

**SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus, Waterford - Special and Unique Collections**  
**Revised edition of the Finding aid Template: 27th August 2024**

**Creator:** Edward Power

**Title:** Edward Power Archive

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> Century

**Volume of collection:** 13 storage cardboard boxes

**Language of materials:** English with Irish references

**Collection summary:** The archive contains Edward Power's personal papers, Notebooks, Journals and magazines.

**Biographical note:** Edward Power 1951-2019, a poet whose work was marked by gentleness, tenderness and love. His life was marked by a number of tragic accidents but sustained by his art and faith. Born on the small farm at Kilcraggan, near Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, in 1951.

His talent for writing showed itself early, when one of his written pieces was published in the English comic, Victor. One of his poems was highly praised by the eminent TV personality Eamon Andrews, (taken from an article by Mark Roper for The Irish Times, 1 November 2019). Many poems were taken by David Marcus for the Irish Press New Irish Writing. Contact with the Carrick-on-Suir poet Michael Coady led to lifelong friendship, and joint trips into the poetry world, in particular to the Listowel Writers' Festival.

On his return to Ireland from London he worked as a journalist. He edited and produced the four issues of the literary magazine Riverine in the late 1980s. Later he ran his own publishing imprint Rectory Press, producing some 14 titles between 2002 and 2005. Their subjects matter included poetry, memoir and history.

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**Arrangement:** The archive was moved from Edward Power's home by Mark Roper and Edward Denniston two colleagues of Edward's therefore the collection was not intellectually arranged.

**Status:** The archive has not been catalogued, on receipt of the archive into the Special collection department it was divided into categories and material types.

**Digitized copies:** Digital copies of collection material are not available online. For information about obtaining digital copies, please contact Kieran Cronin, Special Collections, Heritage & Outreach Librarian, SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus. Email: [kieran.cronin@setu.ie](mailto:kieran.cronin@setu.ie).

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**Custodial history:** Edward Powers archive was stored at his home Kilcraggan, near Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny

**Acquisition note:** The archive was donated to SETU (then WIT) by Edward's sister Ann and her son Oliver, facilitated by Mark Roper. There is no formal Deposit/Donation agreement signed.

**Physical Location of the collection:** SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus, Processing Room LB.44