

Sir Louis Sterling (1879-1958)

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LS

Sterling, Sir Louis Saul (1879-1958)

1903-1974

Extent:

11 Boxes and 4 Volumes

Name of Creator:

Sterling, Sir Louis Saul (1879-1958) Knight,
businessman and book collector

Administrative/Biographical History:

Louis Saul Sterling was born in New York on 16 May 1879. In 1903 he left the United States for London, where he began working as a travelling representative for Gramophone and Typewriter Ltd. The following year, Sterling became manager of the British Zonophone Company, which produced playing machines and disc records. In 1905 Sterling established the Sterling Record Company, which was bought, within a few months, by the Russell Hunting Record Company. Sterling became the managing director of the firm. By 1908 Sterling had formed the Rena Manufacturing Company which produced playing machines and records. In 1909 the Columbia Phonograph Company bought Rena and Sterling was appointed Columbia's British Sales Manager. At Columbia during the First World War, 1914-1918, Sterling introduced the production of patriotic war songs and original cast recordings of songs from London shows. By the end of the war Sterling was the managing director of the Columbia Graphophone Company Ltd. When Columbia bought out its American parent company in 1927, Sterling was made chairman of its New York board. During the early 1930s Sterling became the managing director of Electrical and Musical Industries Ltd, (EMI), which had merged with Columbia. Sterling also served on the board of the merchant bank, S G Warburg. On leaving EMI he served as a director of the music publishers Chapell and Co and later became the managing director and then chairman of the electrical engineers, AC Cosser Ltd. Sterling established a number of charitable organisations including the Sterling Club in 1937 and the Sir Louis Sterling Charitable Trust in 1938. Later he became involved in Jewish charitable work and was President of the British Committee for Technical Development in Israel. Sterling's main interest outside business was collecting books. Although he started collecting books in 1917, the majority of the items in his collection were

purchased in the 1920s and 1930s. By 1956 the collection had grown to over 5000 books and manuscripts. In 1945 Sterling approached the University of London about donating his collection to the library. Under the direction of John Hayward a team from the University Library catalogued the collection at the Sterling home. On 30 October 1956 the Sterling collection was in place in the University of London Library and formally opened. Sterling was knighted in 1937 and he received an honorary D. Litt from the University of London in 1947. Sterling died in London on 2 June 1958

Archival History:

The papers were previously part of the Sterling Library collection (SLV100-104).

Scope and Content:

Papers of Sir Louis Saul Sterling (1879-1958), including: lists and catalogues of books, manuscripts and other material held in the Sterling Library, perhaps compiled by Sir Louis Sterling or by members of the University of London Library prior to the transfer of the Library to Senate House, c1950; ephemera and photographs relating to the opening of the Sterling Library at Senate House Library, University of London by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, 1956; material concerning the life and work of Sir Louis Sterling, including an early scrapbook concerning Sterling's work in the gramophone industry, bound and boxed scrapbooks of letters and ephemera celebrating Sterling's 50th birthday and the award of his knighthood, certificates and other ephemera, 1903-1981; material relating to the functions and running of the Sterling Club which aimed to organise theatrical performances and other social events in order to raise money for charity; and to 'further the interests of Anglo-American friendship', 1938; photographs concerning the life and work of Sir Louis Sterling, including photographs of Sterling and Lady Sterling, personal holidays and meetings with friends and family, social engagements and from the official opening of the Sterling Library at Senate House Library, University of London, 1904-1956; letters, mostly to Sir Louis Sterling, concerning Sterling's library and its contents, the purchase of books or manuscripts for the library, arrangements to visit the library and personal matters, including letters from H.E.Bates, Hector Bolthio, Sir Compton MacKenzie, Louis Golding, Emil Ludwig, various booksellers and others, 1923-1974.

Access conditions:

OPEN

Copying conditions:

Copies may be made, subject to the condition of the original. Copying must be undertaken by the Palaeography Room staff, who will need a minimum of 24 hours to process requests

Language of Scripts:

English

Related Units of Description:

- Senate House Library also holds the Sterling Library Manuscripts (SLMS) collected by Louis Sterling during his lifetime, which form part of the Sterling Library collection.
- the EMI Music Archives also hold papers concerning Sir Louis Sterling (c1931-1958)

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| LS/1 | Sterling Library Catalogues and Lists | c1950 |
| | Lists and catalogues of books, manuscripts and other material held in the Sterling Library, perhaps compiled by Sir Louis Sterling or by members of the University of London Library prior to the transfer of the Library to Senate House. | |
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| LS/1/1 | Short Catalogue of the Sterling Library. | undated
[c1950] |
| | Typescript list in three files of the books and manuscripts in Sterling Library. | |
| | | |
| LS/1/1/1 | Authors, A-G | undated
[c1950] |
| | Typescript list of books in the Sterling Library covering authors A to G, ordered alphabetically. Each entry lists author, title of book, date of publication and an unidentified number, perhaps referring to location. With original folder. (151pp) | |
| | 1 item in envelope | |
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| LS/1/1/2 | Authors: H-Z | undated
[c1950] |
| | Typescript list of books in the Sterling Library covering authors H to Z, ordered alphabetically. Each entry lists author, title of book, date of publication and an unidentified number, perhaps referring to location. With original folder. (223pp) | |
| | 1 item in envelope | |
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| LS/1/1/3 | Manuscripts and Publishers | undated
[c1950] |
| | Lists accompanying alphabetical lists of books by author in the Sterling Library, including: | |
| | - typescript list of publishing houses, ordered alphabetically with lists of books published by that house available in the Sterling Library listed alphabetically underneath (68pp) | |
| | - typescript list of manuscripts in the Sterling Library, | |

ordered alphabetically, noting, author, title, date of creation and an unknown number, possibly referring to location (12pp)

