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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: PLA
Title: Adolf Placzek and Ernst Philipp
Papers
Dates: 1934-2004
Level: fonds
Extent and Medium: 8 boxes
Name of Creators:
Philipp, Ernst (1916-1996) mathematician, writer, refugee
Placzek, Adolf K (1913-2000) architectural historian, writer, refugee

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History:

Adolf Placzek was born in Vienna, Austria, 1913; initially studied medicine, and switched to architectural history in 1934; left Austria in 1939, and after a brief stay in Britain, moved to New York in 1940; served for 3 years in the US Army, and attended Columbia University's school of Library Service. After graduation he was appointed to the Avery Architectural Library; appointed Avery Librarian, 1960; appointed Professor at the Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, 1970; after his retirement in 1980 he edited the four volume Macmillan Encyclopedia of Architects. Married (1st, 1948) Jan Struther, author of Mrs Miniver (d 1953) (2nd, 1957) Beverley Robinson.

CONTENT

Scope and Content:

Personal papers Ernst Philipp and typescripts of literary work sent to him by his cousin Adolf Placzek. Philipp's material includes typescripts of his literary works (1966-1994) and two boxes of material (donated later than the rest of the material in 2020), consisting of journals written between 1944 and 1995. The material by Placzek includes typescripts of eight plays and seven short prose works (1968-1994) and typescripts of poems (1940-1982), some of which were written in memory of his first wife Jan Struther (d 1953). There are also some miscellaneous papers including an obituary of Placzek from The Independent (April 2000); correspondence between M C Ives and the Institute of Germanic Studies relating to the Placzek/Philipp papers; and a typescript of article by Ives: 'Cousins in exile: an anthology' (undated).

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English, German

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PLA/box1 Ernst Philipp. Literary works 1966-1982

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PLA/box2 Ernst Philipp. Literary works 1983-1994

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**PLA/box3 Adolf Placzek. Poetry undated
[c1934-1988]**

Existentielle Variationen: zweite Folge, 75 poems,
typescript (1974)

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PLA/box3/1 Adolf Placzek. Poetry 1974

Existentielle Variationen: zweite Folge, 75 poems,
typescript (1974)

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**PLA/box3/2 Adolf Placzek. Poems for Jan Struther undated
[c1970]**

Den Dolch der Trennung.. . , n.d.; Hyde Park, n.d.;
Das Haus, n.d.; Albert Bridge, London, Chelsea,
n.d.; Der Wintertag, n.d.; Vorleiden, n. d.; Das
unheimliche Haus, n.d.; The unhallowed house,
translated by J.Struther, n.d.; Was du mir all ... ,
n.d.; Uber eine Weile . . . , n. d.; Traum, n.d.

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PLA/box3/3 Adolf Placzek. Auswahl aus Anabasis: Oesterreich-Reise 1970

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PLA/box3/4 Adolf Placzek. Spaetere Gedichte: Auswahl aus Anabasis 1968-1988

Zum Gedichtschreiben, 1968; Der sechzigste Geburtstag, 1973; Der Greis aus Versehen, n.d.; Der alternde Raecher, n.d.; Der sterbende Fluechtling, n. d.; Der ehemalige Dichter, n.d.; Buergergang Geistergang durch das Gruene, 1982; Zum 75. Geburtstag, 1988.

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PLA/box3/5 Adolf Placzek. Poetry 1940-1945

Der Mieter, n.d.; Musik, n.d.; Die dunklen Jahre, n. d.; Deutschland, n. d.; Harret aus, Soldaten. .. , n.d.; Das Ende des Krieges, n. d.; Beim Anschau einer Landkarte, n.d.

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PLA/box3/6 Adolf Placzek. Longer poems [some possibly in memory of Jan] undated [c1970]

Herakles, n.d.; Die Boten der Seele, n.d.; Ode an einen kleinen Fluss, n.d.; Die halkyonischen Tage, n.d.; Lob des Herzens, n.d.; Stimme des klassischen Dichters, n. d.; Bruckstueck, n. d.; Ein goldner Tag: das heisst, n.d.; Szene, n.d.; Narkissos, n.d.; Abschied, n.d.; Der Herbst, n.d.; Apolt und Daphne, n.d.; Mondnacht, n. d.; An die laendlichen Goetter, n.d.; Unterwelt, n.d.; Herbstabend, Wien, n.d.; Die Sonnenuhr, n.d.; Reigen griechischer Gestalten n.d.; Ode, n.d.; Das Jahr, nach alten Monatsdarstellungen, n. d.; Rom, Nachts, n.d.; Osterlauten, Rom, n. d.; Das Antlitz, in Venedig, n. d.; Musik zur Anabasis, n.d.

