

DAVID MARKSON FONDS

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**Provenance:** Markson, David  
**Title:** David Markson fonds  
**Dates:** 1957-1979  
**Physical desc.:** 6.5 cm of textual records  
**Bio/Admin History:** David Markson is a graduate of Columbia University where he obtained his M.A. Markson's interest in Malcolm Lowry gave rise to his master's thesis which examined Lowry's novel, *Under the Volcano*, and then the publication of a book, *Malcolm Lowry's Volcano* (1978).  
**Scope/Content:** The fonds consists of letters to Markson from Margerie Lowry (131), Douglas Day (20), Conrad Knickerbocker (13), and Peter Churchill (1). The letters relate to Malcolm Lowry and his writing. The fonds also includes two rejection letters regarding "Through the Panama", and two handwritten poems by Lowry and one draft of a telegram.  
**Title source:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.  
**Repository:** [University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections](#)  
**Names:** Markson, David ; Day, Douglas ; Lowry, Malcolm, 1909-1957 ; Lowry, Margerie ; Churchill, Peter ; Knickerbocker, Conrad

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DAVID MARKSON PAPERSLETTERS: INCOMING

1-1	BIRNEY, Earle	n.d.	1
		7 Mar 1966	1
		30 Mar 1966	1
		2 Jly 1966	1
		9 Nov 1966	1
		8 Jun 1967	1
		16 Jly 1967	1
		13 Dec 1967	1
		12 Apr 1968	1
		22 May 1970	1
		9 Jly 1970	1
		6 Dec 1970	1
		27 Nov 1973	1
1-2	CHURCHILL, Peter (includes clipping re Lowry's death)	11 Aug 1957	1
1-3	DAY, Douglas	30 Jan 1965	1
		6 Jun 1965	1
		18 Apr 1966	1
		26 Jun 1967	1
		20 May 1968	1
		15 Apr 1969	1
		5 Jan 1973	1
		17 Jan 1973	1
		31 Jan 1973	1
		7 Apr 1973	1
		23 Apr 1973	1
		10 May 1973	1
		24 Aug 1973	1
		2 Sep 1973	1
		4 Sep 1973	1
		18 Sep 1973	1
		15 Mar 1974	1

DAVID MARKSON PAPERS (cont'd)

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Douglas Day (cont'd)

1 Dec 1974 1  
 4 Apr 1975 1  
 17 Jan 1977 1

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KNICKERBOCKER, Conrad

29 Nov 1963 1  
     [1963] 1  
 10 Feb 1964 1  
 24 Sep 1964 1  
 13 Nov 1964 1  
     4 Jan 1965 1  
     1 Feb 1965 1  
     4 Mar 1965 1  
     1 Apr 1965 1  
 14 May 1965 1  
     6 Jly 1965 1  
 23 Nov 1965 1  
 13 Feb 1966 1

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LOWRY, Margerie

13 Apr 1958 1  
 16 Sep[1958] 1  
 20 Feb[1959] 1  
     2 Mar[1959] 1  
     30 Mar[1959] 1  
     16 Jun[1959] 1  
     21 Jun[1959] 1  
         [1959] 1  
     28 Mar[1960] 1  
         [1960] 1  
     19 Sep[1960] 1  
     4 Nov[1960] 1  
     3 Feb[1961] 1  
     24 Mar[1961] 1  
 Saturday[1961] 1  
 Thursday[1961] 1  
     Friday [1961] 1  
     Monday [1961] 1  
     20 Jly [1961] 1  
     12 Aug 1961 1  
     17 Oct [1961] 1  
     14 Feb [1962] 1  
     6 Mar 1962 1  
     17 Mar [1962] 1  
     22 Mar [1962] 1

DAVID MARKSON PAPERS (cont'd)

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Margerie Lowry (cont'd)

(includes poem by Malcolm Lowry)