- handwritten bibliography of books used whilst compiling the catalogue, ordered alphabetically (3pp)
- handwritten list of twentieth century authors, with handwritten alphabetical list of books (8pp)

1 item in envelope

**LS/1/2 Alphabetical List of Sterling Library undated
[c1950]**

Larger alphabetical list of books in the Sterling Library, bound in seven volumes. Entries are listed alphabetically by author's name and publishing house and give the book's author, title, the year it was published and the price that the book was purchased for.

**LS/1/2/1 Volume 1: A-B undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

**LS/1/2/2 Volume 2: C-D undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

**LS/1/2/3 Volume 3: F-J undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

**LS/1/2/4 Volume 4: K-M undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

LS/1/2/5 Volume 5: N-Q

**undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

LS/1/2/6 Volume 6: R-S

**undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

LS/1/2/7 Volume 7: T-Z

**undated
[c1950]**

1 volume

LS/1/3 Index Book containing book titles.

c1950

Index file with handwritten entries, for predominantly twentieth century publications, noting author, book title, date published and price, listed alphabetically. Handwritten note at the front of this volume reads 'All entries below ruled lines are not in the printed catalogue'.

1 volume

LS/2 Administration of books purchases.

1934-1953

Contains cash book with handwritten entries noting books purchased and their cost (authors and book titles mostly not given), along with notes on books sold and given away.

LS/2/1 Cash Book recording books purchased and given

1934-1953

away

Cash book with handwritten entries noting books purchased and their cost (authors and book titles mostly not given), along with notes on books sold and given away.

1 volume

LS/3 Opening of the Sterling Library 1956

Ephemera and photographs relating to the opening of the Sterling Library at Senate House Library, University of London by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother (30 October 1956).

LS/3/1 Order of Proceedings 1956

Five copies of 'Order of Proceedings' booklets for the opening of the Sterling Library by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (30 October 1956)

5 items in envelope

LS/3/2 "The Sterling Library" 1956

Four copies of pamphlet produced for the opening of the Sterling Library, possibly distributed with the Order of Proceedings, describing the history, contents and highlights of the Sterling Library (30 October 1956)

4 items in envelope

LS/3/3 "Record of proceedings at the opening of The Sterling Library" 1956

Record of proceedings at the opening of the Sterling Library, including text of speeches made at the ceremony by the Vice Chancellor of the University of London, Dr JF Lockwood; the Chairman of the Court, Sir Norman Birkett; and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Also includes three photographic plates. (2 copies: 1 bound) (30 October 1956)

2 items in envelope

LS/3/4 Photograph Album: The Opening Ceremony 1956

Album contains 17 photographic plates taken by the University of London Library photographer, F Bosley, during the opening ceremony of the Sterling Library (30 October 1956), including the following:

Plates 1-6: Arrival of the Queen Mother in the Library Entrance Hall. Presentation of bouquet by Margaret Pafford. The Queen Mother greeted by Sir Louis and Lady Sterling, the Goldsmith's Librarian (J H P Pafford) and the Chairman of the Library Committee (Sir Francis Fraser).

Plates 7-12: The Queen Mother and Sir Louis Sterling, with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London (J F Lockwood) looking at the exhibition of books in the Palaeography Room.

Plates 13-17: Photographs taken during the ceremony in the Middlesex Library North when the Sterling Library was officially declared open by the Queen Mother, showing the Vice-Chancellor (J F Lockwood), the Queen Mother, Sir Louis Sterling and Chairman of the Court (Sir Norman Birkett) seated on stage

1 volume

LS/3/5 Photograph album: 7 Avenue Road

1956

Album containing sixteen photographs of Sir Louis Sterling's home at 7 Avenue Road, Primrose Hill, London taken prior to the transfer of the Sterling Library to the University of London Library. Includes the following:

1. View of the house from the garden
2. The hall
3. The hall, view of the staircase
4. The hall from the first floor, showing the door to the library
5. The drawing room, north end
6. The drawing room, south end
7. The dining room, showing Sir Louis Sterling's portrait
8. The dining room, from the bay window
9. Close-up of the cabinet in the dining room
10. The dining room, showing cabinet
11. The library, facing east
12. The library, facing north, showing Lady Sterling's portrait and a section of the book cases.
13. The first floor gallery
14. Bed room
15. Bed room
16. Guest's bathroom

1 volume

LS/4 Sir Louis Sterling: Biographical Material 1903-1981

Material concerning the life and work of Sir Louis Sterling, including an early scrapbook concerning Sterling's works in the gramophone industry, bound and boxed scrapbooks of letters and ephemera celebrating Sterling's 50th birthday and the award of his knighthood, certificates and other ephemera.

