



## IDENTITY STATEMENT

<b>Reference</b>	ICS214
<b>Title:</b>	Dinah Stock papers
<b>Dates:</b>	c1933-1993
<b>Level:</b>	fonds
<b>Extent and Medium:</b>	1 box
<b>Name of Creator:</b>	Stock, Amy Geraldine 'Dinah' (1902-1988) academic, campaigner, activist

## CONTEXT

### Biographical/Administrative History:

Amy 'Dinah' Stock graduated with a First in English from Somerville College, Oxford (1921-5). It was at Oxford that Stock became involved in the anti-war movement and began a lasting friendship with Jomo Kenyatta. Her academic career was notable for its peripatetic character. From 1926 she worked as a WEA tutor and then lectured at Bingley College and Goldsmiths College. In 1948 she moved to what was then East Pakistan to become the Chair of English at Dacca University. She was successively Reader of English at the University of the Punjab, Chair of English at the University of Calcutta, and in 1963 she moved to the University of Rajasthan. She was Professor of English at Makerere University College, Uganda from 1965-68. Stock interrupted her retirement in the early 1970s for another spell at the University of Dacca before she retired in September 1974. Among her publications was the book "W. B. Yeats: his poetry and thought".

## CONTENT

### Scope and Content:

Correspondence, especially with and in relation to Jomo Kenyatta; biographical and autobiographical accounts of AGS's life, including draft typescript of 'Taking what comes: a biography of A. G. Stock' by Basil Clarke (1999) and correspondence relating to it; divorce papers; typescripts of articles by AGS, including on the struggle for Indian independence in the 1930s; formal written farewell address from Dacca University, 1974.

## ACCESS AND USE

<b>Language of Scripts:</b>	English
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**Conditions of Access:**

Open for research unless otherwise indication. At least 24 hours advanced notice should be given.

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| <b>ICS214/1/1</b> | <b>Correspondence with Jomo Kenyatta</b>   | <b>1952-1960</b>    |
|                   | Includes letters to Edna Kenyatta, 1952, with Dinah Stock's assessment of Kenyatta's position after his arrest and her impressions of life in the Punjab. Also includes a letter from Fenner Brockway about Kenyatta's plight, 1952 November. Letters from prison from Kenyatta, 1955-1959. Subjects include Kenyatta's interest in studying religions of the world, Kenyatta teaching English to his fellow inmates, Hinduism, his health; refusal of Kenyan government to allow Dinah Stock to visit Kenyatta, 1960. |                     |
|                   | 1 file   |                     |
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| <b>ICS214/1/2</b> | <b>Letter from George Orwell</b>   | <b>1949 July 15</b> |
|                   | Has been very ill for a long time with TB. Has no objection to Animal Farm being translated into Bengali. Would like to hear news of the Empsons.  |                     |
|                   | 1 page   |                     |
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| <b>ICS214/1/3</b> | <b>Dinah Stock's accounts of her life.</b>   | <b>c1971</b>        |
|                   | Typescript drafts. Includes recollections of Dinah Stock's childhood in Oxford, her school.  |                     |
|                   | 1 file   |                     |
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| <b>ICS214/1/4</b> | <b>Appreciations of Dinah Stock</b>  | <b>1983-c1992</b>   |
|                   | Includes reminiscences by Shukha Mitter, R.K Kaul, N. F. Ranga, Jack Gibson. Subjects include Dinah Stock's contribution to the Colonial and Coloured Peoples Front. Also includes resume of Stock's career.   |                     |
|                   | 1 file   |                     |

<b>ICS214/1/5</b>	<b>Writings</b>	<b>c1933-1980, 1992</b>
	Subjects include visit to India, 1937; campaign for Indian independence; Settipalli; India versus Fascism, c1943; Gandhi, the new Labour government's foreign policy, c1945; the National Peace Congress; war resistance; imperialism; Othello; anti-Fascism, 1938; impressions of Kenya, 1962; general education; What they say in England (Education Ministry Society, Nigeria, c1947); Shakespearean Heroism, 1980; poetry including commentary by L.C. Knights, 1992.	
<b>ICS214/1/6</b>	<b>Take what comes</b>	<b>c1992</b>
	Typescript of a biography of Dinah Stock by Basil Clarke.	
	1 file	
<b>ICS214/1/7</b>	<b>Rejection letters from publishers</b>	<b>1989-1993</b>
	Includes letters to and from Felicity Bryan, Oxford University Press, Andre Deutsch Ltd.	
	1 file	
<b>ICS214/1/8</b>	<b>Correspondence, notes</b>	<b>c1980s</b>
	Includes letter granting Dinah Stock a supplementary pension, 1980; descriptions of Dinah Stock's papers and funeral of Dorothy Stock.	
	1 file	
<b>ICS214/1/9</b>	<b>Divorce petition</b>	<b>1944</b>
	Petition by John Ewing David Bradfield to end his marriage to Amy Geraldine (Dinah) Stock.	
	1 file	

<b>ICS214/1/10</b>	<b>Photographs</b>	<b>c1940s- c1980s</b>
	Includes one black and white portrait of Dinah Stock, c1940s. Identity of photographers is unknown.	
	4 photographs	
<b>ICS214/1/11</b>	<b>Pearl</b>	<b>c1958</b>
	Translation by Dinah Stock (published by Pharnibhusan Roy, Calcutta, c1958). Also pamphlet (90 pages) "Pearl" by Stock (published by Das Gupta, Calcutta, undated) about the medieval manuscript on which Stock's translation was based.	
	2 pamphlets	
<b>ICS214/1/12</b>	<b>Obituary of Dinah Stock</b>	<b>1988</b>
	Published in Somerville College, Oxford report and supplement, 1988, pp.94-5.	
	1 pamphlet	
<b>ICS214/1/13</b>	<b>Address of farewell</b>	<b>1974 September</b>
	Fabric scroll with a farewell address from students of the Department of English, University of Dacca, Bangladesh.	
	1 scroll	