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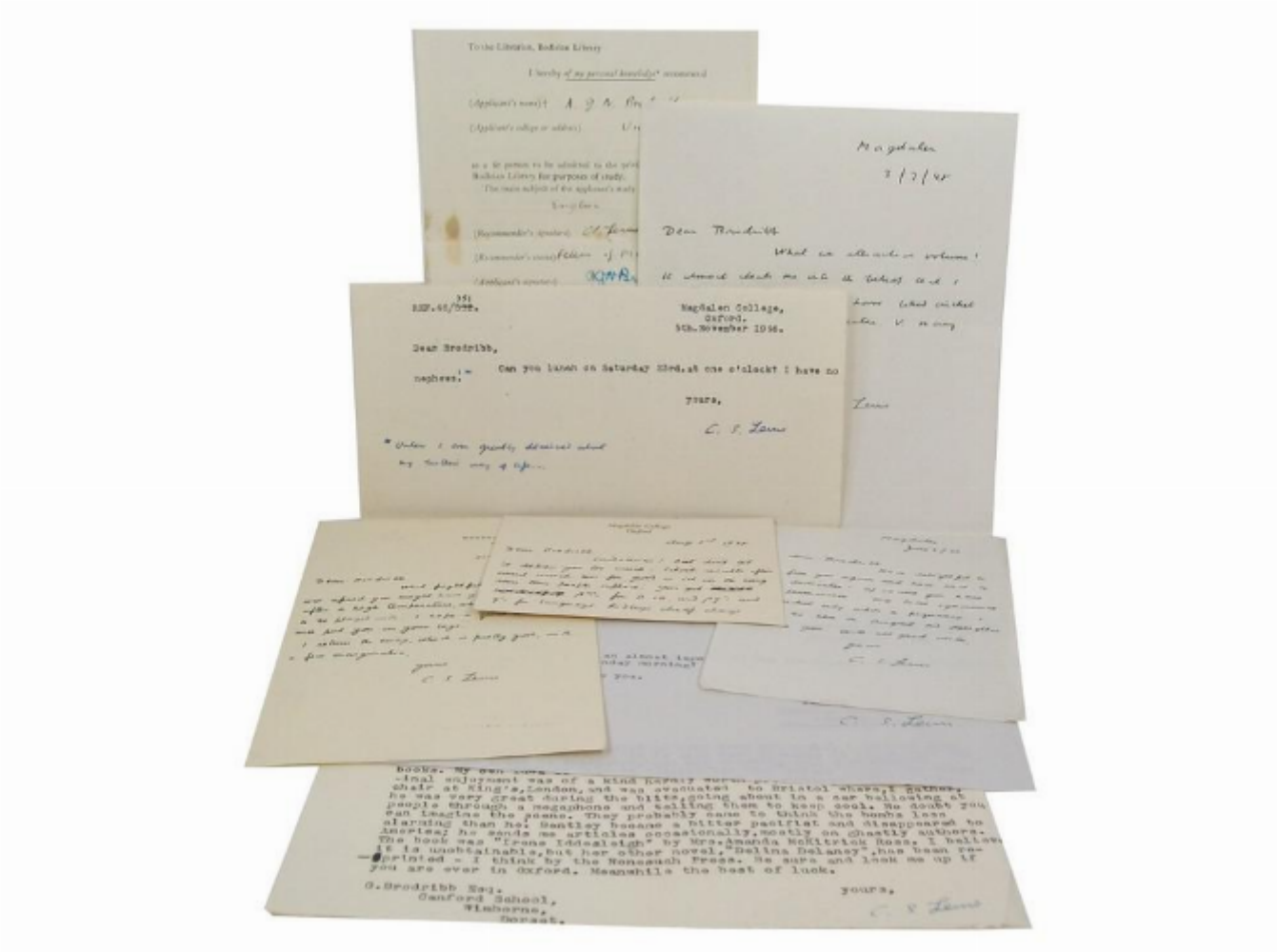

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Description

Seven signed letters (two typed and five autograph) and a signed form, this Lewis archive comes from the collection of Gerald Brodribb. Arthur Gerald Norcutt Brodribb was born at St Leonard's on Sea on May 21, 1915, the son of a doctor, and died in October 1999, aged 84. He was educated at Eastbourne College and University College, Oxford, where he read Classics and English. His tutor was CS Lewis. Gerald was an accomplished sportsman, playing cricket and lawn tennis for his college and was a single figure handicap golfer. He was a member of MCC and played occasionally for the Authors. He was an avid cricket and football coach and was still an active organiser and mentor in his home village of Ewhurst Green right up to his death. His fascination for cricket research and literature started at an early age and he had his first mention in The Cricketer at the age of 13. His first hardback book was an anthology - The English Game - and this was followed by many classics including Hit for Six, Felix on the Bat, The Croucher, Maurice Tate, The Book of Cricket Verse, The Art of Nicholas Felix, Cricket at Hastings, The Lost Art and a number of others. His literary leanings were first inspired by CS Lewis at Oxford and he dedicated his first published book (The English Game) to him. Tutor and student stayed in touch after he left the University and this small cache of correspondence is testimony to that.

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