LS/4/1 Early Scrapbook 1903-1904

Scrapbook containing press cuttings, extracts from journals and advertisements relating to Sir Louis Sterling's early career and the record and phonograph industry. Includes material regarding the British Zonophone Company, its products and shops, the zonophone machine and the Sterling Record Company (36pp)

1 volume

LS/4/2 Sir Louis Sterling's 50th Birthday: London Staff Congratulations 1929

Leather bound volume containing items connected with the celebrations of Sterling's 50th birthday, including the following:

- c500 letters to Sterling congratulating him on his 50th birthday, predominantly from work colleagues and business acquaintances, ordered alphabetically (122 pages) (May 1929)

1 volume

LS/4/3 Sir Louis Sterling's 50th Birthday: Press Cuttings and Australian, Continental and American Congratulations 1929

Leather bound volume containing items connected with the celebrations of Sterling's 50th birthday, including the following:

- press cuttings concerning a gift of £100,000 by Louis Sterling to be distributed amongst workers at the

Columbia Gramophone Company on the occasion of his 50th birthday (8 pages) (May-July 1929)
 - c350 letters, telegrams and cables to Sterling congratulating him on his 50th birthday and thanking him for portions of Sterling's gift of £100,000 received, predominantly from international work colleagues and business acquaintances, ordered alphabetically (86 pages) (May 1929)
 - file containing correspondence and lists describing procedures for the distribution of Louis Sterling's gift of £100,000 to workers at the Columbia Gramophone Company in its international offices (in wallet in inside cover) (April-May 1929)

1 volume

LS/4/4 " Sir Louis Sterling May 11th 1937 - Book One" 1937-1938

Leather bound volume in box containing items connected with Louis Sterling receiving his knighthood, including the following:

- typescript of speech given by J.J.Walker at the Annual Banquet of the Grand Street Boys Association, Commodore Hotel, New York (2pp) (2 copies, loose within covers) (20 February 1938)
- press cuttings and extracts from journals concerning the announcement that Sterling was to be knighted (28 pages) (May 1937)
- c230 telegrams sent to Sterling from Britain, the United States and elsewhere congratulating him on the announcement of his knighthood (43 pages) (May 1937)

1 box

LS/4/5 " Sir Louis Sterling May 11th 1937 - Book Two" 1937

Leather bound volume in box containing items connected with Louis Sterling receiving his knighthood, including the following:

- invitations, programmes, photograph and correspondence concerning a banquet and ball in honour of Louis Sterling on the occasion of his knighthood (17 June 1937), including letters from Lord Marks and Ramsey MacDonald (9pp) (June 1937)
- c30 telegrams sent to Sterling from Britain, the United States and elsewhere congratulating him on the announcement of his knighthood (6 pages) (June 1937)
- press cuttings and extracts from journals concerning

the announcement that Sterling was to be knighted, the banquet and ball in honour of Sterling at the Savoy Hotel and a luncheon for Sterling arranged by the Radio Manufacturer's Association (28 pages) (May 1937)

- c132 letters to Sterling congratulating him on the announcement of his knighthood (33 pages) (May-July 1937)

1 box

LS/4/6 " Sir Louis Sterling May 11th 1937 - Book Three" 1937

Leather bound volume in box containing items connected with Louis Sterling receiving his knighthood, including the following:

- c320 letters to Sterling congratulating him on the announcement of his knighthood, ordered alphabetically (63 pages) (May-June 1937)

1 box

LS/4/7 Articles 1937-1958

Articles concerning or including mention of Sir Louis Sterling, including the following:

- offprint, 'Sir Louis Speaks at the Banquet in his honour at the Savoy Hotel', reprinted from The Gramophone (July 1937)
- offprint, 'The Bible in English Literature' by Kathleen Raine (including photograph featuring Sir Louis and Lady Sterling), reprinted from the Journal of the National Book League (July 1948). Newspaper cuttings and draft articles on the Sterling Library (1939-1958).

2 items in envelope

LS/4/8 Queen Elizabeth Coronation Forest Certificate 1953

Certificate awarded to Sir Louis Sterling for arranging the planting of 225 trees in the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Forest in Israel (June 1953)

1 item in envelope

LS/4/9 Christmas Cards 1931-c1981

Christmas card for 1931 from Louis and Cissy Sterling with a drawing of the Sterling Library. Christmas card from 'Gay and Christopher' featuring picture of two small children inside (possibly Sterling's grandchildren/great grandchildren?) (undated)

2 items in envelope

LS/4/10 Sir Louis Sterling Memorial Service 1958

Bound copy of the order of service for a memorial service for Sir Louis Sterling held at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, London (printed in English and Yiddish) (2 July 1958). Obituaries from the "Jewish Chronicle", "Daily Telegraph".

3 items in envelope

LS/4/11 Sir Louis Sterling Sporting Festival and Ladies' Night 1962

Flyers for the Sir Louis Sterling Sporting Festival and Ladies' Night organised by the British Technion Society and held at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London. Includes brief biography of Sterling and message from Bud Flanagan (3 April 1962)

2 items in envelope

LS/4/12 Sterling Library Jubilee Exhibition 1981

Typed captions for a Sterling Library Jubilee Exhibition referring to photographs and documents possibly displayed at the University of London Library (1981).

19 items in envelope

LS/5 The Sterling Club 1938

Material relating to the functions and running of the Sterling Club which aimed to organise theatrical performances and other social events in order to raise money for charity; and to 'further the interests of Anglo-American friendship'.

LS/5/1 Invitations 1938

Two copies of the invitation to the Sterling Club's First Anniversary Banquet, Ball and Cabaret at Claridges Hotel (23 June 1938).

