

Museum of English Rural Life

Dorothy Wright Collection

D DWGT

RECORDS OF DOROTHY WRIGHT (Dorothy M Dix)

The Collection covers the year's 1919-1943.

The physical extent of the collection is 81 documents.

Introduction

Dorothy Wright was born in 1910. She went to art school as she wanted to be a stage designer. Before World War Two she worked in the dress trade at St Ives, Cornwall where she wrote and designed for the local drama group. She became interested in crafts and after four years at the War Office she joined the London County Council's panel of Craft Instructors in 1947. She learned basketry under Mr W. Silence at the Royal Institute for the Blind and studied and designed baskets as well as teaching basket making. In addition to writing about basketry Dorothy Wright also wrote novels, plays and screenplays. She died in 1996.

D DWGT B CORRESPONDENCE

D DWGT B1 LETTER from Evelyn Legg.
c1960's

D DWGT B2 FILE containing letters to Dorothy Wright.
1971-75

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D DWGT B3 LETTERS from Alistair Heseltine, basket maker.
1977-80

D DWGT B4 LETTER from Alistair Heseltine, basket maker.
c1982

D DWGT B5 FOLDER containing letters and photographs.
1990

D DWGT C RESEARCH MATERIAL

D DWGT C1 FOLDER containing notebooks, letters and papers.
c1960-70

D DWGT C2 NOTES on rush work baskets.
c1962

D DWGT C3 NOTES for article on Utrecht Psalter.
c1971

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- D DWGT C4** CARD INDEX FILE on `General Notes' eg, on agriculture, gardening etc.
c1980's
- D DWGT C5** CARD INDEX FILE on `Illustrations'.
c1980's
- D DWGT C6** BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CARD INDEX for books about baskets.
c1984
- D DWGT C7** CATALOGUE of pictures concerning pots, bowls, baskets etc.
1986
- D DWGT C8** LETTER concerning Russian `lapti' shoes with a photograph.
1993
- D DWGT D** REFERENCE MATERIAL
- D DWGT D1** FILE containing classified information
1919-45
On `Ancient British Baskets', from Museum of English Rural Life, books on baskets and files labelled `Domestic', `Cultivation of Materials', `Agricultural', etc.

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- D DWGT D2** BOOK, trade list of the `London Cane and Willow Workers Employers' Association and the London Union of Journeymen Basket Makers'.
1943
- D DWGT D3** PAMPHLET `Introduction to Hedgerow Basketry'
1951
Published by National Federation of Women's Institutes.
- D DWGT D4** NOTES on `Hedgerow Basketry', by E. Legg.
c1950's
- D DWGT D5** ENVELOPE containing magazine cuttings and a print from the Victorian and Albert Museum.
1965
- D DWGT D6** ENVELOPE containing photographs of baskets, newspaper cutting on houses in Fife, and a booklet `A Short History of Glencoe'.
c1965
- D DWGT D7** FILE containing folder labelled `Perth' containing letters and illustrations of baskets etc
1969
Relating to Perth also a folder labelled `Miscellaneous' containing material relating to the British Museum Library and a folder containing photographs of Beaufort Baskets.

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D DWGT D8 PHOTOCOPIES of basket patterns
c1970's

three items

D DWGT D9 Bundle of drawings from the sixteenth and seventeenth
centuries
c1970's
Drawing of a 'Pigeon's Eye' weave and and photographs of
basket weaves.

D DWGT D10 COPY of Utrecht Psalter.
1973

D DWGT D11 MAGAZINE 'Arizona Highways'.
1975

D DWGT D12 NEWSPAPER CUTTING on 'Dipping'.
nd [c1970's]

D DWGT F DRAFT COPIES OF WORK

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- D DWGT F1** BOOK, draft copy of 'Baskets and Basketry'.
c1959
- D DWGT F2** DRAFT ARTICLE, 'A Collection of Creeds in Fife'.
c1960's
- D DWGT F3** DRAFT COPY of a guide to making baskets
c1973
- D DWGT F4** ALPHABETICAL INDEX to 'The Complete Book of Baskets and
Basketry'.
c1977
- D DWGT F5** DRAFT COPY of 'The Complete Book of Baskets and Basketry'
1977
Handwritten manuscripts and notes.
- D DWGT F6** DRAFT WORK for the 'Complete Book of Baskets and
Basketry', second edition.
1983
- D DWGT F7** FILE containing typed draft copy of 'A Complete Book of
Baskets' and some black and white photographs from the new
edition of the 'Complete Book of Baskets and Basketry'.
1983

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D DWGT F8 INDEX from the third printing of the 'Complete Book of Baskets and Basketry'
c1983
And letters.

