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Biography
Angelica Garnett (b. 1918), the daughter of the artist Vanessa Bell (Virginia Woolf's sister) and the artist Duncan Grant, believed until the age of 17 that her father was Clive Bell, her mother's husband and the man whose surname she bore. In 1942, she married the writer and publisher David Garnett (1892-1981), the former lover of her biological father, Duncan Grant. They had four daughters before separating. Her memoir *Deceived with Kindness* (London: Chatto and Windus/Hogarth Press, 1984), often highly critical of her mother and of Grant, won the 1985 J. R. Ackerley Prize for Autobiography.

Scope and Content Note
This collection consists of 93 letters (55 t.l.s., 28 a.l.s., 10 a.n.s.) from Angelica Garnett to Richard Lipsett and one letter from Lipsett to “Milbs and Mollie.” The letters date from May 15, 1978 to Dec. 28, 2009. Subjects discussed include Virginia Woolf; Vanessa Bell; the Berg Collection letters written by Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell to each other; Charleston, the East Sussex country home of Vanessa Bell, her husband, Clive Bell, and her lover, Duncan Grant, which became a meeting place for the Bloomsbury Group; Duncan Grant; art historian Quentin Bell (Garnett's half-brother); biographers of Bloomsbury Group members and scholars of their works; and Angelica Garnett's personal life.
Correspondence

Folder 1 (3 a.l.s., 6 t.l.s., 1 photocopy)

1. May 15, 1978 (photocopy) 3 leaves + train ticket + library card
   From Richard Lipsett to Milbs and Mollie. Describes his visit to AG at Charleston.

2. May 29, 1978 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

3. July 23, 1978 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

4. Sept. 4, 1978 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Reaction to Jean O. Love’s “Virginia Woolf.”

5. Dec. 21, 1978 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Discusses letters in Berg Collection between Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf. Problems of what to do with Charleston.

6. March 6, 1979 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf

7. April 14, 1979 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

8. June 7, 1979 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   RL’s donation to save Charleston

9. Sept. 9, 1979 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

10. Nov. 16, 1979 (a.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
    AG has changed her biography of Vanessa Bell into a memoir.

Folder 2 (5 a.l.s., 5 t.l.s.)

1. Jan. 22, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope + 2 printed notices
   American launching of Charleston Trust

2. Feb. 17, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

3. March 6, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf

4. Aug. 9, 1980 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Choice of Frances Spalding [for biography].

5. Sept. 25, 1980 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
6. Dec. 12, 1980 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

7. Jan. 6, 1981 (a.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
   AG’s U.S. speaking tour to save Charleston.

8. Feb. 22, 1981 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

9. May 18, 1981 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

10. Nov. 17, 1981 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
    American drama “Virginia.”

Folder 3 (5 a.l.s., 5 t.l.s.)

1. April 5, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf

2. July 28, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

3. Sept. 21, 1982 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf

4. June 7, 1983 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

5. Sept. 20, 1983 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf
   Critique of Spalding’s biography of Vanessa Bell.

6. Dec. 19, 1983 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

7. May 17, 1987 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope + 2 photos

8. Dec. 15, 1984 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Original artwork by AG.

9. April 18, 1985 (a.l.s.) 3 leaves + envelope
   Restoring Charleston.

10. Nov. 2, 1985 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf
    Charleston. Quentin [Bell’s] book [Virginia Woolf biography]

Folder 4 (10 t.l.s.)

1. April 1, 1986 (t.l.s.) 3 leaves + envelope
   Duncan [Grant’s] paintings. Trip to Texas.
2. Aug. 27, 1986 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Jan. 18, 1987 (t.l.s.) + envelope
4. April 26, 1987 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Jan. 3, 1989 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Reading Virginia Woolf novels.
6. Oct. 11, 1989 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
   On writing prefaces to Virginia Woolf novels.
7. Nov. 6, 1989 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
   Family letter writing.
8. May 23, 1990 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
   Maynard [Keynes] and Lydia [Lopokova]. Virginia Woolf.
9. Oct. 5, 1990 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   “The Passionate Apprentice” [by Virginia Woolf].
10. Jan 11, 1992 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

Folder 5 (1 a.l.s., 9 t.l.s.)

1. March 4, 1992 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
2. Aug. 8, 1992 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Nov. 1, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. Dec. 7, 1982 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Feb. 9, 1993 (t.l.s.) 2 leaves + envelope
6. July 24, 1993 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   “Orlando” the film and the book.
7. Dec. 22, 1993 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. Feb. 5, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
9. April 26, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Discussion at the Tate [Museum] of Bloomsbury. Virginia Woolf’s memoirs.

10. July 21, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
    Janet Malcolm’s article in the New Yorker on Charleston.

Folder 6 (3 a.l.s., 7 t.l.s.)

1. Sept. 25, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Critique of Q’s [Quentin Bell’s] book.

2. Dec. 30, 1995 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Prologue to Vanessa Bell’s memoirs.

3. Feb. 19, 1996 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

4. June 30, 1996 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Exhibition of Vanessa Bell’s work. Anais Nin.

5. Sept. 29, 1996 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

6. December 1996 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Death of Quentin Bell.

7. 1997 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf
   New Year’s card with artwork.

8. Jan. 21, 1997 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Death of Quentin Bell.

9. May 21, 1997 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Frances Spalding, Hermione Lee, Henrietta Garnett.

10. Sept. 27, 1997 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
    Ali, new love, from Morocco.

Folder 7 (7 t.l.s., 2 a.l.s., 1 a.n.s.)

1. Oct. 25, 1997 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

2. May 16, 1998 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   AG’s daughters.
3. Aug. 24, 1998 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

4. December 1998 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + attached artwork

5. March 26, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

6. June 2, 1999 (a.n.s.) + envelope
Julia Strachey.

7. June 25, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

8. Oct. 5, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + 7 photos + envelope

9. Nov. 26, 1999 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

10. December 1999 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + attached artwork + envelope

**Folder 8 (6 a.l.s., 1 t.l.s., 3 a.n.s.)**

1. July 17, 2000 (t.l.s.) 1 leaf
   Life with Ali, AG’s descendants.

2. Aug. 4, 2000 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

3. December 2000 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

4. July 4, 2001 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

5. Jan. 4, 2002 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   AG recovery from a stroke.

6. Jan. 30, 2002 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

7. Sept. 10, 2002 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

8. Jan. 25, 2003 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Separation from Ali, *The Hours [Mrs. Dalloway]*.

9. Aug. 9, 2003 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Problems with AG daughters.

10. Dec. 20, 2003 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
Folder 9 (5 a.l.s., 5 a.n.s.)

1. December 2003 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf
2. Jan. 28, 2004 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. March 30, 2004 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
4. April 16, 2004 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
5. Aug. 20, 2004 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
6. [Dec. 2004?] (a.n.s.) 1 leaf
7. Aug. 2, 2005 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
8. Aug. 16, 2005 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
9. Dec. 20, 2005 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
10. Dec. 22, 2006 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope

Folder 10 (2 a.l.s., 2 a.n.s.)

1. 2007 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   AG writing autobiography.
2. Dec. 27, 2008 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
3. Aug. 11, 2009 (a.l.s.) 1 leaf + envelope
   Visit to Charleston.
4. Dec. 28, 2009 (a.n.s.) 1 leaf + envelope