2 items in envelope

LS/5/2 Table Plan for the Sterling Club's First Annual Banquet, Cabaret and Ball 1938

Seven copies of the table plan, listing expected guests alphabetically, for the Sterling Club's First Annual Banquet, Cabaret and Ball at Claridge's Hotel, London (23 June 1938)

7 items in envelope

LS/5/3 Programme for the Sterling Club's First Anniversary Banquet 1938

Two copies of the printed programme for the First Anniversary Banquet of the Sterling Club at Claridge's Hotel, London. Contains list of office holders in the Sterling Club, 'A Declaration of Co-Independence' by Hannen Swaffer, menu and program for the after dinner entertainment, cabaret and toasts (23 June 1938)

2 items in envelope

LS/5/4 Telegrams and press-cuttings relating to the Sterling Club's First Anniversary Banquet 1938

Including the following:

- telegrams from King George VI, Sir Lionel Halsey, Bobby Howes, Willie Blackwood and John Harding regarding the Sterling Club First Anniversary banquet (23 June 1938)
- press cutting, 'Swaffer Says' from World's Press News (30 June 1938)
- press cutting, 'Out and About in the West End' from the Manchester Daily Sketch (undated)
- press cutting from the Daily Mail (23 June 1938)

14 items in envelope

LS/5/5 Programme for a stag dinner in honour of Harry Richman 1938

Printed programme, signed by Louis Sterling, for a Stag Dinner for Harry Richman held by the Sterling Club at the Savoy Hotel, London. Contains list of club office holders, note on the objectives of the Sterling Club and a dinner menu (28 April 1938).

1 item in envelope

LS/5/6 Savage Club House Dinner Menu Card 1938

Menu card for a Savage Club House Dinner featuring cartoon on front and order of dinner on reverse (23 April 1938)

1 item in envelope

LS/6 Photographs 1904-1956

Photographs concerning the life and work of Sir Louis Sterling, including photographs of Sterling and Lady Sterling, personal holidays and meetings with friends and family, social engagements and from the official opening of the Sterling Library at Senate House Library, University of London.

LS/6/1 Portraits photographs of Louis Sterling and Lady Sterling 1904-c1950

Portrait photographs of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling, including the following:

- i. Early photograph of Sir Louis Sterling as manager of the British Zonophone Company in his offices in City Road (1904)
- ii. Large head and shoulders photograph of Sterling wearing glasses (Copyright: Sasha) (undated)
- iii. Large head and shoulders photograph of Sterling seated in his library at 7 Avenue Road, London (2 copies) (Copyright: Baron) (c1950)
- iv. Photograph of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling seated together, looking at camera, in their library at 7 Avenue Road, London (Copyright: Baron) (c1950)
- v. Photograph of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling seated together, looking at each other, in their library at 7 Avenue Road, London (Copyright: Baron) (c1950)
- vi. Pencil portrait of Sterling by Toishoff (1938)
- vii. Photograph of portrait of Sterling by David Jagger, attached to presentation card given away by the Lord

Marks and the Sterling Dinner Committee (undated)
 viii. Photograph of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling by
 Shimbashi Yehgi, Tokyo (Copyright: Yehgi) (c.1930)
 ix. Photograph of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling by
 Shimbashi Yehgi, Tokyo (Copyright: Yehgi) (c.1930)

LS/6/2 Cannes Holiday c1950

Seventeen photographs of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling
 holidaying in Cannes with friends and family. Also
 includes two negatives of photographs above with
 envelope and business card for Dr G.N.Zezi.
 (Copyright: J.Feneyrol, Cannes) (c1950).

LS/6/3 With Benno Moiseiwitsch 1951

Nine photographs of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling
 meeting with pianist Benno Moiseiwitsch, his wife and
 unidentified others whilst on holiday at Funchal,
 Madeira (Copyright: Joaquim Figueira / David Gurney)
 (1951). Also includes press-cutting from The Tatler.

LS/6/4 With Grandchildren/Great-Grandchildren c1950

Including the following:
 - five photographs of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling
 seated in deckchairs in garden with
 grandchildren/great-grandchildren (undated)
 - two photographs of unidentified children (possibly
 Sterling grandchildren/great-grandchildren?) (undated)

LS/6/5 The Sterling Library 1956

Photographs of and concerning the Sterling Library,
 including the following:
 i. The Sterling Library as housed at Sir Louis Sterling's
 home at Avenue Road, London (c1956)
 ii. Interior of the Sterling Library at the University of
 London Library (c1956)
 iii. Sir Louis Sterling, the Queen Mother and the Vice-

Chancellor of the University of London viewing an exhibition at the opening of the Sterling Library (30 October 1956)

iv. Photograph of Sterling meeting the Queen Mother at the opening of the Sterling Library at the University of London (Copyright: Keystone Press Agency) (30 October 1956)

LS/6/6 Sterling Club's First Annual Banquet, Cabaret and Ball 1938

Twenty four photographs taken at the First Anniversary Banquet of the Sterling Club at Claridge's Hotel, London. Includes pictures of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling, Harry Richman and wife, Irving Asher and fiancée, Lord Hirst and other attendees both at dinner and afterwards (23 June 1938)

LS/6/7 Stone Meadow Sir Louis

**undated
[c1940-
1956]**

Four photographs showing Sir Louis and Lady Sterling meeting a Ayrshire calf called 'Stone Meadow Sir Louis' belonging to radio presenter Ezra Stone, outside the Park Avenue Hotel, New York (undated)

