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Papers of Harry Mister relating to the Danilo Dolci Trust:

Interim Collection Description

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# Introduction

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Alison Cullingford, Special Collections Librarian.

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## Title

Papers of Harry Mister relating to the Danilo Dolci Trust.

## Dates

1958-1976.

## Level of description

Collection (fonds).

## Extent

0.05 linear metres (1 file).

## Name of creator

## Harry Mister (1914-2006), peace activist.

## Administrative history

Danilo Dolci (1924-1997), the social activist often known as the "Sicilian Gandhi", visited the village of Trappeto in Sicily in 1952 as a young architect. Shocked by the poverty, corruption and violence he saw, he devoted his life to action to help the Sicilians. Dolci adopted nonviolent Gandhian methods, as seen in the 1956 "upside-down" or "reverse" strike in which workless men repaired a road, resulting in his imprisonment. The Danilo Dolci Trust was established in 1966 to raise funds to support Dolci's work and was registered as a charity the following year. Harry Mister was invited to join the Trustees in October 1966. He brought a range of experience and knowledge, as a peace activist, business manager of Peace News and co-founder and manager of Housman's bookshop. Harry Mister resigned as a Trustee in July 1976 as he felt "the time has come to make a vacancy for someone able to play a more useful role".

## Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Harry Mister to Commonweal between 1976 and 2004.

## Scope and content

Correspondence with activists and organisations, notes, printed ephemera, circulars, press cuttings, issues of journals and magazines.

## Appraisal

Duplicates and irrelevant material have been weeded as seen; further appraisal will be carried out as the Archive is catalogued in more detail.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## System of arrangement

Original order of the file has been retained.

## Access conditions

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## Language of material

Mostly English.

## Physical characteristics

Water damage around edges of documents.

## Related archives

Many of the Commonweal Archives at Bradford are linked to this archive, notably Peace News (Cwl PN) and Eric Baker (Cwl EB). Papers relating to Dolci or the Trust are held at several repositories including Swarthmore College (reference collection DG 105) and the London School of Economics (National Peace Council/11/27).

## Archivist’s note

Described by Alison Cullingford.

## Rules or conventions

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## Date(s) of description

May 2015.

## Indexing

### People

Mister, Harry, 1914-2006, peace activist.

Dolci, Danilo, 1924-1997, social activist.

### Organisations

Danilo Dolci Trust, charitable organisation.

### Subjects

Sicily (Italy) - Social conditions.

Social reformers.

Nonviolence - Sicily (Italy).