

# **D. Marion Grant, stained glass artist and designer, papers , 1939-1997**

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## **Introduction and summary description**

**Creator:** D. Marion Grant  
**Reference:** AAD/2000/12  
**Extent:** 61 files

## **Context**

Dorothy Marion Grant (1912 - 1988) was born in Bromley and educated at Kinnaird Park School. She studied art at the Central School of Arts and Crafts from 1931 to 1935, including heraldry and stained glass among her subjects. At the end of her course she became apprenticed to the stained glass designer Francis Spear and also undertook work for Martin Travers, designing drapery for figures. Grant worked from a studio let by the London stained glass manufacturers Lowndes and Drury, which provided a central kiln and a supply of glass.

During the Second World War Grant worked for the Air Ministry designing camouflage for aircraft hangars. In 1940 her design for a window at All Saints Church, Bradbourne, Dorset was exhibited at the Royal Academy. In 1951 she designed the East Window of the Lady Chapel at Exeter Cathedral. As post-war church restorations led to new commissions, Grant was able to obtain her own studio off Portman Square: she continued to use the Lowndes and Drury kiln.

D. Marion Grant was a fellow of the British Society of Master Glass Painters and served on the Society's Council for several years. She retired in 1972 and continued to live in London until her death in 1988.

## **Scope and content**

Cartoons for stained glass commissions (1939 - 1967); publications (1942 - 1997); certificates (1948 - 1950); unidentified artwork (ca.1959); notes on stained glass commissions (1961 - 1972); invoices (1967); photographs (undated); material relating to other stained glass designers (undated); other papers (undated).

## **Provenance**

Gift of the estate of John Grant, 2000.

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## Related Material

### Archive and manuscript sources

See also: Design (1951); Exeter Cathedral Archives.

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## Detailed catalogue

### Cartoons for stained glass commissions, 1939-1967

**Extent:** 35 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2000/12/31	All Saints Church, Bradburne, Derbyshire 1 item	1939
AAD/2000/12/27	Church of St John, Ainsdale, Southport 1 item	Sep 1946
AAD/2000/12/22	Church of St Cuthbert, Billingham, Cleveland 1 item	Dec 1946
AAD/2000/12/4	Church of St Michael, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland 1 item	Dec 1948
AAD/2000/12/25	St Marys Church, Goldington, Bedford 1 item	Jan 1950
AAD/2000/12/10	Church of St George the Martyr, Southwark 1 item	June 1950
AAD/2000/12/23	Church of St John, Seaham Harbour, County Durham 1 item	Mar 1952
AAD/2000/12/2	University of Durham, College of St Hild 1 item	May 1952
AAD/2000/12/9	Church of St Gabriel, Sunderland 1 item	Sep 1952
AAD/2000/12/28	Church of St Cuthbert, Billingham, Co. Durham 1 item	Dec 1952
AAD/2000/12/16	All Saints, Sawley 2 items	July 1954
AAD/2000/12/17	Lunley Chancel, Cheam 1 item	July 1954
AAD/2000/12/34	Glasgow Cathedral 1 item	Aug 1954
AAD/2000/12/26	Church of St Nicholas, Sunderland 1 item	Sep 1954

AAD/2000/12/24	Church of the English Martyrs, Streatham 1 item	Dec 1954
AAD/2000/12/15	Stonyhurst College Chapel, Lancashire [Clerestory mural paintings] 1 item	Jan 1955
AAD/2000/12/14	Stonyhurst College Chapel, Lancashire [Clerestory mural paintings] 1 item	Feb 1955
AAD/2000/12/13	Church of St Andrew, Averton [?] Gifford 1 item	Apr 1955
AAD/2000/12/11	Church of St Peter, Church Knowle, Dorset 1 item	May 1955
AAD/2000/12/29	Church of St Luke, Camberwell 1 item	Aug 1955
AAD/2000/12/33	Church of St John the Baptist, Fort Beaufort, South Africa 2 items	Mar 1956
AAD/2000/12/7	Holy Trinity Church, Clapham 1 item	Nov 1956
AAD/2000/12/21	Church of St Andrew, Bedford 1 item	May 1957
AAD/2000/12/18	Parish Church, Ronaldkirk 1 item	June 1958
AAD/2000/12/5	Church of All Saints, Springfield, Essex 2 items	Dec 1959
AAD/2000/12/19	Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul in Bleadon, Somerset 1 item	May 1961
AAD/2000/12/3	Church of Holy Trinity, North Farnbridge, Chelmsford, Essex 1 item	May 1962
AAD/2000/12/30	Church of Holy Trinity, North Farnbridge, Chelmsford, Essex 1 item	May 1962
AAD/2000/12/35	Church of St Andrew by the wardrobe in the City of London 1 item	1966
AAD/2000/12/32	[Church of St John], Chard 1 item	Jan 1967
AAD/2000/12/1	Church of All Saints, Springfield, Essex 1 item	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/6	Church of St Peter, Church Knowle, Dorset 1 item	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/8	Christ Church, West Croydon 1 item	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/12	Church of St Mary Houghton, Huntingdon 1 item	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/20	Glasgow Cathedral 1 item	[n.d.]

