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Guide to the

**Ruthven Todd collection of papers**

1939-1967

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## Summary

**Creator:** Todd, Ruthven, 1914-1978

**Title:** Ruthven Todd collection of papers

**Date:** 1939-1967

**Size:** 42 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence.

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## Creator History

Ruthven Todd was a Scottish-American novelist, poet, editor, and artist.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Julian Symons.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence. The manuscripts and typescripts include his poems. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1939] to 1967, to Howard Moss, Frances Steloff, and Julian Symons.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Todd, Ruthven, 1914-1978  
Moss, Howard, 1922-1987  
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989  
Symons, Julian, 1912-1994  
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## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Manuscript box | Address to human grandeur. Typewritten (carbon) poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed. Came with Julian Symons' correspondence  |
| Manuscript box | Immortality. Holograph poem 1941 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed. In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 4, letter 1                      |
| Manuscript box | In London 1941. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed. In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 4, letter 3                   |
| Manuscript box | In September 1939. Holograph poem 1939 Oct. 1 (2 p) (2 p)<br>In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 2, letter 5                 |
| Manuscript box | Letter from a headmaster. Holograph poem 1939 Oct. 1 (1 p) (1 p)<br>In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 2, letter 5          |
| Manuscript box | "O to be fortunate." Typewritten poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 1, letter 3                    |
| Manuscript box | Snow in London. Typewritten poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 1, letter 3                         |
| Manuscript box | Sometimes ghosts. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed. In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 2, letter 5                 |
| Manuscript box | Swift. Typescript poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Came with Julian Symons' correspondence  |
| Manuscript box | These are facts. Holograph poem 1941 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed. In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 5, letter 4                  |
| Manuscript box | Tomorrow will come soon. Holograph poem 1940 Feb. 6 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed. In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 2, letter 5   |
| Manuscript box | Until now. I.-V. Typewritten poem 1941 (5 p) (5 p)<br>Signed. In his: 15 ALS, 10 TLS to Julian Symons. [Jan? 1939]-Jan. 22, 1947. Folder 4, letter 2                |
| Manuscript box | Various places. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed. Published in Twentieth Century Verse, no. 14, Dec. 1938, p. 129. Came with Julian Symons' correspondence |

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

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|----------------------------|---|
| Manuscript box             | Moss, Howard. 2 TLS, 1 TL to 1966 Dec. 25 - 1967 May 21 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)   |
| Manuscript box<br>(Gotham) | Steloff, Frances. TLS to 1966 Dec. 16 (1 p) (1 p)<br>With envelope  |
| Manuscript box             | Symons, Julian. 15 ALS, 10 TLS to 1939 Jan.? - 1947 Jan. 22 (25 letters in 5 folders) (25 letters in 5 folders)<br>With ten poems [individually listed] |