Wevill, Assia	1967-1968
b. 5, f. 16	Wintermayr, Maria	1951-1993
b. 6, f. 1	General	1927-1963
b. 6, f. 2-4	General	1973-1991
b. 6, f. 5	80th birthday cards	1986
b. 6, f. 6	Greeting cards and postcards	1975-1990

Correspondence related to Sylvia Plath

Consists of letters written to Aurelia Plath concerning various aspects of Sylvia Plath's life and literary legacy in the years following her death. Correspondents include student and academic researchers of Sylvia Plath's life and work, fans of Sylvia Plath's poetry, and publishing industry figures.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 7, f. 1	Alexander, Paul	1983-1988
b. 7, f. 2	Axelrod, Steven Gould	1983
b. 7, f. 3	<i>The Bell Jar</i>	1970-1971
	Correspondence related to the first U.S. printing of Sylvia Plath's novel, <i>The Bell Jar</i> in 1971.	
b. 7, f. 4	Benotti, Nancy	1991
b. 7, f. 5	Clark, Mary Stetson	1985-1988
b. 7, f. 6	Clohesy, Thomas	1966
b. 7, f. 7	Freeman, Nicolette	1985
b. 7, f. 8	Gaebler, Max	1983-1984
b. 7, f. 9	Goldenberg, Rose Leiman	1990-1992
b. 7, f. 10	Headley, Coleman	1988

Aurelia Plath correspondence > Incoming correspondence > Correspondence related to Sylvia Plath
(continued)

b. 7, f. 11	Hughes, Olwyn	1986-1988
b. 7, f. 12	Mickelberg, Sylvia	1976
b. 7, f. 13	Moers, Ellen	1976-1977
b. 7, f. 14	Pikethly, Lawrence	undated
b. 7, f. 15	Sanzaro, Leonard	1989-1992
b. 7, f. 16	Skolnick, Lewis	1983
b. 7, f. 17	Thayer, Nancy	1977-1983
b. 7, f. 18	Thomas, Trevor	1976
b. 7, f. 19	Wagner, Linda	1984-1986
b. 7, f. 20	General	1976-1988

Warren Plath correspondence 1940-2017

This series contains outgoing and incoming correspondence written by and to Warren Plath throughout his life. Correspondents include family members, friends, and colleagues.

This subseries is organized into two groupings: Outgoing correspondence, Incoming correspondence.

Outgoing correspondence 1940-2007

Consists of letters written by Warren Plath to his mother, Aurelia Plath, his sister, Sylvia Plath, and his wife, Margaret Wetzel Plath. Also includes correspondence with friends from Phillips Exeter Academy --Alex Golstein and Clement Henry-- with whom Warren sustained life-long friendships.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 8, f. 1	Benotti, Dorothy	1956
b. 8, f. 2	Dietrich, Brenda	2007
b. 8, f. 3	Goldstein, Alex	circa 1973
b. 8, f. 4	Henry, Clement	circa 1975
b. 8, f. 5	Hughes, Ted	1980 January 19
b. 8, f. 6-10	Plath, Aurelia	1940-1980
b. 8, f. 11	Plath, Margaret (Wetzel)	1960-1961
b. 8, f. 12	Plath, Sylvia	1951-1958
b. 8, f. 13	Schnelle, Helmut and Marlene	1973
b. 8, f. 14	Schober, Bruce	circa 1973

Warren Plath correspondence (continued)

Incoming correspondence 1946–2017

Contains letters written to Warren Plath from family, friends, and colleagues. Warren maintained friendships with his suitemates at Phillips Exeter Academy as well as classmates and mentors from his studies abroad in Germany. Also included in these materials is correspondence related to his sister Sylvia Plath's life and work, including the publication of *Letters Home*.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 9, f. 1	Aldrich, Betty	1994
b. 9, f. 2	Benotti, Elena	1994
b. 9, f. 3	Clarke, Mary Stetson	1988
b. 9, f. 4	Cantor, Margaret	1994
b. 9, f. 5	Einaudi, Carol and Luigi	1964–1975
b. 9, f. 6	Gaebler, John	2017
b. 9, f. 7	Goldstein, Alex	1958–1976
b. 9, f. 8	Greenwood, Alice and Frank	1994
b. 9, f. 9	Henry, Clement	1960–2010
b. 9, f. 10	Hughes, Carol and Ted	circa 1978
b. 9, f. 11	Johnston, Harry	1966–1972
b. 9, f. 12	Love, Eleanore	1994
b. 9, f. 13	Menard, Aubrey	2008
b. 9, f. 14	Meyer-Eppler, W.	1959
b. 9, f. 15	Moore, Sarah-Elizabeth	1968
b. 9, f. 16	Morton, Mildred	1966
b. 9, f. 17	Ohrnberger, Cliff	2016
b. 9, f. 18	Pike, Anna	1960
b. 9, f. 19	Postal, Paul	1997
b. 9, f. 20	Rambow, Gerhard and Susan	1959–1993
b. 9, f. 21	Raymond, Mary Ann	1994
b. 9, f. 22	Rohrbach, Isle	1959–1963
b. 9, f. 23	Rosenstein, Harriet	1976 June 3
b. 9, f. 24	Rounds, Ezra Pike	1946–1948
b. 9, f. 25	Rugh, Bill	2007

