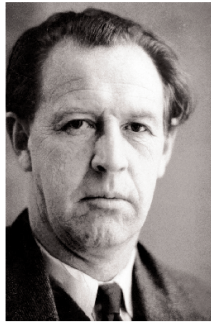


Introducing the Raymond Williams Collection



The Raymond Williams
Collection: A Report

A report on The Raymond Williams Collection is now available from the Parthian website, priced at £5.00. *The Raymond Williams Collection: A Report* represents the culmination of long endeavour to make publicly available unpublished manuscripts, notebooks, letters, diaries and papers that the writer Raymond Williams (1921-1988) left in part discarded, even neglected.

The Report includes contributions by those most responsible for making the papers available, including Raymond's daughter Merryn and biographer Dai Smith, with account of how the Collection came to be, a description of its contents, projects taking on from where Raymond left off, and practical details of access and content. If it encourages use of the Collection, then it will have succeeded; though the Report also makes for an interesting read in itself.

The Collection is now open to view in Swansea, and accessible by means of online catalogue. Housed at the Richard Burton Archives, Swansea University, cataloguing was made possible with funding from the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust. The Collection includes manuscripts of unpublished novels, notebooks illustrating Raymond Williams' thinking and writing, letters from wartime and academic life and a range of personal documents from across his life. Together they reveal the development of this leading intellectual figure, his plans for writing and insight into how personal life informed his thinking.

Now, with these materials available, it becomes possible to better understand the life and how to build on the work of Raymond Williams. The Richard Burton Archives - the home of Swansea University's archive collections - are situated in the Library & Information Centre and are open to all. The Report carries details of access and contact for the Archive as well as related organisations from further information relating to Raymond Williams may be obtained. *The Raymond Williams Collection: A Report* is available from the Parthian online bookshop, <http://www.parthianbooks.com/content/raymond-williams-collection-report>, priced £5.00.

