

RICHARD ELLMANN (1918-1987) PAPERS, 1951-1987

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Biography

Richard David Ellmann was born on March 15, 1918 in Highland Park, Michigan. From his early education in Michigan, he attended Yale University where he obtained a B.A. degree in 1939, M.A. degree in 1941, and a Ph.D. degree in 1947. After serving for three years in the O.S.S. during World War II, he obtained a Bachelor of Letters degree from Trinity College, Dublin in 1947. During 1942-1951 he taught at Harvard University on an irregular basis. In 1951 he became a member of the Department of English at Northwestern University where he remained until 1968. He returned to the faculty at Yale for one year before accepting a post at New College, Oxford (England). Ellmann's distinguished career ended there with his death in 1987.

Ellmann was an internationally known scholar, author and editor and an authority on James Joyce and W. B. Yeats. His scholarly pursuit of these two literary figures alone brought him much recognition. He was the recipient of two Guggenheim fellowships in 1950 and 1957, and was named Franklin Bliss Snyder professor of English at Northwestern in 1963. He received the National Book award in 1960.

Source of information: New York Times, May 14, 1987.

Description of the Series

The sparse collection of miscellaneous papers of Richard Ellmann is contained in one box. It consists of biographical material obtained from Northwestern University official records, newspaper accounts and clippings, and publishers' publicity from 1951 to 1987. There are programs of many conferences in which he participated together with public lectures given in the U.S. and abroad. His correspondence consists of six letters. Several folders contain published reviews of his books on James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, and Oscar Wilde. A number of reprints for his many articles are contained in one folder.

SEE ALSO: The main corpus of Richard Ellmann's papers is held by the University of Tulsa Library. For a bibliography of Ellmann's writing, see the Library of Congress Catalogs for the years 1959 to 1997.

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