Warren Plath correspondence > Incoming correspondence (continued)

b. 9, f. 26	Schmidt, Dorothy and Richard	1994
b. 9, f. 27	Schnelle, Helmut and Marlene	1958-1974
b. 9, f. 28	Schober, Andrea and Bruce	1973-2014
b. 9, f. 29	Schober, Frank and Louise	1965-1998
b. 9, f. 30	Sheryl, Dawn / Eliza Beck	2003-2015
b. 10, f. 1	Stuart, Iain	1962
b. 10, f. 2	Wallingford, Betsy	2001 June 14
b. 10, f. 3	Whitcomb, Helga	1996-1997
b. 10, f. 4	Correspondence about Sylvia Plath	1983-2017
b. 10, f. 5	Correspondence mentioning Sylvia Plath's work	1966-1982
b. 10, f. 6	General correspondence	1953-2001

Margaret Plath correspondence

This subseries contains outgoing and incoming correspondence written by and sent to Margaret Plath. Some of the correspondence is jointly addressed to Margaret and Warren Plath.

This subseries is organized into two groupings: Outgoing correspondence, Incoming correspondence.

Outgoing correspondence

Contains outgoing correspondence written by Margaret Plath. Correspondents include friends Charlotte and the Spaldings, as well as Aurelia Plath, Margaret's mother-in-law.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 11, f. 1	[?], Charlotte	1980
b. 11, f. 2	Hughes, Carol	1990 August 10
b. 11, f. 3-4	Plath, Aurelia	1962-1992
b. 11, f. 5	Spalding, John and Mary	1963-1975

Incoming correspondence

Contains incoming correspondence sent to Margaret Plath. Correspondents include Margaret's parents, Alice and Charles Wetzel, and her friends Mary Spalding, Marilyn Lindblad, and Susan Matery. Mary's correspondence is the most significant, spanning decades with numerous letters sharing details of their personal lives.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 12, f. 1	[?], Charlotte	1979
b. 12, f. 2	Farrar[?], Hilda	1967 January 7
b. 12, f. 3	Lindblad, Marilyn	1965

Margaret Plath correspondence > Incoming correspondence (continued)

b. 12, f. 4	Matery, Susan	1959-1965
b. 12, f. 5	Spalding, Mary	1968-1980
b. 12, f. 6	Wetzel, Alice and Charles	1963-1968
Otto Plath correspondence		1911-1939
This subseries contains outgoing and incoming correspondence written by and sent to Otto Plath. Correspondents include professional colleagues, friends, and family.		
This subseries is organized into two groupings: Outgoing correspondence, Incoming correspondence.		
Outgoing correspondence		1933-1936
Contains correspondence written by Otto Plath. Included is a photocopy of a postcard sent to a relative, Martha, a letter discussing bumblebee speciation with Phillip Phair, and several letters to William Warren, the dean of Otto's department at Boston University.		
Organized alphabetically.		
b. 13, f. 1	Phair, Phillip	1936
b. 13, f. 2	Plath, Martha	undated
b. 13, f. 3	Warren, William	1933-1936
Incoming correspondence		1911-1939
Contains incoming correspondence sent to Otto Plath. Included in the correspondents are friends and colleagues. Of note are letters from Hans Gaebler and William Warren with whom Otto discussed his family life as well as his work as an entomologist. The general correspondence primarily concerns the publication and reception of his book <i>Bumble Bees and Their Ways</i> .		
Organized alphabetically.		
b. 13, f. 4	Frison, J.H.	1933-1934
b. 13, f. 5	Gaebler, Hans	1928-1939
b. 13, f. 6	Marsh, Daniel and Madeline	1927-1937
b. 13, f. 7	Meisnest, F.W.	1911-1914
b. 13, f. 8	Phair, Phillip	1936
b. 13, f. 9	Warren, William	1925-1936
b. 13, f. 10	General A-M	1912-1936
b. 13, f. 11	General N-Z	1911-1936

Series II: Plath family papers, 1884–2019

This series contains personal and professional papers of members of the Plath family, including Sylvia Plath, her parents Aurelia and Otto Plath, and her brother Warren Plath.

Materials in Box 55 are closed to research pending conservation treatment/housing.

Materials in this series are organized into five subseries: Sylvia Plath papers, Papers related to Sylvia Plath's death, Aurelia Plath papers, Warren Plath papers, Otto Plath papers.

Sylvia Plath papers circa 1940s, 1956

This subseries contains materials created by Sylvia Plath or related to her personal life. Included in the materials are a set of silhouette portraits, fragments of writing from high school and college, and Plath's stamp collection.

Materials in this subseries are organized chronologically.

b. 55	Stamp collection	circa 1940s
	Materials in Box 55 are closed to research pending conservation treatment/housing.	
b. 14, f. 1	Silhouette portraits	1946, 1956
b. 14, f. 2	High school diary fragment	undated
b. 14, f. 3	"On School Days"	undated
b. 14, f. 4	Untitled writing and photograph of Warren Plath	undated
	Includes a photograph of Warren Plath and a typewritten humorous piece of writing by Sylvia Plath concerning the photograph.	
b. 14, f. 5	Macon detector	undated
	A stocking gift from Christmas 1945.	

Papers related to Sylvia Plath's death 1963–1964

This subseries contains papers documenting the immediate aftermath of Sylvia Plath's death on February 11, 1963. The bulk of the materials consist of correspondence to and from Warren and Margaret Plath. Correspondents include family members, friends of Sylvia, and solicitors. There is also one folder of correspondence from Aurelia Plath to Ted Hughes. Much of the correspondence concerns the welfare of Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes' children following Plath's death, as well as the Plath family's unsuccessful efforts to gain primary custody of them.

