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	1	Opie Collection Schools Pre 1960	Children's papers and correspondence between the Opies and teachers	Peer Play - Children's responses to the 'school lore' questionnaire written by the Opies; letters from teachers containing information on the games and lore present in their classrooms and playgrounds; children's descriptions of various games, counting out rhymes and playground lore; letters from the Opies to the teachers.		Headington, Oxford - ? Enfield - Suffolk Secondary Modern School, Brick Lane, Enfield, England. Laverstock - St Andrews School, Laverstock, Wiltshire Sale, Manchester - Sale County Grammar School for Boys, Marsden Avenue, Sale, Cheshire Kirkcaldy - Kirkcaldy High School, Dunninger Way, Kirkcaldy, KY1 3LR North Shields - Standard III, Chirton St Joseph's School, North Shields, Northumberland	Headington, Oxford - E.Skwierczynska. Enfield - A.H.Sellick Lowestock - Miss Belfield Sale, Manchester - Mr Urwin Kirkcaldy - Janet Christie North Shields - ?	Headington, Oxford: 405; North Shields: 368; Sale, Manchester: 435; Laverstock - 456, Enfield - 457, Kirkcaldy - 458	1 x envelope Laverstock letters; 1 x envelope Enfield letters; 1 x envelope Oxford letters; 1 x envelope Manchester letters; 7x envelopes Kirkcaldy letters; 1 x a book of rhymes made by children from North Shields	Sale, Manchester envelope: Children's responses to the 'school lore' questionnaire written by the Opies (contains information on counting out rhymes; promise making; how to lay claim to something you've found; nonsense rhymes; jokes; a particular craze at the school; truce making terms; surrendering terms; school chants; derisive chants; nicknames for other children; irritating replies; words for particular subjects at school; special names for different types of food). Children's descriptions of skipping rhymes; ball bouncing rhymes; running around games. Letters from a teacher containing information on the games and lore present in the school; article from 'The Bookseller' (1955); copy of 'The Sallian' school magazine from Sale County Grammar school (1959); newspaper cutting of a map of Manchester. Headington, Oxford envelope: Children's responses to the 'school lore' questionnaire written by the Opies; counting out rhymes; letters from a teacher containing information on the games and lore present in the school. Enfield envelope: Children's descriptions of ball rhymes; counting out rhymes; skipping rhymes; lore (what to say on the first day of the month); running around games; ball games; games with things. Letters from a teacher describing games and lore present in the school; a card from the teacher to the Opies. Laverstock envelope: Letters from the Opies to the school headmistress; a book of skipping rhymes written by the children complete with illustrations; Christmas card from the children to the Opies; letters from a teacher describing games and lore present in the school. Children's descriptions of skipping rhymes; 'playground language' and ball games and rhymes. Kirkcaldy envelope(s): Children's responses to the Opie's school lore questionnaire; children's descriptions of rhymes; ball game rhymes; running around games; a description of a German children's game (written by a German schoolgirl); skipping rhymes; counting out rhymes; singing games A newspaper clipping from the Times Literary Supplement; a school magazine from Kirkcaldy High School (1952); letters from a teacher describing games and lore present in the school; a post card from the teacher to the Opies. North Shields: no envelope, book of rhymes made by the children.
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100	99	Opie Letters	Letters written by the Opies	Personal albums						
101	100	Opie Letters	Letters written by the Opies	Private letters between Peter and Iona						
102	101	Opie Letters	Letters written by the Opies	Osborne - CBHS						
103	102	Opie Letters	Letters written by the Opies	Charles Morris (OUP rep)						
104	103	Opie Letters	Letters written by the Opies	Press cuttings unsorted						
105	104	Opie Letters	Letters written by the Opies	British Association						
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246	Liss playground II, 1974- July 1975; Liss playground III	Opie sheet files			NA	NA	NA	NA	2 X sheet/working files	File 1: 'Liss II. Playground 1974 - July 1975' (no contents page). Includes Iona Opie's notes on the playground. File 2: 'Liss School Playground III 1975 -1977' (no contents page). Includes Iona Opie's notes on the playground.
247	Liss playground II, 1974- July 1975; Liss playground III	Opie sheet files	Even contains crisp wrappers Iona rescued from the bin!	NA	NA	NA	NA	5 X small hard back notepads and 1 x sheet/working file.		
248										Notepad 1 - 5 - Opie address books. File 1: 'Games General A-K' (no contents page). Includes the Opie's notes, children's descriptions and clippings from journals, books and newspapers.