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Peace Papers of Dorothy Freeborn Martin:

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# Introduction

This description is ‘interim’; it is published as part of our ‘First Sort’ programme which aims to put basic information about new archives into the public domain as quickly as possible. We will refine and enrich it in response to user demand.

Alison Cullingford, Special Collections Librarian.

# Collection description

## Reference code

GB 0532 Cwl DFM.

## Title

Peace Papers of Dorothy Freeborn Martin.

## Dates

1929-1972.

## Level of description

Collection (fonds).

## Extent

0.39 linear metres.

## Name of creator

Dorothy Freeborn Martin (1886-1974), peace activist

## Biographical history

Mrs Dorothy Freeborn Martin, born Dorothy Roberts in Buttington (Montgomeryshire) in 1886, described her family background as “orthodox, conservative and unusually clerical”. She became involved with Christian pacifist movements after the First World War, an involvement that continued throughout her life. She was a founder member of the Commonwealth of World Citizens.

## Immediate source of acquisition

This collection unites material donated to the J.B. Priestley Library in 1974 and 1975 by Mrs Martin's daughter, Mrs G. Trice Bingham, and to the Commonweal Library on several occasions. Between 2001 and 2015 the Priestley Library material was managed with reference GB 0532 MAR.

## Scope and content

Correspondence, notes, ephemera and press cuttings.

## Appraisal

Duplicates and irrelevant material have been weeded as seen; pamphlets moved to the pamphlet collection, further appraisal will be carried out as the Archive is catalogued in more detail.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## System of arrangement

Original order has been retained where it could be ascertained.

## Access conditions

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## Language of material

English.

## Physical characteristics

Press cuttings and many other papers are fragile.

## Finding aids

A box list had been produced in order to make material available as quickly as possible. This will be enhanced in response to user demand.

## Archivist’s note

Original description of the MAR donation by John Brooker, 2001. Revised and the Commonweal material added by Alison Cullingford in May 2015 and June 2016.

## Rules or conventions

ISAD(G) 2nd edition.

## Date(s) of description

June 2016.

## Indexing

### People

Martin, Dorothy Freeborn (1886-1974), peace activist.

### Organisations

Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.

Christian Council for Monetary Justice.

Commonwealth of World Citizens.

Danilo Dolci Trust.

### Subjects

Nuclear disarmament.

Pacifism – Great Britain – History – 20th century.

Pacifists.

Peace movements – Great Britain – History – 20th century.

World citizenship.

# Box list

## 1. Correspondence file

Date: 1943-1966.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence with various organisations interested in land, communities, conscription, nonviolent resistance, including Direct Action Committee, Peace News, Peace Pledge Union, Community Land Training Association, Non-violent Resistance Group, No Conscription Council.

## 2. "Civil defence"

Date: 1961-1965.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Walton & Weybridge District Council, the local courts and the bailiff : Mrs Martin withheld the portion of her local council rates that would have been spent on Civil Defence – 2 shillings and twopence.

## 3. "A.P.F." Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

Date: 1941-1962.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence, circulars, ephemera.

## 4. Christian Council for Monetary Justice

Date: 1967-1973.

Extent: 1 file.

## 5. National Campaign for the Abolition of Capital Punishment

Date: 1953-1966.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence, ephemera and publications.

## 6. Peace Pledge Union and Peace News

Date: 1960s.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Circulars and ephemera.

## 7. "WRI names of prisoners"

Date: 1959-1966.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: War Resisters International ephemera.

## 8. "Danilo Dolci"

Date: 1960-1972.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Ephemera and publications from the Danilo Dolci Trust.

## 9. "Typed transcript of World Youth Peace Congress (1928) report"

Date: 1929.

Extent: 103 pages.

## 10. Agricultural communities

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Ephemera and correspondence, including 1941 postcard with community picture from Hollingthorpe.

## 11. Conventions of religions

Date: 1946-1950.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Ephemera from the London Convention and World Convention of Religions.

## 12. "Conflict and peace research"

Date: 1967-1971.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence with and ephemera from organisations interested in peace/conflict research such as the Peace Research Centre and the Conflict Research Society.

## 13. "Common Market papers"

Date: 1971.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence, press cuttings and ephemera mostly re Friends and the Common Market.

## 14. Miscellaneous loose papers spanning campaigns of interest to Mrs Martin

Date: 1940s-1970s.

Scope and content: Correspondence, creative writing, sermons, ephemera, notebooks, press cuttings. Including envelope of ephemera from Anglo-Soviet Youth Friendship Alliance; Church in Soviet Russia address to APF September 1950 by Rev Sergey Shukin.

## 15. CWC (Commonwealth of World Citizens)

Date: 1959-1963.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence (concerning donations by DFM), circulars, meeting papers. Includes DFM's 1959 passport, and world citizen identity cards.

## 16. Miscellaneous papers on CWC

Date: circa 1957-1974.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence (concerning donations by DFM), circulars, meeting papers. Includes CWC South-Eastern and Greater London communities, and General Assembly of CWC.

## 17. Miscellaneous papers on CWC and related campaigns

Date: circa 1957-1965.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence (concerning donations by DFM and business matters), circulars, meeting papers. Includes CWC South-Eastern and Greater London communities, and flyers for Feast of Frontiers midsummer events (proposed world holiday).

## 18. Miscellaneous papers on CWC and related campaigns including Spiritual Unity of Nations, Service-Nation Movement

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence with Hugh Schonfield and Anthony Brooke. Circulars, ephemera, meeting papers.

## 19. Material relating to Professor Frederick Soddy.

Date: 1947-1974.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Pamphlets and lectures by Soddy and related correspondence.

## 20. Commonplace book, containing handwritten extracts and notes.

Date: 1960s.

Extent:1 item.

Scope and content: Contents include theology, philosophy, spiritual reformers, and poetry, Rufus M. Jones.

## 21. Rowen Engineering Co Ltd.

Date: 1963-1967.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Heater factory in Glasgow owned and run by workers. Correspondence involving DFM's support of the venture , ephemera and press cuttings.

## 22. Old civil defence letters and tax reduction papers, but no summonses

Date: 1960-1973.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Correspondence, press cuttings, ephemera relating to non-payment of tax for civil defence etc.

## 23 Money matters.

Date: 1942-1965.

Extent: 1 file.

Scope and content: Press cuttings, ephemera and correspondence relating to concerns around monetary systems.

## 24. Miscellaneous papers

Scope and content: Notes on the Peace Pledge Union and from various books, typescript of lecture by Kurt Hahn, St. Stephens news sheet, ephemera on various topics including the WRI and national debt.