Additional materials include copies of Sylvia Plath's death certificates; a receipt from a hotel in London at which Warren Plath stayed when he traveled there to attend to affairs related to Sylvia's death; and two pocket-sized notebooks used by Warren and Margaret Plath during this period.

This subseries is organized according to document type. Correspondence in the subseries is organized alphabetically.

Correspondence

b. 52, f. 1	Becker, Gerry and Jillian to Margaret and Warren Plath	1963–1964
b. 52, f. 2	Benotti, Dorothy to Margaret and Warren Plath	1963

Papers related to Sylvia Plath's death > Correspondence (continued)

b. 52, f. 3	Farrar, Hilda to Margaret and Warren Plath	1963
b. 52, f. 4	Plath, Aurelia to Ted Hughes	1963
b. 52, f. 5	Plath, Warren to Aurelia Plath	1963
b. 52, f. 6	Plath, Warren, correspondence with solicitors	1963
b. 52, f. 7	Secker-Walker, David and Lorna to Margaret and Warren Plath	1963-1964
b. 52, f. 8	Spalding, John and Mary to Margaret and Warren Plath	1963
b. 52, f. 9	Coburg Hotel receipt	1963
b. 52, f. 10	Death certificates Includes Sylvia Plath's Entry of Death certificate, issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths in London, as well as a Report of the Death of an American Citizen, issued by the American Embassy in London.	1963
b. 52, f. 11	Notebooks	1963

Aurelia Plath papers 1884-2019

This subseries contains materials related to the professional and personal life of Aurelia Plath. The materials include a series of diaries and notebooks Aurelia kept for most of her adult life which document her daily life and personal thoughts.

Letters Home papers contains materials related to the publication of the book, *Letters Home* which is an edited collection of letters Sylvia and Aurelia exchanged from 1950 to 1963. Also included in this series are records relating to Aurelia's professional life as an associate professor, writings by others, and news clippings.

This subseries is organized in five groupings: Diaries and notebooks, *Letters Home* papers, Personal and business papers, Writings by others, Clippings.

Diaries and notebooks 1924-1990

Includes diaries and notebooks Aurelia Plath wrote throughout her adult life. The diaries start when Aurelia was in college and continue until a few years before her death in 1994. Her diaries and notebooks record her day to day life as well as trips and holidays she took with family. These trips included visits to England where her daughter Sylvia Plath and her grandchildren lived.

Organized chronologically.

b. 15, f. 1	Diary	1924-1927
b. 15, f. 2	Flip notebook	1928
b. 15, f. 3	Diary fragments	1955-1958
b. 15, f. 4	Date book	1956
b. 15, f. 5	Travel notebook	1956
b. 15, f. 6	Eastham notebook	1958-1959
b. 15, f. 7	Visit to England travel log	1961
b. 15, f. 8	Summer 1962 diary	1962
b. 16, f. 1	Book I and II	1963

Aurelia Plath papers > Diaries and notebooks (continued)

b. 16, f. 2	Journey to England diaries	1964-1965
b. 16, f. 3	America - US diary	1967-1969
b. 16, f. 4	Journey to England with Dot and Joe diary	1970
b. 16, f. 5	Day by day date book	1971-1975
b. 16, f. 6	Trip to Court Green diary	1973
b. 16, f. 7	Pocket diary	1975
b. 16, f. 8	Diary	1975-1977
b. 17, f. 1	Date book	1977-1978
b. 17, f. 2	Diary	1977-1979
b. 17, f. 3	Diary	1980-1982
b. 17, f. 4	Diary	1983-1985
b. 18, f. 1	Diary	1986-1987
b. 18, f. 2	Diary	1988-1990
b. 18, f. 3	Address book	undated
b. 18, f. 4-5	Address files	undated

Letters Home papers 1953-2003

Consists of materials related to the drafting and publication of *Letters Home*. Included in the materials are correspondence with publishers and scholars, contracts, drafts, financial records, speaker notes, and reviews related to *Letters Home*.

Organized in five groupings: Correspondence, Contracts, Publication and production materials, Income and expenses, Speaker notes and reviews.

Correspondence 1969-1996

This grouping contains correspondence related to the publication of *Letters Home*. Included are letters from Fran McCullough and Jim Fox, editors from Harper and Row; Olwyn Hughes, literary executor for Sylvia Plath's estate; and Rose Leiman Goldemberg, playwright who adapted *Letters Home* into a play.

Organized alphabetically.

b. 19, f. 1	Aird, Eileen	1980
b. 19, f. 2	Aldrich, Virginia	1979
b. 19, f. 3	Axelrod, Steven Gould and Richard Kot	1983
b. 19, f. 4	Ayer, Helen	undated
b. 19, f. 5	Burns, Edward T. regarding <i>Letters Home</i>	1978
b. 19, f. 6-7	Butscher, Edward and book correspondence, etc.	1969-1977

