

Solange and Stephen James Joyce Collection: Objects

SSJ- Pen

OBJ/001 Waterman Regus Ideal

A green and black fountain pen with marbled effect across the

body and cap with gold embellishments

Formerly owned by James Joyce. One of two pens enclosed in

a glasses case.

1930 circa 1940 circa

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OBJ/002 Parker Vacumatic

A Parker fountain pen with attached gold Cartier book charm inscribed: 'Finnegans Wake - James Joyce - 1922-1938'. The charm has three coloured bands on the spine in white, orange and green and has an inscription to James Joyce inside the charm. The pen is black with gold bands and gold trim. Formerly owned by James Joyce. The charm was given to Joyce by his son, Giorgio, daughter-in-law, Helen, and grandson, Stephen Joyce on 2 Feb 1939, Joyce's 57th birthday. The charm celebrates the publication of 'Finnegans Wake' and was intended to be attached to a pen. One of two pens enclosed in a glasses case.

1930 circa 1938

SSJ-OBJ/003 Glasses case E.B. Meyrowitz

Buff glasses case with a printed inscription: 'E.B. Meyrowitz'. Formerly owned by James Joyce. E.B. Meyrowitz, established 1875, specialised in glasses for racing and flying. Two fountain pens were enclosed in the glasses case.

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Necklace

A necklace made up of five square ivory cubes linked together by a red-gold chain and attached to a bone plaque with the inscription: 'Love is unhappy when love is away'. Formerly owned by Nora Joyce. Designed and purchased by James Joyce during a return trip to Dublin in 1909 and given to

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Nora on his return to Trieste for their fifth anniversary. The inscription is a line from Joyce's poems, 'Chamber Music', and the letters are in a fourteenth century style. The five cubes represent the years the Joyces have been together and lived away from Ireland, 1904-1909. Joyce refers to the ivory as being 100 years old and describes the necklace in detail in a letter to Nora on 3 Sep 1909 (ed. Ellmann, R. (1966) 'Letters of James Joyce II'. London: Faber & Faber, pp.245-246). Enclosed in a green material pouch with a ring. It would originally have had its own case.

1909-09-03

circa

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circa

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Bookplate

Arms of the Joyce family drawn in red and black. Ex Libris postmortem bookplate created by La Hune bookshop and gallery. Ex libris bookplate of James Joyce in the ownership of Stephen James Joyce, referred to in O'Shea, Michael (1986) 'James Joyce and Heraldry'. New York: State University of New York Press, Albany, p.51. After a sale of Joyce's library of books in 1949 at La Hune bookshop and gallery, Paris, the bookplate was commissioned by gallery director Bernard Gheerbrant from the artist Johnny Friedlaender (1912-1992).

1949 circa 1949

circa

SSJ-OBJ/006

Ring

A silver ring with a brown-red stone.

Formerly owned by James Joyce. Enclosed in a green material pouch with a necklace.

1882 circa 1941 circa

SSJ- Pouch

OBJ/007 Chrysothèque Zolotas

A green material pouch with two poppers from La Chrysothèque Zolotas.

Contained a necklace and ring.



SSJ-OBJ/008

Case, cigarette

A silver cigarette case with a map of France and stones of different colours (red, blue) inset to designate various major cities.

Formerly owned by James Joyce.

1900 circa 1941 circa

SSJ-OBJ/009

Coín

Union Bank of Switzerland Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft Silver commemorative coin with the image of James Joyce, 1882-1982, James Joyce Pub, Zurich. In red presentation case with letters UBS SBG

1982 circa 1982 circa

SSJ-OBJ/010

Coín

Banc Ceannais na hÉireaan Central Bank of Ireland James Joyce 10 Euro silver proof coin. The coin is within a plastic coin box in a blue presentation case, within a cardboard slip case. A leaflet is enclosed.