LS/6/8 Other Photographs 1937-1953

Miscellaneous photographs, including the following:

i. Photograph of Sir Hartley Shawcross shaking hands with the Chief Rabbi at the Inaugural Dinner of the British Committee for Technical Development in Israel at Grosvenor House, London. Lady Sterling in background (undated)

ii. Photograph of Arthur Blok, Lord Silkin (speaking) and Lady Sterling at an unidentified function (7 October 1953)

iii. Photograph of Sir Louis Sterling shaking hands with Fred Russell at a function organised by the Grand Order of Water Rats on the occasion of the latter's 90th birthday (5 October 1942)

iv. Photograph of the presentation to Sir Louis Sterling by the Radio Manufacturers' Association to mark the

conferment of a knighthood to Sterling, featuring Sir Noel Ashbridge and Lord Marks (Mounted on white card) (8 July 1937)

v. Head and shoulders photograph of entertainer Sophie Tucker, signed personally to Sir Louis and Lady Sterling (1952)

vi. Photograph of Sir Louis Sterling sat with two unidentified young ladies (undated)

LS/6/9 Unidentified Social Events

**undated
[c1919-
1958]**

Thirteen photographs of Sir Louis and Lady Sterling at unidentified social events (undated)

LS/7 Correspondence concerning the Sterling Library

1923-1974

Letters, mostly to Sir Louis Sterling, concerning Sterling's library and its contents, the purchase of books or manuscripts for the library, arrangements to visit the library and personal matters, including letters from H.E.Bates, Hector Bolthio, Sir Compton MacKenzie, Louis Golding, Emil Ludwig, various booksellers and others.

LS/7/1 John Bakeless

1936

- Letter to Bernard Quaritch Ltd. from John Bakeless regarding Christopher Marlowe's 'Hero and Leander' and 'Edward II' (1p) (10 December 1936)
- Letter to William Marchbank from John Bakeless regarding an edition of Marlowe's 'Hero and Leander' (1p) (18 December 1936)
(Both letters removed from: Christopher Marlowe, 'Hero and Leander', Ref: [SL] I {Marlowe – 1637}.)

LS/7/2 Henrietta C.Bartlett

1939

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Henrietta C. Bartlett regarding Sterling's quartos edition of Shakespeare's King Lear (published for Nathaniel Butler, 1608; Sterling Library Ref: [SL] Safe), with suggested provenance note attached, her work and the possibility of visiting Sterling's Library (2pp) (24 February 1939)

LS/7/3 H.E. Bates

1931-1950

- Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from H.E. Bates offering Sterling the chance to purchase Bates' manuscripts of his novels 'Catherine Foster', 'Charlotte's Row' and 'Alexander' (?) and suggesting prices (3pp) (11 April 1931)
- Letter to Sterling from Bates thanking him for the purchase of three manuscripts and pointing out how the manuscript differ from published versions (2pp) (15 April 1931)
- Letter to Sterling from Bates offering Sterling the chance to purchase the manuscript of his novel 'A German Idyll' and suggesting a price (2pp) (25 June 1931)
- Letter to Sterling from Bates concerning Charles Lahr's imprisonment, with typed copy of letter (2pp) (26 January 1935)
- Letter to Sterling from Bates offering Sterling the chance to purchase the manuscript of his novels 'The Mill' and 'The Yellow Card', with typed copy of the letter (2pp) (27 August 1935)
- Letter to Sterling from Bates thanking Sterling for his generosity in the past (1p) (15 December 1950) (Removed from: H.E. Bates, 'Edward Garnett', Ref: [S.L.] II. [Bates, H.E. - 1950].)

6 items in folder

LS/7/4 Sir Thomas Beecham

**undated
[c1923-
1961]**

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Sir Thomas Beecham, Bart, ward of Sterling, stating intent to handle matters mentioned by Sterling (1p) (undated)

1 item in folder

- LS/7/5 Jonathan Bennett 1945**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from nephew Jonathan Bennett regarding the provenance of the book, 'A Sermon preached before the King' which he had sent to Sterling, and concerning general matters about his school life (2pp) (15 March 1945) (Removed from: Z.Cradock, 'A sermon preached before the King', Ref: [SL] I [Cradock – 1678]. Envelope accompanying the letter remains pasted into front cover of book.)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/6 Simon Blumenfeld c1938-1939**
 - Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Simon Blumenfeld regarding an appointment with Irving Asher and a gift of a rare special edition of 'Music by Night' by Aldous Huxley given by Blumenfeld to Sterling (1p) (undated)
 - Letter to Sterling from Blumenfeld regarding a meeting with Irving Asher and requesting financial assistance from Sterling, with typed copy of letter (1p) (undated)
 - Letter to Sterling from Blumenfeld thanking him for a cheque, discussing a manuscript in progress and reviews received (1p) (undated)
 - Note to Sterling from Blumenfeld thanking him for a cheque (1p) (undated)
 4 items in folder
- LS/7/7 Hector Bolitho 1943**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Hector Bolitho thanking the former for a social engagement at the Sterling's (1p) (7 February 1943)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/8 Florence Desmond c1953**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Florence Desmond describing the writing of her book, thanking Sterling for his praise and enclosing a copy (1p) (1 July ?) (Removed from: Florence Desmond, 'Florence Desmond', Ref: [S.L.] II. [Desmond, F. - 1953].)
 1 item in envelope