Aurelia Plath papers > Letters Home papers > Correspondence (continued)

b. 19, f. 8	Crockett, W.A.	1974
b. 19, f. 9	Desmarais, Rebecca appraisal and Smith College correspondence	1983-1984
b. 19, f. 10	Dreben, Raya regarding international copyright law	1975
b. 19, f. 11-15	Goldemberg, Rose Leiman	1978-1996
b. 19, f. 16	Hale, Robert letter regarding talk on <i>Letters Home</i> given at Wellesley College	1976
b. 20, f. 1	Hughes, Olwyn regarding <i>Letters Home</i>	1975-1977
b. 20, f. 2	Hughes, Olwyn to Aurelia, Warren, and Margaret Plath	1971-1973
b. 20, f. 3	Hughes, Ted	1975
b. 20, f. 4	Hinchliffe, Beth	1976
b. 20, f. 5	Kroll, Judith regarding <i>Chapters in a Mythology</i>	1979
b. 20, f. 6	Lameyer, Gordon regarding Sylvia's "opus"	1971-1987
b. 20, f. 7	McCormick, Dennis regarding [Aurelia's] talk to his English class	1986 March 31
b. 20, f. 8-9	McCullough, Frances	1971-1979, 1992
b. 20, f. 10	McCullough, Frances and Jim Fox	1978
b. 20, f. 11	Payne, Karen regarding <i>Letters between Mothers and Daughters</i>	1981
b. 20, f. 12	Pitkethly, Lawrence	1987
b. 20, f. 13	Sanazaro, Leonard regarding radio play	1983
b. 20, f. 14	Vassalo, Maryse from <i>Elle</i>	1988
b. 20, f. 15	Vendler, Helen	1975
b. 20, f. 16	Verlag, Carl Hanser	1984
b. 20, f. 17	Wagner-Martin, Linda	1987-1988
b. 20, f. 18	Yugoslavian translation correspondence	1982-1985
b. 20, f. 19	General correspondence regarding <i>Letters Home</i> reviews	1975-1976
b. 20, f. 20	Correspondence regarding media mentions of Sylvia Plath	1975-1992

Aurelia Plath papers > Letters Home papers (continued)

Contracts 1969-1991

This grouping contains legal and financial material related to the publication of *Letters Home*. Included are contracts with publishing houses Harper and Row, Faber and Faber, as well as German and French publishers for translated editions, notes, and a small amount of correspondence. The correspondence and contracts discuss the copyright of Sylvia Plath's writing. Also included are the contracts for the play adaption of *Letters Home* written by Rose Leiman Goldemberg.

Organized chronologically.

b. 21, f. 1	"Your Book Contract" notes	1969
b. 21, f. 2	Harper and Row financial reports on advances	1970-1974
b. 21, f. 3	Preliminary contract drafts with Harper and Row	1973
b. 21, f. 4	Contract correspondence	1973
b. 21, f. 5	Contract with Faber and Faber regarding <i>Letters Home</i>	1973
b. 21, f. 6	Harper and Row <i>Letters Home</i> contracts	1973-1975
b. 21, f. 7	<i>Letters Home</i> contracts and references	1973-1975
b. 21, f. 8	Raya Drebend on copyrights after author's death	1973-1976
b. 21, f. 9	Contracts with Ted Hughes regarding <i>Letters Home</i>	1973-1977
b. 21, f. 10	Harper and Row, Assistant General Counsel legal letters regarding <i>Letters Home</i>	1975
b. 21, f. 11	Harper and Row <i>Letters Home</i> contract amendments	1975-1991
b. 21, f. 12	Contracts with William Young and Company	1976
b. 21, f. 13	William Young and Company contracts, inventory, and sales	1976-1977
b. 21, f. 14	Faber and Faber <i>Letters Home</i> contracts and royalties	1976-1985
b. 21, f. 15	Foreign publishing contracts	1977-1980
b. 21, f. 16	Carl Hanser Verlag and foreign publications	1977-1985
b. 22, f. 1	Contracts for play: <i>Letters Home</i> by Rose Leiman Goldemberg	1978
b. 22, f. 2	Contracts: <i>Letters Home</i> play	1978-1982
b. 22, f. 3	Amendment to play contract with Rose Leiman Goldemberg	1979-1984
b. 22, f. 4	Settlement statement	1984
b. 22, f. 5	Tierce, French translation of <i>Letters Home</i>	1987
b. 22, f. 6	Regarding French translation of <i>Letters Home</i>	1989

Aurelia Plath papers > Letters Home papers (continued)

	Publication and production materials	1953-1991
	Contains material related to the drafting process of <i>Letters Home</i> as well as production materials for adaptations of Sylvia Plath's works. The bulk of the materials are copies, carbons, and typescripts of Sylvia Plath's letters and poems with annotations made by Aurelia Plath which provide contextual information for how to include the material in the book <i>Letters Home</i> .	
	Organized chronologically.	
b. 23, f. 1	Excerpts from correspondence	1953-1971
b. 23, f. 2	Copies of Mrs. Prouty's letters to insert in <i>Letters Home</i>	circa 1974
b. 23, f. 3	Carbons of Mrs. Prouty's excerpted letters	circa 1974
b. 23, f. 4	Excerpts from "Ocean 1212-W" and <i>Three Women</i>	1975
b. 23, f. 5	<i>Letters Home</i> uncorrected proof	1975
b. 23, f. 6	Manuscript corrections	1975
b. 23, f. 7	Notes on Ted [Hughes]	1975
b. 23, f. 8	Notebook regarding <i>Letters Home</i> corrections	1975
b. 23, f. 9	Carbons of [Aurelia's] letters regarding Sylvia	1975-1991
b. 23, f. 10	<i>Letters Home</i>	1975
b. 24, f. 1	"Ocean 1212-W" from Sylvia Plath's BBC talk on childhood recollections	1976
b. 24, f. 2	Corrections list	1977
b. 24, f. 3	<i>The Bell Jar</i> production notes	1979
b. 24, f. 4	Letters Home: The Play	1979-1990
b. 24, f. 5	Copies of Sylvia Plath's correspondence with Hans-Joachim Neupert	1982
b. 24, f. 6	Copies of Sylvia's poems with notes	1984
b. 24, f. 7	Love poems	1984
b. 24, f. 8	French production of <i>Letters Home</i>	1984
b. 24, f. 9	Delphine and Coralie Seyrig	1985
b. 24, f. 10	Carbons of Sylvia Plath's poems of notes	1986
b. 24, f. 11	Honors: Play '97	1987
b. 24, f. 12	French translation	1987
b. 24, f. 13	Wales production	1988-1989
b. 24, f. 14	Alvarez and Plath excerpts	undated