The coin was produced by the Central Bank of Ireland as part of the 2013 Europa Coin Programme celebrating European Writers. Number 09979 of 10,000. The quotation from 'Ulysses' contains an extra word 'that' in the second sentence in error and the Irish Central Bank acknowledged an issue with its processes. Original purchase price 46 Euros. Coin design by Mary Gregoriy.

2013

2013

SSJ-OBJ/011

Stamp, postage (commemorative)

The Millennium Collection

Special edition sterling silver postage stamp of James Joyce from Hibernia Mint with hallmark. The stamp is in a plastic case within a black presentation case and grey cardboard box. A leaflet is enclosed.

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The silver postage stamp is number 1,941 out of a limited edition of 6,000, recreating stamps from An Post's 'Celebrating the Millennium' series.

2000-05-28

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SSJ-OBJ/012

Stamp, postage (commemorative)

The Millennium Collection

Special edition sterling silver postage stamp of James Joyce from Hibernia Mint with hallmark. The stamp is in a plastic case within a black presentation case and grey cardboard box. A leaflet is enclosed.

The postage stamp is number 1,882 out of a limited edition of 6,000, recreating stamps from An Post's 'Celebrating the Millennium' series.

2000-05-28

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SSJ-OBJ/013

Banknote

Banc Ceannais na hÉireaan Central Bank of Ireland Two Banc Ceannais na hÉireaan Central Bank of Ireland ten pound bank notes, mounted, gold frame and accessible both sides. The notes show an image of James Joyce with Dublin, Dublin Bay and Wicklow in the background. The reverse features an image of a carved head on The Custom House, Dublin by Edward Smyth. The background is a nineteenth century map. The opening line of 'Finnegans Wake' is reproduced with James Joyce's signature. The watermark features Lady Hazel Lavery. Dated 14 Jul 1993. Presented to Stephen James Joyce by Banc Ceannais na hÉireaan Central Bank of Ireland, 17 Sep 1993. Designed by artist Robert Ballagh. Part of the Series C bank notes, the last issued before joining the Euro zone. 1993-07-14

1993-07-14

SSJ-OBJ/014

Death mask

Cast of James Joyce's death mask, lightly worked, bronze Paul Speck, Swiss sculptor, made two plaster death masks of James Joyce on 13 or 14th January 1941, commissioned by Carola Giedion-Welcker. It is possible he made a third without Nora Joyce or Carola Giedion-Welcker's knowledge. Another six

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or seven additional plaster masks were made in the 1950's by the Swiss sculptor Victor Dallo, under the direction of Speck. Three of these are in the Universities of Basle and Lausanne and the Zentralbibliothek in Zurich. Carola Giedion-Welcker later gave one original and one copy of the plaster death masks to Michael Scott of the James Joyce Tower and Museum at Sandycove. Letters in the collection document this exchange in 1955. The other original was given to the Zurich James Joyce Foundation. A third mask was gifted to the Library of Congress, Washington, on 19 Apr 1946, by Edmund Brauchbar. Michael Scott made a cast from which six or seven bronze copies were made in the late 1950s or early 1960s. Michael Scott gave the bronze casts to Joyce's Tower, the Peacock Theatre, Giorgio Joyce, Stephen Joyce, Paul Polansky, Louis le Brocquey, one remaining in Scott's possession (Information from Mr Scott, published in Sotheby's auction catalogue 'English Literature and History, Monday 22nd July 1985 and Tuesday 23rd July 1985'). Michael Scott gave the copy of the plaster mask to film director John Huston. In 2000, this cast was used to make nine numbered bronzes, commissioned by Gekoski Booksellers of London and cast at the Birmingham Bronze Foundry with a plinth. In 2017, one of these was used by Lunt's Castings of Birmingham to produce a further 12 bronzes.

1955 circa 1969

circa

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Ring

One of two identical gold wedding rings. No visible hallmarks. The wedding rings of Solange and Stephen James Joyce. 1958

1958

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1958