

## **S0475 Konnyu, Leslie, Papers, 1935-1981**

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Leslie (Laszlo) Konnyu was born in Tamasi, Hungary in 1914. He was educated at the elementary and secondary teachers' colleges at Baja and Szeged. After he received his training, he taught in several Hungarian Cities and Towns. When the Russian army entered Hungary, Konnyu and his family fled to Austria. In 1949 he emigrated to the United States and Settled in St. Louis. He attended classes at the University of Missouri, Washington University, and St. Louis University. He earned a degree in music education. Later, he studied cartography, earned his degree and worked as a cartographer for the United States government. He is presently active in many literary and historical societies. He also worked as a book reviewer for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Mr. Konnyu's activities include: president of the St. Louis Poetry Center; Director of Missouri Writers' Guild; member, National Society of Poetry; International Poetry Society; International Academy of Poets's International P.E.N. Club; co-chairmanship of the American Hungarian Art Historical Society; editor of the American Hungarian Review; and founder of the T.S. Eliot Society of St. Louis.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Leslie Konnyu Collection contains information on his activities in the St. Louis Poetry Center, the T.S. Eliot Society, and American Hungarian Societies. Several of Mr. Konnyu's books are included in this collection--*Acacias*, *Against the River*, *Bond of Beauty*, *Idegenben*, and *Collected Poems*. Also included are *Gedichte Von Osterreich* and *J'Accuse Mon Epoque*.

Some copies of the *American Hungarian Review* are contained in this collection, predominantly those which contain Konnyu's works. A few books which Mr. Konnyu collaborated with others may also be found here.

Correspondence, minutes, and newsletters concerning the St. Louis Poetry Center are included. The information on the T.S. Eliot Society concerns the memorial plaque Mr. Konnyu had dedicated to T.S.Eliot. Some copies of the Hungarian Newspaper, *St. Louis Es Videlce*, may be found here. Several flyers and bulletins on various American-Hungarian Activities are also included.

All the information in this collection is sketchy at best. The exception to this rule is several of Mr. Konnyu's poems may be found in the Leslie Konnyu collection.

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1. Correspondence 1977-81
2. Minutes of Board Meetings, 1972-81

3. Newsletters, 1973-81

4. *The Arts*, 1978-80

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5. *The American Hungarian Review*, Apr. 1963 & Oct. 1963

6. *The American Hungarian Review*, Jan. 1964 & July 1967

7. *The American Hungarian Review*, Jan. 1970, Jan. 1971 & July 1971

8. *The American Hungarian Review*, July 1972, Jan 1973 & Dec. 1973

9. " Hungarian Psalm " by E. Osida, Trans. By L. Konnyu.

10. *ACIC, ACD Cartographic Training School* by RH Martens; ed. by L. Konnyu

11. *Gilgamesh* by A. Osze; ed. by L. Konnyu & J. Shirley

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12. *Hungarian Transylvania* by AB Petry

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21. *Idegenben* by L. Konnyu

22. *Collected Poems* by L. Konnyu

23. *Modern Magyar Literture* by L. Konnyu

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