Aurelia Plath papers > Letters Home papers > Publication and production materials (continued)

b. 24, f. 15	Annotated copy of <i>Letters Home</i>	undated
b. 25, f. 1	Copies of "Yagwigha, on a Red Couch, Among Lilies, A Sestina for the Douanier" and "The Disquieting Muses"	undated
b. 25, f. 2	Notes and annotated poems	undated
b. 25, f. 3	Prose excerpts from Sylvia's letters	undated
b. 25, f. 4	Poems for <i>Letters Home</i>	undated
b. 25, f. 5	Quotations from "3 Women"	undated
b. 25, f. 6	Typed loose leaf poems of Sylvia's	undated
Income and expenses		1974-1989
Contains material related to financial expenses and income from the publication of <i>Letters Home</i> . Included in the material are income statements, bills, and royalty statements.		
Organized chronologically.		
b. 26, f. 1	1974 Book expenses	1974
b. 26, f. 2	1975 Book income and a letter from Olwyn [Hughes] regarding Faber and Faber publishing whole book	1975
b. 26, f. 3	1975 Literary expenses	1975
b. 26, f. 4	1976 Book income	1976
b. 26, f. 5	1976 Book expenses: legal fees, postage, etc.	1976
b. 26, f. 6	1977 Book income	1976-1977
b. 26, f. 7	1977 Book expenses	1977
b. 26, f. 8	Virginia Aldrich: 1978 book expenses, personal letters	1977-1989
b. 26, f. 9	1978 Book income and expenses	1978
b. 26, f. 10	Legal: Edward T. Burns, attorney	1978
b. 26, f. 11	1979 Income: Harper and Row	1978-1979
b. 26, f. 12	1979 Book expenses	1979
b. 26, f. 13	Income from Rose Leiman Goldemberg play: <i>Letters Home</i> and expenses	1979
b. 26, f. 14	1980 Income	1979-1980
b. 26, f. 15	1980-1982 Book/play expenses	1980-1982
b. 26, f. 16	Richard Kot and James Fox, editors from Harpers and Row and income	1980-1983
b. 26, f. 17	Income: Harpers and Row	1980-1986

Aurelia Plath papers > Letters Home papers > Income and expenses (continued)

b. 26, f. 18	<i>Letters Home</i> play, business regarding Edward T. Burns's bills	1982
b. 26, f. 19	1983, 1984, 1987 Book and play expenses	1983-1987
b. 26, f. 20	<i>Letters Home</i> income statements	1984-1985
b. 26, f. 21	Faber and Faber royalty statement	1989
	Speaker notes and reviews Contains material related to Aurelia Plath's speaking engagements as well as reviews and news clippings related to <i>Letters Home</i> . Included in the materials are notes, speaking scripts, and other preparative material for events and talks.	1973-2003
	Organized chronologically.	
b. 27, f. 1	Notes - perhaps useful in talking about Sylvia and <i>Letters Home</i>	1975
b. 27, f. 2	Unorganized notes for talks	1975-1976
b. 27, f. 3	Author series talk: Hathaway House Bookshop and Robert Hales' letter	1976
b. 27, f. 4	Excerpts, papers, and notes for talk given at an author's series at Wellesley College	1976
b. 27, f. 5	<i>Letters Home</i> talk notes	1976
b. 28, f. 1	Notes regarding talks	1976
b. 28, f. 2	Public engagements: broadcasting, speaking, etc.	1976
b. 28, f. 3	Dover Library talk	1984
b. 28, f. 4	Clippings	1973-2003
b. 28, f. 5-6	Reviews and clippings	1975-1976
b. 28, f. 7-8	Reviews	1975-1976
b. 28, f. 9	French production of <i>Letters Home</i> reviews	1984
	Personal and professional papers Includes a variety of materials documenting Aurelia Plath's personal life and professional career.	1884-2019
	Organized chronologically.	
b. 29, f. 1	Plath and Schober family genealogy materials	1884-2019
b. 29, f. 2	Vital records	1906-1978
b. 29, f. 3	<i>Intermediate German Composition</i>	1922
b. 29, f. 4	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and assignment	1927
b. 29, f. 5	Karl von Terzaghi	1927-1928
b. 29, f. 6	Valedictorian address	1928