## **Unidentified artwork, [ca.1959]**

**Extent:** 2 files

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2000/12/36	Unidentified cartoon on tracing paper 1 item with Ripon Diocesan stamp	[ca.1959]
AAD/2000/12/40	Unidentified tracings 2 items	[n.d.]

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## **Photographs, [n.d.]**

**Extent:** 10 files

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2000/12/41	Photographs of Grant's work, each labelled and numbered 1 folder	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/42	Photographs of Grant's work, each labelled and numbered 1 folder	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/43	Assorted photographs of Grant's work, arranged alphabetically by name of place A-F 1 box	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/44	Assorted photographs of Grant's work, arranged alphabetically by name of place G-Z 1 box	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/38	Unidentified photograph of cartoon, with tracing paper 1 item	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/49	Photographs with list of windows, compiled and numbered by Grant 1 folder	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/51	Photographs listed and numbered 1-15 1 box	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/59	Portfolio of seven black and white photographs and one colour transparency of church windows, each labelled with the name of the church 1 folder	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/60	Portfolio of seven black and white photographs and one colour transparency of church windows, each labelled with the name of the church 1 folder	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/61	Miscellaneous photographs, transparencies, and photocopies, including six photographs of Grant at work. 178 items	[n.d.]

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## Notes on stained glass commissions, 1961-1972

**Extent:** 4 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2000/12/39	Notes and sketch for Holy Trinity, North Pymbridge, Chelmsford 3 items	1962
AAD/2000/12/37	Notes on designs for St Peter & St Paul, Bleadon, Somerset 1 folder	1961- 1964
AAD/2000/12/48	Notes on the design for the west window in Wollminstone Chapel, Church of St Bartholemew, Crewkerne 1 folder	1972
AAD/2000/12/50	Notes on scheme for stained glass in rough sketch for east window in church of St Andrew by the Wardrobe in the city 2 items	1966

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## Material relating to other stained glass designers, [n.d.]

**Extent:** 3 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2000/12/45	Notes and photographs relating to Martin Travers 1 folder	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/46	Photographs relating to Francis Spear 28 items	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/47	Notes and photographs relating to J.E. Crawford 2 folders	[n.d.]

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## Publications, 1942-1997

**Extent:** 3 files

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2000/12/52	The Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Exeter : a guide to the jewel of the west 1 item	[n.d.]
AAD/2000/12/53	Exeter Cathedral [Guide] 1 item	1997
AAD/2000/12/54	Sutton Baptist Church Memorial Window Unveiled Easter Day 1942 [programme] 1 item	1942

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## Invoices, 1967

**Extent:** 1 file

Reference	Description	Dates
AAD/2000/12/55	2 invoices to Marion Grant from Photo Studios Limited 2 items	Mar 1967

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## **Certificates, 1948-1950**

**Extent:** 2 files

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2000/12/56	Certificate from British Society of Master Glass-Painters 1 item	12 May 1948
AAD/2000/12/57	Certificate from British Society of Master Glass Painters 1 item	4 Jan 1950

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## **Other papers, [n.d.]**

**Extent:** 1 file

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
AAD/2000/12/58	Black card with white lettering, giving Grant's address 1 item	[n.d.]

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