23 Mar	[1962]	1
29 Mar	[1962]	1
24 Apr	[1962]	1
1 May	[1962]	1
9 May	[1962]	1
15 May	[1962]	1
16 Jun	[1962]	1
9 Aug	[1962]	1
9 Nov	[1962]	1
28 Jan	[1963]	1
4 Feb	[1963]	1
Wednesday	[1963]	1
	[1963]	1
3 May	1963	1
9 May	[1963]	1
22 May	[1963]	1
10 Jun	[1963]	1
12 Jun	[1963]	1
3 Aug	[1963]	1
7 Aug	[1968]	1
	[Aug 1963]	1
24 Aug	[1963]	1
29 Aug	[1963]	1
2 Sep	[1963]	1
Tuesday	[1963]	1
Thursday	[1963]	1
Monday	[1963]	1
Thursday	[1963]	1
Wednesday	[1963]	1
Friday	[1963]	1
Wednesday	[1963]	1
Saturday	[1963]	1
4 Dec	[1963]	1
? Jan	1964	1
	{1964}	1
Friday	[1964]	1
Friday	[1964]	1
22 Feb	[1964]	1
Tuesday	[1964]	1
13 Mar	[1964]	1
? Mar	1964	1
27 Apr	[1964]	1
8 May	1964	1
15 Jun	[1964]	1
25 Jun	[1964]	1
10 Jly	[1964]	1
25 Aug	1964	1
17 Sep	[1964]	1
	[Oct 1964]	1

DAVID MARKSON PAPERS (cont'd)

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Margerie Lowry (cont'd)

12 Jan 1965	1
1 Mar[1965]	1
4 Mar[1965]	1
24 Jun 1965	1
5 Oct[1965]	1
4 Feb 1966	1
11 Feb[1966]	1
26 Feb 1966	1
2 Mar[1966]	1
4 May 1966	1
[1966]	1
22 Nov 1966	1
12 Dec[1966]	1
16 Jan 1967	1
8 Feb 1967	1
7 Aug 1967	1
6 Nov 1967	1
16 Apr[1968]	1
5 ?[1968]	1
[1968]	1
[1968]	1
30 Dec[1968]	1
28 Jly 1969	1
? Aug 1969	1
Sunday [1969]	1
Sunday [1969]	1
[1969/1970]	1
Tuesday [1969/1970]	1
Tuesday [1969/1970]	1
[1969/1970]	1
6 Nov [1969/1970]	1
Thursday [1969/1970]	1
31 Aug 1971	1
5 Mar 1972	1
12 Mar 1972	1
21 Mar 1972	1
16 Apr 1972	1
23 Apr[1972]	1
20 Oct[1972]	
24 Nov 1972	1
25 Nov[1972]	1
7 Dec 1972	1
25 Aug 1973	1
19 Sep[1973]	1
7 Jan 1975	1
16 Mar 1976	1
14 Oct[1976]	1
24 Mar 1977	1
21 May 1977	1
8 Aug 1977	1
Saturday [1977/1978]	1

DAVID MARKSON PAPERS (cont'd)

1-5	<u>Margerie Lowry (cont'd)</u>	Friday [1977/1978]	1
		8 Feb [1978]	1
		7 Apr [1978]	1
	(includes letter from Margerie to John Simon, editor of Markson's <u>Malcolm Lowry's Volcano</u> )	18 Apr 1978	1
		30 Aug [1978]	1
		30 Aug 1979	1
1-6	STERN, James	17 Sep 1954	1
		16 Nov 1954	1
		10 Jly 1955	1
		9 Sep 1955	1
		29 Sep 1955	1
		21 Dec 1955	1
		11 May 1956	1
		24 Dec 1956	1
		1 Jly 1957	1
		17 Jly 1957	1
		26 Jly 1957	1
		21 Jly 1958	1
		26 Jly 1958	1
		24 Mar 1959	1
		15 Jan 1960	1
		20 Oct 1960	1
		7 Nov 1960	1
		1 Dec 1960	1
		24 May 1961	1
		8 Aug 1961	1
		9 Oct 1961	1
		Xmas 1961	1
		23 Mar 1962	1
		19 Apr 1962	1
		28 Apr 1962	1
		8 May 1962	1
		[May 1962]	1
		8 Jun 1962	1
		22 Feb 1963	1
		4 Jun 1963	1
		28 Aug 1963	1
		5 May 1964	1
		20 May 1964	1
		14 Nov 1964	1
		30 Sep 1965	1
		19 Oct 1965	1
		4 Feb 1966	1
		18 Feb 1966	1
		24 Feb 1966	1
		14 May 1966	1
		6 Jly 1966	1

