Gutteridge, Bernard.

The Ladies of St Leonards : poem
circa 1975

Abstract: British poet Bernard Gutteridge has handwritten the note: "the poem I promised you," above the title of this signed typescript of "The Ladies of St Leonards."
Descriptive Summary

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Biographical Note


Gutteridge's second book of poetry, *Old Damson-Face, Poems 1934 to 1974*, was published in 1975. His poems are also found in the anthologies, *Poems From New Writing, 1936-1946* and *Poetry of War*. In addition to his poetry, Gutteridge also wrote novels, including *The Agency Game* (1954), the setting of which is based on his work in the advertising business.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note

British poet Bernard Gutteridge has handwritten the note: "the poem I promised you," above the title of this signed typescript of "The Ladies of St Leonards."

This copy of "The Ladies of St Leonards" was sent to British poet and artist Haro Hodson, attested to by hand-addressed envelope which accompanies this poem. The typescript poem has a typed notation below the poem: "a limited edition of four copies signed by the author" as well as a handwritten: "no. 2" next to the typed note. This poem and envelope were originally laid in Haro Hodson's and Elizabeth Mavor's (husband and wife) copy of Bernard Gutteridge's Old Damson-Face, Poems 1934 to 1974.

The fourth line of "The Ladies of St Leonards" includes a phrase, "worshipped at Mavor Scribendum," which may refer to Elizabeth Mavor, who was a British novelist and editor. Gutteridge's note "the poem I promised you" may have been intended for both Mavor and Haro Hodson.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Mavor, Elizabeth, 1927-2013.

Hodson, Haro, 1923-

Topical Terms

Poets, English--History--20th century.

Form/Genre Terms

Poems.

Occupation

Poets.

Related Materials in this Repository

This item forms part of MSS 099 Miscellaneous Literary and Historical Manuscripts.

Materials Cataloged Separately

This inscribed typescript of British poet Bernard Gutteridge's (1916-1985) poem "The Ladies of St. Leonards" was originally laid into a copy of his book *Old Damson-Face, Poems 1934 to 1974* owned by British writers Haro Hudson and Elizabeth Mavor.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Typescript signed poem, "The Ladies of St Leonards", circa 1975 [Box 66 F960]