D DWGT F9 FILE with miscellaneous collection of draft work, eg 'Baskets Yesterday and Today', and 'Unpublished History Book'
1980's-1991
Also some letters.

D DWGT F10 ENVELOPE containing draft of 'The Stover Connection', an historical play.
1991

D DWGT G OTHER RECORDS

D DWGT G1 COPY of a speech on basket makers.
c1983

D DWGT H PHOTOGRAPHS

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- D DWGT H1** PHOTOGRAPHS of pictures of basketry belonging to Dorothy Wright.
1965
- D DWGT H2** ENVELOPE containing two photographs and four postcards of medieval paintings from the British Museum and notes.
c1965
- D DWGT H3** ENVELOPE containing photographs of roundels of rural scenes.
c1965
- D DWGT H4** PHOTOGRAPHS from British Museum.
c1965
- D DWGT H5** PHOTOGRAPH of an illustration from a manuscript about Marco Polo.
c1965
- D DWGT H6** ENVELOPE containing photographs of chairs and others showing weaving for a chair seat.
c1966
- D DWGT H7** ENVELOPE containing photographs of crafts.
c1968

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- D DWGT H8** ENVELOPE containing photographs and patterns.
c1969
- D DWGT H9** PHOTOGRAPHS of Queen Mary Psalter, Holkham Bible, and
Luttrell Psalter.
c1970's
- D DWGT H10** ALBUM containing negatives of baskets etc
c1970's
Also notes explaining what they are.
Numbered I 1-100.
- D DWGT H11** ALBUM containing negatives of baskets, mats etc
c1970's
With notes included. Numbered II 1-100.
- D DWGT H12** PHOTOGRAPH from the Victoria and Albert Museum of a
roundel showing a religious scene.
c1970's
- D DWGT H13** PRINT of a photograph of a statue.
c1970's

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- D DWGT H14** PHOTOGRAPHS of basket displays and three cardboard backed pages from 'British Basketry'.
c1970's
- D DWGT H15** PHOTOGRAPH and transparency of 'Baskets!', a picture in the Museum of London.
c1970's
- D DWGT H16** BOX labelled 'Markets', containing photographs of prints and drawings of people with baskets.
c1970's
- D DWGT H17** BOX of photographs from museums.
c1970's
- D DWGT H18** BOX of photographs of baskets, drawings, prints etc.
c1970's
- D DWGT H19** BOX of photographs of pictures of baskets and people making baskets and other things.
c1970's
- D DWGT H20** BOX of photographs of pictures from the British Museum, the Courtauld Institute of Art and Trinity College, Cambridge.
c1970's

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- D DWGT H21** ENVELOPE containing miscellaneous photographs and photocopies of pictures from Reading Museum and Guildhall Museum.
c1970's
- D DWGT H22** ENVELOPE containing photographs from exhibition of baskets.
c1970's
- D DWGT H23** ENVELOPE of miscellaneous photographs and prints eg, basket making from National Monuments Record.
c1970's
- D DWGT H24** PHOTOGRAPH of scuttle maker.
c1970's
- D DWGT H25** ENVELOPE containing photographs of museum drawings and photographs of sketches from 'London Drawing Notebook', belonging to George Scharf.
c1970's
- D DWGT H26** ENVELOPE containing photographs of medieval manuscript illustrations from the British Museum.
c1970's

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- D DWGT H27** PHOTOGRAPHS of Lindisfarne Gospels and photographs of Celtic stone engravings.
c1970's
- D DWGT H28** PHOTOGRAPHS from the 'Complete Book of Baskets and Basketry'.
1977
- D DWGT H29** ENVELOPE containing illustrations and photographs of baskets and two postcards.
c1977
- D DWGT H30** PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS of close ups of baskets.
1979-86
- D DWGT H31** ENVELOPE containing poster of coloured basket photographs.
c1980's
- D DWGT H32** PHOTOGRAPHS of baskets.
c1980's

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D DWGT H33 ENVELOPE containing photographs of baskets and letters etc.
1989

D DWGT H34 PHOTOGRAPHS of baskets.
1989

D DWGT H35 ENVELOPE containing photograph used in the 'Complete Book
of Baskets and Basketry'.
1992