- LS/7/9 John E(?) 1937**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from John E(?) thanking Sterling for allowing him to view of Sterling's manuscript of Piers Plowman and his hospitality during his visit (3pp) (11 September 1937)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/10 Bruno Frank 1935**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Bruno Frank
 Introducing Mr. Selmar Meyrowitz, formerly a renowned conductor in Berlin, who was visiting England at the time (2pp) (2 November 1935)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/11 Louis Golding 1938-1941**
 - Letter to Sterling from Golding regarding the completion of the latter's new novel, 'Bruno' (2pp) (1 January 1938)
 -Letter to Sterling from Golding regarding the gift of a book to Sterling (possibly 'The Jewish Problem') and the chances of it getting published (2pp) (14 November 1938)
 - Letter to Sterling from Golding regarding the latter's novel, 'Magnolia Street' (2pp) (3 December 1938)
 - Letter to Sterling from Golding, with enclosed two page typescript speech on boxing (3pp) (8 December 1938)
 - Letter to Sterling from Golding regarding the latter's work and his potential role in a RKO film for British and American war charities (2pp) (1 June 1941)
 - Letter to Golding from Sterling regarding the latter and Lady Sterling's air raid precautions and the evacuation of some of the Sterling Library, other personal matters and introducing Jonah J. Goldstein of the Grand Street Boys Association (2pp) (1 July 1941)
 - Letter to Sterling from Golding thanking him for his kindness to Frank Vaughn (1p) (undated)
 7 items in folder
- LS/7/12 Hale 1951**

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from 'Hale' describing the book 'Reminiscences of Michael Kelly', Hale's acquisition of it and his gift to Sterling (2pp) (4 July 1933) (Removed from: Michael Kelly, 'Reminiscences of Michael Kelly', Ref: [S.L.] I [Kelly - 1826].)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/13 Henry Howard Harper 1942

Letter to Sterling from Henry Howard Harper answering a query from Sterling regarding the delivery of a Charles Dickens play for Sterling to the home of Mrs Surrey (1p) (7 February 1942)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/14 John Hayward 1946

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from John Hayward acknowledging books received from Sterling on loan for an English Poetry Exhibition, with typescript list of books borrowed (2pp) (11 August 1946)

2 items in envelope

LS/7/15 Geoffrey Keynes 1951

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Geoffrey Keynes of the William Blake Trust regarding Sterling receiving a copy of a special edition of 'Jerusalem' by Blake (1p) (8 August 1951) (Removed from: William Blake, 'Jerusalem', Ref: [S.L.] IV [Blake - 1951] fol.)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/16 Emil Ludwig 1930-1948

- Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Emil Ludwig regarding the gift of books to Sterling (1p) (4 August 1930) (Removed from: Emil Ludwig, 'Lincoln', Ref: [SL] II [Ludwig E. - 1930])
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig concerning a possible meeting and recommending music (2pp) (6 September 1930)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig thanking Sterling for the gift of a gramophone (1p) (18 October 1930)
- Letter to Sterling from Elsa Ludwig regarding Sterling and Lady Sterling's hospitality on a recent visit and

regarding a presentation of Ludwig's play 'Versailles' (4pp) (11 September 1932)

- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding a dinner party Ludwig had attended, with envelope (4pp) (8 March 1935)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the production of Ludwig's film, 'Napoleon' by Warner Brothers (3pp) (28 March 1935)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig concerning the work of a new Jewish musician and an anti-Nazi demonstration in New York (2pp) (28 January 1936)
- Two postcards to Sterling from Elsa and Emil Ludwig regarding possible visits to London (1937)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the possibility of Sterling arranging a chance for Ludwig to speak on BBC radio (1p) (10 May [1937?])
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding an expose of Roosevelt by Ludwig (1p) (21 July 1937)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding a visit to London by musician Hans Haug and Ludwig's work on Roosevelt (2pp) (7 October 1938)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding Ludwig's attendance at a public meeting in London, with typed copy of letter (2pp) (29 January 1939)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the Dreyfus affair, with typed copy of letter (1p) (1 February 1939)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding publishing agents, with typed copy of letter (2pp) (20 February 1939)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling concerning the Dreyfus affair and the international political situation (4pp) (1 March 1939)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding a meeting with Sir Compton MacKenzie, the political situation in the US and a possible holiday (3pp) (22 June 1939)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding general matters (2pp) (18 July 1939)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig requesting a favour from Sterling (1p) (27 August 1939)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig thanking Sterling for his assistance and discussing Ludwig's book on America and the German surrender, with attached paper, 'Returning to Europe' by Ludwig (7pp) (15 August 1945)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding US foreign policy and the establishment of Palestine (2pp) (3 December 1945)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig with enclosed articles 'Germany in 1955 – A Pessimistic Prediction' and 'Danger of a German Victory in Nuremberg' by Ludwig