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Du bist spiegelndes wasser nur . . . , n.d.; Struther, J., The dogs of England, based on a poem by F. Hemans, n. d.; An einen Abwesenden, for Franz Philipp, 1948; Augenblick, Cape Cod, Mass., 1951; Vase, 1951; Anon., Gebet am Sonntag in der Stadt, n.d.; Apfelbbam, 1951; Sommer, North Conway, N.H., 1954/55; Erinnerung, 1953; Entlang der Eisenbahn. . . , n.d.; Ich schrie:, n. d.; Sonett am Weiher, n.d.; Nebel, n.d.; Ein Gleichnis, n.d.; Der alternde Dichter, 1954; Das Maass, n. d.; Im Moor, n.d.; Rettung, n. d.; GastJeundschaft, n.d.; Wann Gott ist fort ..., n.d.; Traumwanderung, n.d.; Auf die Ruckseite einer alten Photographie, n. d.; Die kleinen Dinge, n.d.; Schoener schein mir die versinkende . . . ,n.d.; Im Felde lieg ich.. . , n.d.; Die alten Baume, n.d.; Herbst- Verse, n.d.; Verewigung hub ich gedacht . . . , n.d.; Die Lichter, n.d.; Bewohnte Landschaft, New Forest, England, 1948; Das brennende Haus, n.d.; Im Spiegel, n. d.; Konfuzius besucht Lao-Tse, nach Tschuang-tse, n.d.; Three poems from Alt Aussee, n.d.; Der Pilger, n.d.; Sinbad im Alter, n.d.; Ein alter Wiener, n.d.; Der heilige Martin, im Mainzer Dom, n.d.; Gott und Mensch, two poems, n.d.; Der gesueirzte Koenig: Henry der VI. Von England, Tewkesbury, n.d.; Sherlock Holmes im Ruhestand, n.d.; Prospero schliessend, n.d.; Stammgast, n.d.; Sangerknabe, n.d.; Freges Nachwort, n.d.; Capablanca, n.d.; Bist Du nur ein Schweinhund? . . . , 1973; Zeitbild, n.d.; Biene, n.d.; Und muessen wieder fort.. . , n.d.; Koenigsdrama, 1967; Gegen die Nachtgebknken: Morgengedanken, for E. P., 1972; An W.S. William Shakespeare], 1972; Jeanne D 'Arc, n.d.; Die alte Hare, n.d.; Der Sieger, n.d.; (apropos 'Der fatale Refrainâ€™™) , 1974; (apropos 'W ien 1972â€™™): Rueckkehr 1972, 1974; St. Franziskus zu St. Antonius im Himmel, n.d.; Drei Wetterberichte, Lago Maggiore, 1973; Beamter im Weltall, n.d.; Die Sirenen, 1950; Fuer E. P. zum 19. November 1975,[1975?]; Windigen kuehlen . . . , Bickington, Devon, 1975; Er variiert einen Walzer, nd.; Sisyphos, [1934?]; Wieteres-zur Geschichte der Weit,1966; Schnee,1983; Papier, 1983; Zinnien, 1983; Pferde, 1982; Schneeflocken, 1982; Eichen, 1982; Pappeln, n.d .; Rabenschwarm, Montreal, 1982; Schoenschrift, n.d.; Eichoernchen, 1982; Keats, J., To Autumn = An dem Herbst, translated