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(cont'd)James Stern (cont'd)

2 Sep 1966	1
26 Oct 1966	1
13 Nov 1966	1
7 Dec 1966	1
9 Dec 1966	1
26 Dec 1966	1
18 Jan 1967	1
5 Feb 1967	1
22 Feb 1967	1
24 Feb 1967	1
27 Feb 1967	1
29 Mar 1967	1
2 May 1967	1
12 Dec 1967	1
24 Apr 1968	1
7 Jun 1968	1
15 Mar 1969	1
15 May 1969	1
15 Apr 1970	1
7 Nov 1970	1
10 Nov 1970	1
31 Aug 1973	1
24 Oct 1973	1
3 Nov 1973	1
12 Nov 1973	1
1 Mar 1974	1
3 Jan 1975	1
11 Jan 1976	1
12 Dec 1979	1
7 Jan 1980	1
13 Mar 1970	1
17 Sep 1970	1
16 Dec 1983	1
23 Feb 1984	1

DAVID MARKSON PAPERS (cont'd)LETTERS: OUTGOING

1-7	YANDLE, Anne	26 Apr 1985	1
1-8	Telegram from Malcolm Lowry to Conrad Aiken ~ written during Lowry's stay with Markson in New York.	[1954]	1

MANUSCRIPTS: POETRY

1-9	Two handwritten poems by Malcolm Lowry: "Sestina in a Cantina" and "Wind Blowing Through the Shack."	4 p.
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MISCELLANY

1-10	Two typed letters from the <u>Partisan Review</u> and <u>New World Writing</u> to Marie Moore (Harold Matson Co.) rejecting Lowry's "Through the Panama."; dated 13 May 1958 and 29 May 1958.	2
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MICHAEL MERCER PAPERSMANUSCRIPTS: PROSE

v.f. 326 Rehearsal draft of "Goodnight Disgrace," a play about the relationship between Conrad Aiken and Malcolm Lowry, written by Mercer, 5 July 1984. (photocopy) 118 p.

PRINTED MATERIAL

Two programs for the summer 1984 Shakespeare Plus Festival which featured "Goodnight Disgrace." 2

Advertising pamphlet for the 1985 Shakespeare Plus Festival. 1

Review of Shakespeare Plus '85 by Susan Mertens, 8 July 1985, The Vancouver Sun. 1

NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA PAPERSMANUSCRIPTS: PROSE (NON-FICTION)

v.f. 256

Transcript of "Volcano: Inquiry into the Life and  
Death of Malcolm Lowry," 17 March 1976. (photocopy)  
See also: MALCOLM LOWRY PAPERS: FILMS: 47-2

37 p.

EINAR NEILSON PAPERSLETTERS: INCOMING

1-1	LOWRY, Malcolm and Margerie	2 Jan [1951]	1
		[1952]	1
		[1953]	1
		[1954]	1

MANUSCRIPTS: PROSE

1-2	<u>Under the Volcano</u> --handwritten draft of a section of Chapter VI; first page is missing. These pages appear to belong with the draft of Chapter VI in 30-3 of the MALCOLM LOWRY PAPERS.	5 p.
1-3	Photocopy of Malcolm's inscription in the edition of <u>Under the Volcano</u> given to the Neilsons; dated 24 August 1954.	3 p.

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

1-4	Jazz records owned by Lowry (donated by Neilson 4 Jan 1974)	6
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PHOTOGRAPHS

1-5	List only is included here see: PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION BC 1769/1-7 for individual items. Many of these items duplicate those in the Malcolm Lowry Collection: BC 1614.
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BRIAN O'KILL PAPERSBIBLIOGRAPHY

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Lowry bibliography compiled by O'Kill (photocopies  
of index cards)

59 p.

WILLIAM TEMPLETON PAPERS

The William Loftus Templeton Collection of Malcolm Lowry manuscripts and related material was donated in his memory by his children-- Kathleen Rennie, B. Templeton, William R. Templeton, Doris Holmes, and Nora Telford. Dr. Sherrill Grace, U.B.C. English department, provided information about the contents of the manuscripts.

