

THEODORE POWYS – MANUSCRIPTS [FEATHER GIFT]

[Feather Gift]

Since the T.F. manuscripts collected by Francis Feather and E.E. Bissell are equally important, they have been given separate folders.

Feather and Bissell were competitive collectors and in some cases they acquired manuscripts of the same stories. Feather often acquired the initial version, written by T.F.P. in a cheap exercise book. TFP would then copy it out in fair long hand before sending it to his publisher to be typed. Bissell more often (but not always) had this second hand as well as the typescript.

Note: M.K. has collated the two manuscript collections to make a fairly comprehensive inventory. Here, “not in Biss man” indicates that Bissell does not have a manuscript by that name although he may have a typescript or a manuscript with a different name.

The Feather manuscripts were brought back from Zimbabwe where FF was living in 1992. The curator, M. Krissdottir, brought back a number of manuscripts and Stephen Powys Marks brought over a second batch. All are now house in 2 archival boxes and various clams as listed.

A VALUABLE COLLECTION.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STORED IN BOX 1, Clam1

Novels:

When Thou Wast Naked

Manuscript in blue coloured exercise book. 102 pp. signed by T.F.
From the library of Lloyd Emerson Siberell. Letter to Siberell from Robert Gibbings, The Golden Cockerel Press, dated 23 June, 1933 - suggesting that this is 'the original from which our copy was typed'. Slip-covered. ***in Biss

When Thou Wast Naked

Early draft with many inserts, corrections and deletions.

The Two Thieves

Manuscript in blue coloured exercise book with red spine. Title, Name and address on front in T.F.'s writing. Also c/o Miss Dora Charles, St Aubins, Kingsgate on Sea, Broadstairs. 105 pp. Slip-covered. **not in Biss man

Black Bryony (blue binding, 12 exercise books) ***not in Biss man. Plus loose Chapter XLIII and letter to editor from TFP re. changes. In slip case.

Black Bryony (yellow binding, 25 exercise books) ***not in Biss man. Also loose p.7. In slip case.

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Short Stories:

The Odd Convert *not in Biss man

A Papered Parlour *not in Biss man

The Pot and Mrs Cupper *in Biss

A Queer Fish *in Biss

My Money *not in Biss man

The Shut Door *not in Biss man

The Stole and the Hourglass *not in Biss man

Rosie Plum *not in Biss man

People Want their Groceries *not in Biss man

Squire Pooley (Qto) *not in Biss man

The Noah's Ark *not in Biss man

The Scapegoat *in Biss

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The FOLLOWING ARE STORED IN BOX I CLAM 2

Novels:

The Only Penitent

Manuscript in blue coloured exercise book with red coloured spine. With a separate page with a variety of possible titles and a list of characters. 80 pp. Signed by Theodore on last page. Slip covered. ***not in Biss man.

The Only Penitent

Early draft? Many inserts, corrections, deletions (38 pp)

The Sixpenny Strumpet

Manuscript in blue coloured exercise book as above. With name, address on front. 81 pp. in slip-cover. ***Not in Biss man

Short Stories:

A Taunting Proverb *not in Biss man

The Tower *not in Biss man

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The Wedding Party *not in Biss man

They Were My Fields *not in Biss man

The Wanter *in Biss

A Strong Wooer *not in Biss man

The Useless Woman *not in Biss man

A Strong Girl (Qto) *not in Biss man

The Unbidden Guest *not in Biss man

The Wine Fed Tree *in Biss

The Wrong Name *in Biss

Yellow Skin *not in Biss man

THE FOLLOWING ARE STORED IN BOX II CLAM 1

Novels:

God

Manuscript in red exercise book with title, name and address on front in T.F.'s hand. 116 pp. Slip-covered. **in Biss

Short Stories

Emily Vine *not in Biss man

His Best Coat *in Biss

The Frock and the Butterfly *in Biss

Heal Thyself *not in Biss man

The Devil and the Good Deed *not in Biss man

Gold *not in Biss man

Godfather Dottery *not in Biss man - but 'The Godfather'

A Gift for the King *not in Biss man

A Dumb Animal *not in Biss man

The Homeless Road *not in Biss man

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Miscellaneous

6 Original Letters to Theodore from Sylvia Townsend Warner from 1927 to 1932.
One undated. In plastic pocket.

1 letter to F C Joiner (William Jackson Ltd), Nov 1st 1936

2 holograph letters to Percy Muir

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Novels:

Mockery Gap with preface by JCP (holograph of 2 leaves in separate sleeves) ***not in Biss man.

Mr Weston's Good Wine - 2 volumes bound in red leather by FF **in Biss.

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Novels:

Unclay ***not in Biss man

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Novels:

The Better Gift

Manuscript in exercise book. 59 pp. On front is 'T.F. Powys, East Chaldon, Dorchester, Dorset' in his writing; on back is c/o Miss Dora Charles, St Aubins, Kingsgate On Sea, Broadstairs, Kent. Slip-covered. **in Biss

Short Stories:

Ask and Ye Shall Have *not in Biss man

The Bells the Thing *not in Biss man

The Coward *not in Biss man

Charlotte Bennett *in Biss

The Corpse and the Flea *in Biss

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The Bucket and the Rope *in Biss

The Beautiful Sea *not in Biss man

The Atheist *not in Biss man

Cousin Charlotte (foolscap) *in Biss

Aunt Julia (Qto) *not in Biss man

Circe Truggin *in Biss

A Christmas Gift *in Biss

A Bottle of Lavender *not in Biss man

Ark Account - foolscap *not in Biss man

The Choice - quarto *not in Biss man

Consummation - quarto *not in Biss man

Dear John Stittle - foolscap *in Biss

The Black Adder - foolscap *in Biss

THE FOLLOWING ARE STORED IN BOX II CLAM 8

Novels:

The House with the Echo

Loose-leaf manuscript of 8 pp Signed by T.F. Also a letter from Theodore to F.R. Joiner, London, dated Nov 1, 1935 in plastic pocket. ***not in Biss man

Short Stories:

Ignorance on Stilts *not in Biss man

Joseph Conrad *not in Biss man

The Keeper's Son *not in Biss man

Like Paradise *not in Biss man

Lie Thee Down, Oddity *in Biss

King Duck *in Biss

John Pardy and the Waves *in Biss

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Mr Pim and the Holy Crumb *in Biss

The Midnight Hour *not in Biss man

Joseph Before Pharoah *in Biss

A Loud Lie *not in Biss man

The Mother of the World (foolscap) *in Biss

The Kingfisher *not in Biss man

Make Thyself Many *in Biss

Mr Dottery's Trousers *not in Biss man

Jane Mollet's Box *not in Biss man

In From Spain *not in Biss man

Jeremy Tickle *in Biss