Aurelia Plath papers > Personal and professional papers (continued)

b. 29, f. 7	Facsimile of M.A. degree	1930
b. 29, f. 8	Stories written for Sylvia and Warren	1939-1940
b. 29, f. 9	Death and cemetery records	1940-1956
b. 29, f. 10	Employment history: Boston University 1942-1970 and Cape Cod Community College 1970-1973	1942-1973
b. 30, f. 1	Office notes and clippings	1942-1979
b. 30, f. 2	Poem written for Sylvia	1945 October 27
b. 30, f. 3	Miscellaneous receipts	1946-1958
b. 30, f. 4	Phillips Exeter Academy reports and forms	1949-1952
b. 30, f. 5	Wellesley Hills Alliance	1956-1983
b. 30, f. 6	Sponsorship materials for Edward [Ted] James Hughes	1957
b. 30, f. 7	Note and photograph of Frieda, Nick, and Shura	circa 1967
b. 30, f. 8	Storage lists of Sylvia's materials	1973-1976
b. 30, f. 9	Medical and legal records	1976-1992
b. 30, f. 10	Donation to Lilly Library Indiana University, books appraised by William Young and Company	1977
b. 30, f. 11	Agreement of purchase Lilly Library Indiana University	1977
b. 30, f. 12	Income from Lilly Library Indiana University	1977-1984
b. 30, f. 13	Correspondence from Lilly Library Indiana University, Saundra Taylor and Olwyn Hughes to William Cagle	1977-1984
b. 30, f. 14	Lilly Library Indiana University income table	1977-1987
b. 30, f. 15	Ephemera	1978-1983
b. 30, f. 16	Guide to Sylvia Plath MSS.11 Lilly Library Indiana University	circa 1980s
b. 30, f. 17	Notes	1983, undated
b. 30, f. 18	Funeral arrangements with Geo Doherty and Sons	1984
b. 30, f. 19	Richard Larschan deed agreement	1984
b. 30, f. 20	Cost of new furnishings for Aurelia's apartment	1985-1986
b. 30, f. 21-22	<i>Voices and Visions</i> contract with Lawrence Pitkethly and Sasha Albert	1985-1988
b. 31, f. 1	Contact list	1987
b. 31, f. 2	Christmas list and letter	1988
b. 31, f. 3	AARP hospitalization plan	1991
b. 31, f. 4	Cape Cod map	undated

Aurelia Plath papers > Personal and professional papers (continued)

b. 31, f. 5	Catalogue of books not signed by Sylvia	undated
b. 31, f. 6	Clothing list and notes from "Viele heißen [heißen] Kain"	undated
b. 31, f. 7	Envelope from a Ted Hughes letter	undated
b. 31, f. 8	<i>Holy Bible</i>	undated
b. 31, f. 9	Transcribed excerpt	undated
b. 31, f. 10	Medical dictionary	undated
b. 31, f. 11	Reproduction of "Rain and Flowers" by Sylvia Plath	undated
	Writings by others	1959-1990
	Contains writings by others collected by Aurelia Plath. Included in the materials are manuscripts of <i>The Journals of Sylvia Plath</i> edited by Ted Hughes and <i>Sylvia Plath: A Biography</i> by Linda Wagner-Martin both containing annotations made by Aurelia, as well as an untitled poem by Ted Hughes that Aurelia pulled from the trash.	
	Organized chronologically.	
b. 32, f. 1	Typewritten poem by Ted Hughes Contains an unpublished and untitled poem by Ted Hughes that Aurelia Plath pulled from her trash after a visit.	1959 December
b. 32, f. 2	"A Friend Recalls Sylvia Plath" from <i>Glamour</i> magazine by Elinor Klein	1966
b. 32, f. 3	"Permission to Quote" by Edward Bernays	1966
b. 32, f. 4	<i>Robert Lowell: Life and Art</i> by Stephen Gould Axelrod	1976-1985
b. 32, f. 5	<i>The Journals of Sylvia Plath</i> by Ted Hughes, uncorrected proof	circa 1982
b. 32, f. 6	"The Two Ariels" by Marjorie Perloff and "Aurelia Plath and Richard Larschan" by Maeve Hickock	1984
b. 32, f. 7	Articles regarding Sylvia Plath by Seamus Heaney	1987
b. 32, f. 8	"Plath's 'Ariel' and Tarot" by Mary Kurtzman	1988
b. 32, f. 9	"Aurelia Plath and Richard Larschan" by Maeve Hickock and "Sylvia Plath: Early and Limited Editions of Plath's Work Command High Prices" by Geoffrey Brown	1987
b. 32, f. 10	Sylvia Plath biographies, etc.	1987
b. 32, f. 11	<i>Sylvia Plath: A Biography</i> by Linda Wagner-Martin, British paperback edition	1990
b. 33, f. 1	<i>Sylvia Plath: A Biography</i> by Linda Wagner-Martin, German translation	1990
b. 33, f. 2	Linda Wagner-Martin manuscript	circa 1990
b. 33, f. 3	"Arraignment" by Robin Morgan	undated

Aurelia Plath papers (continued)

Clippings 1926-2008

Contains news clippings, reviews, and articles collected by Aurelia Plath. Included in the materials are clippings about Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes's works as well as reviews of books written about them and clippings about Aurelia's own work and speaking engagements.