- (6pp) (8 January 1946)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the possibility of the Swiss Quartet recording Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden' (2pp) (22 February 1946)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding the possibility of the Swiss Quartet recording (2pp) (6 March 1946)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding holidays, Ludwig's works 'Of Life and Love' and 'The Moral Conquest of Germany and international politics (3pp) (25 June 1946)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding money transfer (2pp) (7 September 1946)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding publishing articles in London and anti-semitism (2pp) (14 February 1947)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding the publication of Ludwig's articles, with attached letter from publisher Jack Rubens to Sterling regarding Ludwig's articles (1p) (21 February 1947)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding a visit to London by Ludwig's son, Gordon, publishing difficulties, music and personal matters (3pp) (27 August 1947)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding possible visits, the visit of Ludwig's son, Gordon, and personal matters (3pp) (2 September 1947)
- Letter to Sterling from Gordon Ludwig regarding meeting for lunch (1p) (27 November 1947)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding Sterling being awarded an honorary degree by the University of London and meeting Ludwig's son, Gordon (1p) (1 December 1947)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding financial and health problems (3pp) (17 July 1948)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling offering to help with Ludwig's financial difficulties (1p) (21 July 1948)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the transfer of money (2pp) (23 July 1948)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the transfer of money (1p) (24 July 1948)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding the transfer of money (2pp) (26 July 1948)
- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding the transfer of money (1p) (27 July 1948)
- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the transfer of money (2pp) (28 July 1948)
- Letter from Sterling to E.Korner regarding the possibility of Korner helping in the transfer of money to Ludwig (1p) (29 July 1948)
- Letter from E.Korner to Sterling regarding the

possibility of Korner helping in the transfer of money to Ludwig (1p) (29 July 1948)

- Letter to Ludwig from Sterling regarding the transfer of money (1p) (3 August 1948)

- Letter to Elga Ludwig from Sterling offering condolences at the death of Emil Ludwig (1p) (20 September 1948)

Undated Correspondence

- Letter to Sterling from Ellen Woolf regarding Emil Ludwig (2pp) (undated)

- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding general matters (2pp) (16 May ?)

- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding a trip of Ludwig's and requesting Sterling send Beethoven material to Paul Valery (2pp) (3 November ?)

- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding a holiday and meeting with George Bernard Shaw (2pp) (30 May ?)

- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding the arrest of Arturo Toscanini and requesting Sterling send music to Paul Valery (2pp) (25 October ?)

- Letter to Sterling from Ludwig regarding Sterling's honorary degree, Ludwig's son, Gordon, and general matters (2pp) (5 September ?)

- Pamphlet, 'The German People: Testimony of Emil Ludwig before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives' (26 March 1943)

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LS/7/17 Compton MacKenzie

1937-1939

- Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Compton MacKenzie regarding general matters (1p) (26 October 1937)

- Letter to Sterling from MacKenzie wishing Sterling luck in running Cossors and concerning progress on the third volume of his 'Four Winds of Love' (1p) (22 November 1939)

2 items in envelope

LS/7/18 'Marcia'

1948

Letter to Louis Sterling from 'Marcia' acknowledging Sterling's help during a personal crisis (2pp) (24 March 1948).

1 item in envelope

- LS/7/19 A.G.Mitchell 1949**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from A.G.Mitchell expressing gratitude for use of Sterling's manuscript (Piers Plowman) in the University of London Library (1p) (5 April 1949)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/20 Nattali and Maurice Ltd., booksellers 1933**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from John Harkness of booksellers Nattali and Maurice Ltd. enquiring whether Sterling would be interested in purchasing a first edition of 'Letters of Junius' (1p) (3 March 1933) (Removed from: 'Letters of Junius', Ref: [S.L.] I [Junius - 1770].)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/21 A Edward Newton 1936-1938**
 -Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from A.Edward Newton regarding Sterling's membership of the Trollope Society and the death of King George V (1p) (27 January 1936)
 -Letter to Sterling from Newton regarding a slander he had attended and political conditions in Europe (1p) (1 July 1936)
 -Letter to Sterling from Newton regarding his wife's illness, receiving records from Sterling and his upcoming hospitalisation (2pp) (4 July 1937)
 -Letter to Sterling from Newton regarding the latter's health and the political situation in England and Europe (2pp) (31 December 1938)
 4 items in folder
- LS/7/22 Wilfred Partington 1931-1938**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Wilfred Partington regarding a shipment of two books to Sterling and ms notes found within them (1p) (27 June 1931)
 - Letter to Sterling from Partington regarding the possibility of Sterling purchasing the book 'Letters of the late Edward Bulwer, Lord Lytton, to his wife' and suggesting a price (1p) (22 February 1938) (Removed from: 'Letters of the late Edward Bulwer, Lord Lytton, to his wife' by Louisa Davey, Ref: [SL] I [Lytton – 1884].)
 - Letter to Partington from Walter de la Mare regarding

Partington's comment's on de la Mare's works and Bernard Sleight's 'The Faery Calendar' (1p) (20 June 1922) (N.B: This letter is pasted into the book 'The Faery Calendar' by Bernard Sleight, Ref: [SL] IV [Sleight - 1920].)