Note: William Templeton and his former wife, Dorothy Burt, were friends of the Lowrys at Dollarton.

LETTERS: INCOMING All addressed to Malcolm Lowry

1-1	LINSCOTT, R.N. (Houghton Mifflin Co.) [quotes reviewers on rejection of 1940 <u>Under the Volcano</u> ]	19 Nov 1940	1
	MANN, Klaus (son of Thomas Mann; editor of <u>Decision</u> )	11 Jly 1941 n.d.	1
	STERN, James	n.d.	1

LETTERS: OUTGOING

1-2	Fragment of a letter from Lowry to [Gerald Noxon?]	n.d.	1
	Telegram sent to the <u>Daily Herald</u> from Mexico (no signature) This telegram is the same as that sent by Hugh in <u>Under the Volcano</u> , Chapter IV.	25 Jun ?	1

MANUSCRIPTS: PROSEUnder the Volcano

1-3	Chapter IX; typescript with pencil changes and notes	19 p.
1-4	Chapter IX; typescript with a few pencil changes	23 p.
1-5	Chapter XI; typescript with two sets interleaved as revisions were being made	
1-6	Chapter XI; typescript with pencil changes	17 p.
1-7	Fragment of Chapter VIII; typescript with pencil changes	2 p.
1-8	Miscellaneous typed pages with pencil revisions on reverse	6 p.
1-9	Pages of manuscript and notes, most of them bits and pieces by Malcolm Lowry; some by Margerie	11 p.

WILLIAM TEMPLETON PAPERS (cont'd)

1-10	Notes and quotations from sources for <u>Under the Volcano</u>	10 p.
1-11	Notes and versions to passages	9 p.
1-12	Quotations relating to Indian history and seasons. Material is marked for Chapter V.	10 p.
1-13	Pages of manuscript with drawings	3 p.
1-14	Notes including chronological charts of events for Geoffrey, Hugh, and Yvonne.	7 p.
1-15	Reminders regarding <u>Under the Volcano</u>	1 p.
1-16	Notes regarding time in <u>Under the Volcano</u>	1 p.
1-17	Notes	1 p.
1-18	Drawing of Laruelle's house, interior and exterior	1 p.
1-19	Detailed map of Cuernavaca on back of typescript	1 p.
1-20	Notes (1 p. in ms. and 1 p. in ts.); includes some interesting references to sources	2 p.
1-21	Notes on history of Mexico	7 p.
1-22	Notes on vultures Draft on page of manuscript	5 p. 1 p.
1-23	Notes on Ejidal Bank and on Spanish terms	2 p.
1-24	Mexican menu with notes and a poem on verso (see also: MALCOLM LOWRY PHOTOGRAPHS BC 1614/153 The Last Address	1 item
1-25	Typescript; Chapter IV is missing. This version has no corrections but it is different from <u>Lunar Caustic</u>	95 p.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

1-26	Article on Lowry by George Woodcock in the <u>Vancouver Sun</u>	24 Sep 1960	1
	Article on Lowry by Alexander Ross in the <u>Vancouver Sun</u>	14 Dec 1963	1
	Clipping re the renaming of Park Lane to Lowry Lane in the North Vancouver District	n.d.	1
	Article on Lowry by Harvey Breit	n.d.	1
	Article re Lowry's winning of the Governor General's literary award for 1961	n.d.	1

PHOTOGRAPHS

1-27	List only; Malcolm in front of the Burts' shack at Dollarton; Margerie Bonner Lowry. For the individual items see: PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION BC 1770/1-4
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UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER PAPERS

DOCUMENTS (PHOTOCOPIES)

v.f. 333	Marriage Licence (between Malcolm Lowry and Margerie Bonner) Certificate of registration of marriage; date of marriage is 2 Dec 1940.	28 Nov 1940	1
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CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Margerie Lowry to the Unitarian Church asking for a copy of the marriage licence.	23 Oct 1947	1
Reply by the secretary of the Unitarian Church	27 Oct 1947	1