Organized chronologically.

b. 34, f. 1-2	Aurelia Plath clippings	1926-1928, 1975
b. 34, f. 3	<i>Christian Science Monitor</i> publications about Sylvia	1951-1963
b. 34, f. 4-5	Ted Hughes clippings	1957-1988
b. 34, f. 6-8	Sylvia Plath clippings	1954-2008
b. 34, f. 9-10	Clippings	1957-1992
b. 35, f. 1	Clippings sent by Sylvia	1960
b. 35, f. 2	<i>Mademoiselle</i> magazine	1975 July
b. 35, f. 3	<i>Scientific American</i>	1976 October
b. 35, f. 4	<i>The New Review</i> , Elizabeth Sigmund on Sylvia Plath	1976
b. 35, f. 5	Clippings: Bell Jar movie	1979
b. 35, f. 6	Odds and ends including review of <i>Voices and Visions</i>	1982-1988
b. 35, f. 7	<i>Voices & Visions</i>	1987-1988
b. 35, f. 8	<i>Bitter Fame</i> clippings and letter from Linda Wagner	1989
b. 35, f. 9	<i>Boston Globe</i> reviews of "Rough Magic"	1991
b. 35, f. 10	"Dying to Know the Worst" <i>New York Times</i> article	1991
b. 35, f. 11	Magazine listing of articles about Sylvia Plath	undated

Warren Plath papers 1916-2019

This subseries contains materials related to the personal and professional life of Warren Plath. Included are educational records from Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University, material related to his career at IBM, and clippings of news articles related to Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes.

Materials in this subseries are organized in two groupings: Personal and professional papers, and Clippings.

Personal and professional papers 1916-2016

Contains materials related to the personal and professional life of Warren Plath. Included in the materials are early childhood ephemera, vital records, school records from Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College, and employment records and work material from IBM.

Organized chronologically.

b. 36, f. 1	Portraits of Marshall Livingston Perrin	1916-1932
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Warren Plath papers > Personal and professional papers (continued)

b. 37, f. 1	Childhood ephemera	1935-1947
b. 37, f. 2	Vital records	1938-1961
b. 37, f. 3	School assignments and grades	1939-1949
b. 36, f. 3	Phillips Exeter Academy photographs	circa 1940s
b. 37, f. 4	<i>Stories from the Great Metropolitan Operas</i> by Helen Dike	1948
b. 37, f. 5	<i>Song of Robin Hood</i> by Anne Malcolmson	1948
b. 37, f. 6	Banking records	1949-1963
b. 37, f. 7	William Warren profile	circa 1940s
b. 37, f. 8	Phillips Exeter Academy prize awards	1950-1953
b. 37, f. 9	Phillips Exeter Academy English and French papers	1952-1953
b. 38, f. 1	Harvard College admissions, scholarships, and commencement	1953-1957
b. 38, f. 2	Bonn University notebooks	1955-1956
b. 38, f. 3	Harvard assignments	1955-1957
b. 38, f. 4	Work and education records	1955-2016
b. 38, f. 5	Academic calendar	1956
b. 38, f. 6-8	Harvard College class notebooks	1957
b. 39, f. 1	"The Relative Frequency of English Consonantal Patterns" by Warren Plath	1958
b. 39, f. 2-6	Harvard University notebooks	1958-1964
b. 40, f. 1-6	Harvard University notebooks	1958-1964
b. 41, f. 1	Harvard University notebooks	1958-1964
b. 41, f. 2	<i>Trends in European and American Linguistics 1930-1960</i>	1961
b. 41, f. 4	Harvard University alumni	1961-2016
b. 41, f. 5	Harvard University gradebook	1963-1964
b. 41, f. 6	IBM organizational structure	1963-1965
b. 41, f. 7	IBM employment hire to retire	1964-1999
b. 41, f. 8	<i>Exeter Remembered</i>	1965
b. 42, f. 1	Wedding planning	1965-1968
b. 42, f. 2	Phillips Exeter Academy alumni materials	1970-2004
b. 42, f. 3	Selective Service	1975
b. 42, f. 4	<i>IBM Research Magazine</i>	1978

Warren Plath papers > Personal and professional papers (continued)

b. 42, f. 5	IBM Automatic Programming Symposium/Computing Reviews	1975-1976
b. 42, f. 6	IBM employee documents	1975-1997
b. 42, f. 7	TQA [Transformational Question Answering]	1978-1982
b. 42, f. 8	Profiles and obituaries	1978-2011
b. 42, f. 9	Marathon photos	1980
b. 42, f. 10	<i>Letters Home</i> , Japanese translation	1981
b. 42, f. 11	TQA [Transformational Question Answering] development	1982-1983
b. 42, f. 12	IBM system/390 recognition dinner	1990
b. 43, f. 1	Class of 1953 Phillips Exeter Academy 40th Reunion book	1993
b. 43, f. 2	Obituaries and tributes for Aurelia Plath	1994
b. 43, f. 3	Harvard University 40th anniversary	1998
b. 43, f. 4	<i>Computational Linguistics</i> Volume 28, Number 4	2002
b. 43, f. 5	Phillips Exeter Academy 50th Reunion attendance list	2003
b. 43, f. 6	Address book	undated
b. 43, f. 7	Boy Scouts and NRA [National Rifle Association] ephemera	undated
b. 43, f. 8	"Mathematical Linguistics" by Warren Plath	undated
b. 43, f. 9	Note taken by Susan Plath	undated
b. 43, f. 10	<i>The World is Round</i>	undated
Clippings		1940-2019
Contains news clippings collected by Warren Plath about himself, his sister Sylvia Plath, and his brother-in-law Ted Hughes.		
Organized chronologically.		
b. 44, f. 1	Warren Plath clippings	1940-1962
b. 44, f. 2	Ted Hughes clippings	1998
b. 44, f. 3-6	Sylvia Plath clippings	1965-2018
b. 44, f. 7	General clippings	1957, 2018-2019
Otto Plath papers		1899-2012
This subseries contains material related to the personal and professional life of Otto Plath. Included in the materials are vital records, education records, professional papers from Otto's career as a German teacher and entomologist, and material about his death in 1940.		
Materials in this subseries are organized chronologically.		
b. 45, f. 1	Education records	1899-1935