3 items in folder

LS/7/23 'Percy' 1946

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from 'Percy' regarding the purchase of Robert Record's 'Castle of Knowledge' (1p) (11 September 1946)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/24 Theodore Francis Powys 1931

- Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Theodore Francis Powys regarding the sale of the latter's manuscript of 'Mark Only' to Sterling (1p) (15 March 1931)
- Letter to Sterling from Theodore Francis Powys concerning the posting of the manuscript of 'Mark Only' (1p) (16 March 1931)
- Letter to Sterling from Theodore Francis Powys regarding the receipt of cheque for payment for the latter's manuscript 'Mark Only' (1p) (18 March 1931)

4 items in envelope

LS/7/25 'John Presland' 1939

Three letters to Sir Louis Sterling from 'John Presland' (Gladys Skelton) requesting permission to visit Sterling residence for social gathering and to view library (10 March – 5 July 1939)

3 items in folder

LS/7/26 William H.Robinson Ltd., booksellers 1933-1974

- Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Philip Robinson of booksellers William H.Robinson Ltd informing Sterling that two Caxton leaves have been reserved for him (1p) (14 July 1933) (Removed from: Holbrook Jackson, 'William Caxton: an essay', Ref: [SL] [Caxton – 1480} fol.)
- Letter to Sterling from Philip Robinson of booksellers William H.Robinson Ltd informing Sterling of the

opportunity to purchase a first edition of 'Omar Khayyam', with discussion of suggested prices and condition, and attached extract from sale brochure (3pp) (17 June 1941) (Removed from: 'Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám, the astronomer-poet of Persia / translated into English verse', Ref: [SL] I [Fitzgerald – 1859].)

- Correspondence between Sterling and booksellers William H. Robinson Ltd regarding the authenticity of suspected handwriting by John Dee in Sterling's copy of 'Epistola de novissima Hispanorum in orientem navigatione', with attached note to the University of London Library from A.G. Watson, Reader of Manuscript Studies at University College London, regarding the subject (3 letters) (January 1946 – August 1974) (Removed from: Transylvanus Maximilianus, 'De Moluccis insulis', Ref: [SL] Safe.)

- Letter to Sterling from Philip Robinson of booksellers William H. Robinson Ltd regarding the dating of Sterling's 1613 Holy Bible (1p) (24 July 1946) (Removed from 'The Holy Bible', Ref: [S.L.] I [Bible - 1613] fol.)

4 items in envelope

LS/7/27 A.Rosenthal Ltd, booksellers

1943

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from booksellers A.Rosenthal Ltd informing Sterling of the provenance of the work 'The form and order of the service that is to be performed and of the ceremonies that are to be observed in the coronation of Their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra', which he had recently purchased from them (2pp) (14 July 1943) (Removed from: 'The form and order of the service that is to be performed and of the ceremonies that are to be observed in the coronation of Their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra', Ref: [S.L.] I [Coronation Office - 1938].)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/28 Cecil Roth

1939

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Cecil Roth regarding an article in the Times Literary Supplement on Sterling's Library and concerning the fate of Charles Dickens letters held within it (3pp) (4 February 1939)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/29 'Saul' (?) 1939

Letter to Sterling from 'Saul' (?) relating events in New York, working at film studios in Hollywood and expressing a desire to restart correspondence with Sterling after a long break (2pp) (22 November 1939)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/30 Charles J Sawyer 1923

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Charles J. Sawyer regarding the book 'Secret Memoirs of Napoleon' by Charles Doris and its forwarding to Sterling (1p) (24 October 1923)

(N.B: This letter is pasted into the book 'Secret Memoirs of Napoleon' by Charles Doris, Ref: [SL] I [Napoleon – Doris].

1 item

LS/7/31 Guy Steffan 1957

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Guy Steffan informing Sterling he is being sent a set of Steffan's four volume work 'Byron's Don Juan' (1p) (25 May 1957) (Removed from: T.G.Steffan, 'Byron's Don Juan', Ref: [SL] I [Byron – Don Juan – 1957].)

1 item in envelope

LS/7/32 A J A Symons 1936

-Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from A.J.A.Symons requesting to view Sterling's book collection (2pp) (30 June 1936)

-Letter to Sterling from A.J.A.Symons thanking for allowing him to visit Sterling's library and offering a copy of his work, 'The Quest for Corvo' (2pp) (11 July 1936)

2 items in folder

- LS/7/33 L.C.Thompson 1939**
 Letter to the editor of the Times Literary Supplement (including typed transcription) from L.C. Thompson requesting information on Sir Louis Sterling and the possibility of visiting his library to consult 'five cantos of Don Juan entirely in Byron's hand', (2pp) (5 February 1939)
 3 items in folder
- LS/7/34 Arturo Toscanini 1938**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Arturo Toscanini informing Sterling of Toscanini's decision to send him a copy of his latest book, 'Toscanini and Great Music' by Lawrence Gilman (1p) (3 June 1938) (Removed from: Lawrence Gilman, 'Toscanini and Great Music', Ref: [S.L.] II. [Gilman, L. - 1938].)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/35 Sir Hugh Walpole 1940**
 - Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Sir Hugh Walpole regarding the possible donation by Sterling of a book or manuscript to a sale at Christie's in aid of the Red Cross (2pp) (17 April 1940)
 - Letter from Sterling to Walpole stating his inability to donate a book of manuscript but offering a donation instead (1p) (2 May 1940)
 - Note to Sterling from Walpole thanking him for his donation (1p) (3 May 1940)
 3 items in envelope
- LS/7/36 Aubrey West 1953**
 Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Aubrey West informing Sterling of West's decision to send him a copy of his latest book, 'Written by Hand', and concerning a previous meeting (1p) (16 December 1953) (Removed from: Aubrey West, 'Written by Hand', Ref: [SL] IV [West].)
 1 item in envelope
- LS/7/37 M.A.Willard 1952**

Letter to Sir Louis Sterling from Mrs M.A.Willard the exchange of 'Le roi s'amuse' from her late husband's library with a copy of 'Livre de la Jungle' (1p) (3 October 1952) (Removed from: Victor Hugo, 'Le roi s'amuse', Ref: [SL] | [Hugo – 1883].)

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