by Placzek?, 1982; Tennyson, A., Break, break, break... , translated by Placzek?, 1982; Shakespeare, W., XXX Sonett,; translated by Placzek?, n.d.; Shakespeare, W., CIV Sonett, n.d.; Hase, 1982; Der heilige Geist, 1982; Fisch, 1982; Bruckstuecke, 1982; Kuckuck, 1982; 6. Sisyphos (IV), 1983; Der Philosoph, 1975; Erschaffung des Morgens, n.d.; Ballade von den aussterbenden Berufen, 1947; Schmetterlingsecho, 1982; Voegel, 1982; Einundzwanzigster August, 1982; Vor der Abreise, 1982; Abend, 1982; Raupenaugenblick, 1982; Chronist des Unsichtbaren, 1982; Schlechtes Gedicht, 1982; Unterschmiede, 1982; Altsein, 1982; Gegenstand: Weinglas, 1982; Nacht, 1982; Morgendaemmerung, 1982; Maus, 1982; Streichholz, 1982; Weltschoepfung, 1982; Buchenblatt, 1982; Am Buch, 1982; Dichtpunkt, 1982; Zahlenreihen, 1982; Morgenreimerei, 1982; Chiffre des Nachmittags, Falls Village, Conn., 1982; Dunkel/Licht, 1982; Das Ding, 1982; Muecke, 1982; Sandkorn, 1982; Nichts, 1982; Tod, 1982; Birke, 1982; Gedichtgedicht, 1982; Der stillstehende Pfeil, 1982; Francesca von Rimini: Inferno, V., 70, photostat, n.d.; Paradiso XXV; n. d.. Includes translations of poems into German from English originals (1973 onwards).

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PLA/box3/8 Ernst Philipp's translations of Placzek's poems into German from non-English originals undated

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PLA/box4 Adolf Placzek. Prose and playscripts 1968-1994

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PLA/box4/1 Adolf Placzek. Prose: Labyrinth, typescript, 67pp. 1982

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PLA/box4/10	Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Rechenstunde, typescript, 27pp.	1980-1981
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PLA/box4/2	Adolf Placzek. Prose: Gedächtnis, typescript, 93pp.	1981
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PLA/box4/3	Adolf Placzek. Prose: Astronom, typescript, 5pp.	undated [c1980]
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PLA/box4/4	Adolf Placzek. Prose: Die Version des Jona, typescript, 18pp.	1979
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PLA/box4/5	Adolf Placzek. Prose: Stumm in Manhattan, typescript, 1 8pp.	1976
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PLA/box4/6	Adolf Placzek. Prose: Dschingis-Kahn, typescript, 5pp.	1976
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PLA/box4/7	Adolf Placzek. Prose: Bemerkungen zum Ende des Hiob, typescript, 38pp.	1968-1969

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**PLA/box4/8 Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Philoktetes, oder Vom 1994
Ausatz, typescript, 60pp.**

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**PLA/box4/9 Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Ein Nachspiel mit 1981
Nachbarn, typescript, 53pp.**

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PLA/box5 Adolf Placzek. Playscripts 1970-1979

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**PLA/box5/1 Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Ein Spanisches 1979
Schattenspiel, typescript, 56pp.**

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**PLA/box5/2 Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Minotauros, 1978
typescript, 73pp.**

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**PLA/box5/3 Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Kurze Geschichte 1973
zum Menschsein, typescript, 190pp.**

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PLA/box5/4	Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Der Krieg um Henry den Fuenften: Spiel in vier Akten, typescript, 135pp.	1970
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PLA/box5/5	Adolf Placzek. Playscript: Die Flucht: Spiel in vier Akten, typescript, 124pp.	undated [1970]
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PLA/box6	Miscellaneous	undated [c1938-c2004]
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PLA/box6/1	Ernst Philipp and Adolf Placzek - biographical	2000-2004
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PLA/box6/2	Typescript possibly by Ernst Philipp, Zerstreute Bemerkungen, mitgeteilt vom lieben Gott, bearbeitet und eingedeutscht von Theophilus Dolichtotes, Professor der Semasiologischen Pedantik Adolf Placzek's obituary, The Independent (5.4.2000); Letters containing biographical information on Placzek and Philipp; Ives, M.C., Cousins in exile: an anthology, typescript (undated)	undated [c1938]
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PLA/box6/3	Handwritten notes by Ernst Philipp	undated
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PLA/box7 Ernst Philipp journals	1944-1975
Journal 2 (1945-1946?) missing when catalogued (November 2022)	
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PLA/box8 Ernst Philipp journals 1975-1995

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