Otto Plath papers (continued)

b. 36, f. 2	Diplomas	1920–1925
b. 45, f. 2	Vital records	1926, undated
b. 45, f. 3	Professional papers	1935
b. 45, f. 4	Obituary and biography	1940–2012

Series III: Photographs, 1890–1994

This series primarily consists of photographs of members of the Plath family, including Sylvia Plath, her children Frieda and Nicholas Hughes, and husband Ted Hughes, as well as Aurelia Plath, Otto Plath, Warren Plath, and other family members. Also included are photographs of Plath and Schober family homes, photographs of Aurelia Plath's friends and colleagues, and photographic postcards collected by Aurelia Plath during trips to Europe.

Materials in Box 49 are restricted until January 1, 2059.

Materials in Box 54 are closed to research pending conservation treatment/housing.

Materials in this series are organized alphabetically.

b. 46, f. 1	Heinrichs, Frieda Plath	undated
b. 49	Hughes, Frieda and Nicholas Restricted until January 1, 2059.	circa 1960s-1980s
b. 46, f. 2	Hughes, Ted	1956–1957
	Plath, Aurelia	
b. 46, f. 3	Snapshots	1900s-1980s
b. 46, f. 4	Studio portraits	1971, undated
b. 46, f. 5	Photographs of friends and extended family	1950s-1990s
b. 46, f. 6	Photographs and postcards from Europe	1950s-1970
	Plath, Sylvia	
b. 47, f. 1-2	Snapshots	1930s-1950s
b. 47, f. 3	Studio portraits	1930s-1950s
b. 47, f. 4	Photographs of Sylvia Plath's boyfriends	circa 1950s
b. 47, f. 5	Photographs of Sylvia Plath with her children	1958–1962
b. 47, f. 6	Photographs of Sylvia Plath with Ted Hughes	1956-1959, undated
b. 47, f. 7	Photographs of Sylvia and Warren Plath	1930s-1950s
b. 47, f. 8	Plath, Warren	1930s-1950s
b. 54	Plath family photo album Materials in Box 54 are closed to research pending conservation treatment/ housing.	1920s-1940s
b. 48, f. 1	Plath and Schober family homes	1919-1980s
b. 48, f. 2	Plath-Johnson, Martha	1944-1978
b. 48, f. 3	Plath, Otto	1914, undated

b. 48, f. 4	Plath extended family	1941-1942, circa 1980s, undated
b. 48, f. 5	Schober, Aurelia and Frank Sr.	1920-1955, undated
b. 48, f. 6	Schober, Frank Sr.	1890s-1960s
b. 48, f. 7	Schober, Aurelia	1938, undated

Series IV: Audiovisual materials, 1958–1999

This series contains audiovisual material related to Aurelia and Sylvia Plath. Included are recordings of Sylvia Plath reading her poems, interviews with Aurelia Plath, and copies of television programs about Sylvia Plath.

Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Materials in this series are organized chronologically.

b. 50	Sylvia Plath / Reading her poems	1958 June 13
b. 50	Plath / An Interview: Sylvia Plath talks with Peter Orr of the British Council, opened Commercially produced.	1975
b. 50	Plath / An Interview: Sylvia Plath talks with Peter Orr of the British Council, unopened Commercially produced, received by Library unopened.	1975
b. 51	J.V. Women '76 / Aurelia Plath interview with / Sharon King	1976
b. 51	from Beth / "The Book Programme" / BBC - 20 April 1976	1976 April 20
b. 51	Ram Dass on "Death"	1981 November
b. 51	Sylvia Plath: The Dark Repose / Oct. 27, 1983 - With Love	1983 October 27
b. 51	Mrs. Plath	1984 August 27
b. 51	SP-008-839 Voices and Visions on Channel 2 4/24/88 "Sylvia Plath" / Locked - Silvia Plath 1 hour / starts about 008 ends 0839 does not contain credits at the end.	1988 April 24
b. 51	<i>Letters Home</i> Sylvia Plath / Lu par Catherine Deneuve / Introduction lue par Madeleine Assas Commercially produced, received by Library unopened.	1989
b. 51	The Voice of the Poet: Sylvia Plath	1999
	Commercially produced, received by Library unopened.	
b. 51	WHS [Wellesley High School] Plath dedication	circa 2001
b. 51	Sylvia Plath: The Dark Repose	undated
b. 51	Interview with Mrs. Plath / Saeko Ishiguro // I requested tape / Permission was not asked!	undated
b. 51	S.P. Voices and Visions	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

American literature -- 20th Century
American poetry -- 20th Century
Families -- Correspondence
Poets, American -- 20th Century
Poets, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
Poets, American -- 20th Century -- Correspondence

Occupations

Authors, American -- 20th Century
Poets -- Great Britain -- 20th Century

Genres / Formats

Audiovisual materials
Photograph albums
Photographs -- 19th century
Photographs -- 20th Century

Names

Hughes, Ted, 1930-1998
Plath, Sylvia

Families

Plath family

Contributors

Plath family
Plath, Sylvia
Hughes, Ted, 1930-1998
Plath, Aurelia Schober
Plath, Warren
Wewill, Assia, 1927-1969
Plath, O.E. (Otto Emil), 1885-1940