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Letters, 1963, 1990-2005, of Muriel Spark, née Camberg (1918-2006) to Frances Cowell, née Niven. Frances Cowell attended James Gillespie's Girls' School with Muriel Spark, and they remained friends until the death of Frances Cowell in 2005.

As well as letters from Muriel Spark to Frances Cowell, this collection also contains pages from a notebook, 1932, containing poems of Muriel Spark, and a manuscript, circa 1941, of a poem written when she was living in Africa.

For a gift sent by Frances Cowell to Muriel Spark, see Acc.11870/4. For letters of Frances Cowell to Muriel Spark, see Acc.11344 and Acc.11621.

Bought, 2007.

1. Pages from a notebook, entitled 'The Ides of March', and dated 15 March 1932. The pages are dedicated 'To Frances' and signed 'Muriel Camberg'. They contain a number of poems including 'If I Build You a Ship', 'Wrinkled Trees', 'Old Winds', 'Pan's Pipes', 'The Gallop', 'The Dream' and 'The Destruction of IB'.
2. Letter, 5 June 1963, of Muriel Spark to Frances Cowell, enclosing a manuscript, circa 1941, of the poem 'The Idiot'.
3. Letters, 1990-2005, of Muriel Spark to Frances Cowell:
 - 27 October 1990.
 - 15 November 1990.
 - 23 December 1990.
 - Postcard, 4 March 1991.
 - 11 April 1991.
 - 1 June 1991.
 - 12 October 1991, enclosing a photograph of Muriel Spark on the island of Sylt.
 - 30 December 1991.
 - 5 April 1992.
 - 25 October 1992, enclosing a copy of a letter, 1992, of Eileen M. Bliesener, née Greenburg.
 - 2 postcards, 3 August 1992.
 - 20 January 1993.

4 February 1993.

[21] March 1993.

27 June 1993.

Postcard, 16 July 1993.

4 November 1993.

8 March 1994.

17 July 1994.

7 February 1995.

9 March 1995.

19 March 1995.

24 April 1995.

3 June 1995.

28 September 1995, enclosing a photograph of Frances Cowell and Muriel Spark in Edinburgh.

18 November 1995.

2 postcards, 16 December 1995.

Postcard, 22 January 1996.

14 April 1996.

Press cutting, 1996, concerning the death of John Brash.

28 April 1996.

19 July 1996.

Card, 19 October 1996.

9 April 1997, enclosing a photocopy of an article from the *New Scientist*.

Postcard, 6 July 1997.

5 October 1997.

Christmas card, December 1997.

2 February 1998.

18 February 1998.

25 April 1998.

Card, 25 July 1998, enclosing a photograph of Penelope Jardine and Muriel Spark in Fife.

Card, 9 December 1998.

24 December 1998.

4 April 1999.

25 August 1999.

9 November 1999, enclosing a photocopy of an article, 'The Furniture Philosopher' from *The New Yorker*.

2 December 1999.

Postcard, [24 April] 2000.

9 December 2000.

12 January 2001.

29 June 2001.

14 August 2001.

4 February 2002.

24 June 2002.

17 August 2002.

4 February 2003.

3 June 2003.

6 July 2003.

31 August 2003.

Postcard, 2 October 2003.

Postcard, 11 December 2003.

3 February 2004.

10 July 2004.

10 November 2004.

12 December 2004.

Postcard, December 2004.

Print of digital photograph of Muriel Spark in Tuscany, December 2004.

6 February 2005.

4. Letters, 1992-2004 and undated, of Penelope Jardine to Frances Cowell:

Postcard, 29 July 1992.

Postcard, 18 August 1995.

3 April 1996.

14 August 2002.

Postcard, 19 June 2003.

Postcard, 12 July 2004.

Undated Christmas card.

5. Letters, 2005, of Muriel Spark to Jacqueline Milligan and Alison Ainslie, daughters of Frances Cowell.

6-8. School photographs, 1920s-1930s.

6. School class photograph, late 1920s.

7. Photograph of the Junior Class at James Gillespie's Girls' School, 1930.

This photograph was reproduced in Muriel Spark, *Curriculum Vitae* (London: Constable, 1992), in the plates between pages 92 and 93.

8. Photograph of a class at James Gillespie's Girls' School, 1930s.