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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	O'Brien, Justin, 1906-1968
Creator:	Sarraute, Nathalie
Creator:	Sartre, Jean-Paul, 1905-1980
Creator:	Baidouy
Title:	Justin O'Brien papers
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Language of the Material:	French , English .

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Biographical / Historical

O'Brien was a professor of French at Columbia University (1931-1968). He was a well-known translator of modern French literature, particularly of André Gide and Albert Camus, and was also a noted authority on French drama.

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Summary

Correspondence with André Gide, the manuscripts and notes for his biography PORTRAIT OF ANDRÉ GIDE, and for his translations of the JOURNALS OF ANDRÉ GIDE, SO BE IT, and PRETEXTS, and other notes and articles about André Gide. Also, correspondence with many contemporary French writers including Albert Camus, Jean Cocteau, Julian Green, Valéry Larbaud, Jean Malaquais, Roger Martin du Gard, André Maurois, Henry de Montherlant, and Georges Simenon. Prof. O'Brien translated works by Baidouy, Albert Camus, Jean Cocteau, Henry de Montherlant, Nathalie Sarraute, and Jean-Paul Sartre; the typescript of Camus' L'EXILE ET LE ROYAUME is of special interest. Professor O'Brien's files cover a broad range of French culture including correspondence with other French scholars, educational organizations, editors, publishers (notably Blanche W. Knopf), with members of the OSS in wartime France, and with other literary figures such as Gilbert Highet, Dwight Macdonald, and Klaus Mann.

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Arrangement

Cataloged and listed.

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Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--O'Brien, Justin. Method of acquisition--Bequest; Date of acquisition--1969. Accession number--M-69.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--O'Brien, Mrs. Justin. Method of acquisition--Gift (1973, 1978, 1982); Accession number--M-73,M-78,M-82.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/89.

Processing Information

Cataloged Lynn A. Grove 03/16/90.

Existence and Location of Copies

Benedetto Croce correspondence is also available on microfilm. See MN# 3600-1. The microfilm also includes Croce letters and manuscripts from other collections.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

The Rare Book & Manuscript Library has separately cataloged the Gallimard edition of the works of André Gide (15 volumes) that was received with this collection. These volumes may be requested through the catalog record [here](#).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, French -- 20th century
- Education -- France -- Societies, etc
- Editors
- Publishers and publishing
- World War, 1939-1945 -- France
- College teachers
- Camus, Albert, 1913-1960
- Cocteau, Jean, 1889-1963
- Green, Julien, 1900-1998
- Larbaud, Valéry, 1881-1957
- Malaquais, Jean, 1908-1998
- Martin Du Gard, Roger, 1881-1958
- Maurois, André, 1885-1967
- Montherlant, Henry de, 1896-1972
- Simenon, Georges, 1903-1989
- Knopf, Blanche W., 1894-1966
- Highet, Gilbert, 1906-1978
- Macdonald, Dwight
- Mann, Klaus, 1906-1949
- Columbia University -- : Faculty
- United States. Office of Strategic Services

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries I.1: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
A-Ca	box 1
Ch-H	box 2
J-K	box 3
L-M	box 4
N-Sh	box 5
Si-Z	box 6
Gide, André	box 32
Larbaud, Valéry	box 8
Martin du Gard, Roger	box 9

Subseries I.2: Uncataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
A-Ba	box 10
Be-Bu	box 11
C-D	box 12
E-F	box 13
G-H	box 14
I-K	box 15
L-Mc	box 16
Ma-Mi	box 17
Mo-Ne	box 18
Ni-Q	box 19
R-Si	box 20
Sl-T	box 21
U-Z	box 22

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Series II: Cataloged Manuscripts

Scope and Contents

Includes O'Brien's diaries, commonplace books, journals, and sketchbook.

Title/Description	Instances
Diaries	box 23
Commonplace Books	box 24
Journals	box 24
Sketchbook	box 24
Manuscripts--A-Z	box 25

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Series III: Manuscripts and Subject File

Title/Description	Instances
Manuscripts and Subject File	box 26
Manuscripts and Subject File	box 27

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Series IV: Writings and Related Materials

Title/Description	Instances
<i>The Novel of Adolescence in France, 1890-1930</i> , circa 1936	box 52
Immediate Source of Acquisition	
Gift of Mrs. Justin O'Brien, 1978	
Scope and Contents	
Ph.D. Thesis, Harvard University. Typescript copy (carbon) and printed copy	
<i>Escrits, 1930-1932</i>	box 52
Immediate Source of Acquisition	
Gift of Mrs. Justin O'Brien, 1978	

Scope and Contents

Anthology of reprints by O'Brien, bound for his use

Contemporary French Literature: Essays by Justin O'Brien box 51

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. Justin O'Brien, 1973

Scope and Contents

Manuscript

The French Literary Horizon

Typescript box 29

Proofs box 30

From the NRF box 31

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and typescript

Lectures box 28

Albert Camus box 40

Scope and Contents

Writings translated by O'Brien

André Gide

Books about Gide by O'Brien box 43

Correspondence, Articles, and Notes Re: André Gide box 7

Photographs box 38

Journals of André Gide box 33

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, typescripts, and page proof

Portrait of André Gide

Correspondence, Drafts, and Notes box 34

Drafts and Notes box 35

Typescripts box 36

Pretexts box 37

Scope and Contents

Typescript

So Be It

box 37

Scope and Contents

Typescript

Plays by Baudoy, Cocteau, de Motherlant, and Sarraute

box 39

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Translated by O'Brien

Jean-Paul Sartre--*The Condemned of Altona* or *The Family Cell*

box 41

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, drafts, and notes

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Personal and Family

Title/Description**Instances**

Scrapbooks, 1925-1967

box 53

Physical Description: 2 Volumes**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

1982 Gift

Photographs

box 53

Immediate Source of Acquisition

1982 Gift

Photographs

box 25

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Printed Materials

box 42

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Series VII: Books About or By André Gide	
Title/Description	Instances
Books about André Gide	box 46
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Books by André Gide (Later Printings)	box 44
Books by André Gide (Later Printings)	box 45
Published Correspondence of André Gide	box 47

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