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Guide to the

Howard Griffin collection of papers

1942-1975

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Summary

Creator: Griffin, Howard, 1915-1975

Title: Howard Griffin collection of papers

Date: 1942-1975

Size: 160 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, as well as correspondence dating from 1942 to 1975.

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Creator History

Howard Griffin was an American poet, editor, and interviewer.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, as well as correspondence dating from 1951 to 1964. The manuscripts and typescripts include drafts of his work on W. H. Auden and Frank O'Hara, as well as an Auden poetry exam and Griffin's notes on Auden lectures. The correspondence includes letters to Frances Steloff dating from 1951 to 1964. The bulk of the correspondence is addressed to Griffin from Alan Ansen, W. H. Auden, Elizabeth Bishop, Paul Bowles, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Cecil Day-Lewis, Robert Graves, Christopher Isherwood, Chester Kallman, Rose Macaulay, Marianne Moore, Howard Nemerov, Anais Nin, Frank O'Hara, George Plimpton, Katherine Anne Porter, Stephen Spender, Carl Van Vechten, Sylvia Townsend Warner, and others dating from 1942 to 1975.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Griffin, Howard, 1915-1975
Ansen, Alan
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Bishop, Elizabeth, 1911-1979
Bowles, Paul, 1910-1999
Compton-Burnett, I. (Ivy), 1884-1969
Day Lewis, C. (Cecil), 1904-1972
Graves, Robert, 1895-1985
Isherwood, Christopher, 1904-1986
Kallman, Chester, 1921-1975
Macaulay, Rose, Dame
Moore, Marianne, 1887-1972
Nemerov, Howard
Nin, Anais, 1903-1977
O'Hara, Frank, 1926-1966
Plimpton, George
Porter, Katherine Anne, 1890-1980
Spender, Stephen, 1909-1995
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964
Warner, Sylvia Townsend, 1893-

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

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| Manuscript box | Auden, Wystan Hugh. [Exam] The meaning and technique of poetry. Typescript (mimeographed) handouts and final examination, with Howard Griffin's ms. annotations. A course he taught at the New School for Social Research, New York 1948 (19 p) (19 p) |
| Manuscript box
(Auden) | [Conversation with Wystan Hugh Auden]. Holograph and typescript drafts (incomplete) of dialogues 1949 Nov. 14 - 1950 Mar. 15 (161 p. in 9 folders) (161 p. in 9 folders) |
| Manuscript box
(Auden) | [Conversation with Wystan Hugh Auden] Typescript and typescript (carbon) drafts of 5 dialogues (1 complete), with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (244 p. in 11 folders) (244 p. in 11 folders) |
| Manuscript box
(Auden) | Idiom of W. H. Auden, The. Typescript draft (incomplete) and 2 typescript (carbon, incomplete) drafts of essay with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (3 items) (3 items) |
| Manuscript box
(O'Hara, F.) | [Notes on Frank O'Hara]. Holograph draft c. 1966 (19 p) (19 p) |
| Manuscript box
(Isherwood) | [Portrait of a novelist, A]. Holograph and typescript drafts (incomplete) of article with the author's ms. corrections. A conversation with Christopher Isherwood 1957 Oct. 11 (29 p) (29 p) |
| Manuscript box
(Isherwood) | [Portrait of a novelist, A]. Typescript draft of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (15 p) (15 p)
Signed |
| (Auden) | [Shakespeare's plays and sonnets]. Typescript of notes on lectures by W. H. Auden with his ms. corrections. From lectures given at the New School (New York) in 1946-1947 and later published in The enchafed flood (1950) 1949 Feb. 13 (190 p) (190 p)
Detailed list of contents laid in |
| Manuscript box
(Auden) | W. H. A[uden]. Typescript draft (incomplete) of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p) |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box
(Gotham) | Steloff, 6 ALS to Frances 1951 Apr. 13 - 1964 Jan. 9 (6 items) (6 items)
With ALS by Claire Griffin, Nov. 15, 1954 |
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Incoming Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Ansen, Alan. ANS to Griffin. On card 1953 May 28 (1 item) (1 item)
With: Auden, W. H. 21 ALS, 1 AL (incomplete), etc. to Howard Griffin. Folder 2 |
| Manuscript box | Auden, Wystan Hugh. 21 Als, 1 AL (incomplete), 3 TLS, 1 postcard to Griffin 1946 Oct. 26 - [1969] Dec. 22 (26 items) (26 items)
With a printed birthday invitation for Feb. 21, 1961. Folder 4. Accompanied by: Ansen, Alan. 1 ANS to Griffin, May 28, 1953. On card |
| Manuscript box | Benet, William Rose. 2 ALS, 2 TLS, 2 TL, 2 TNS, 1 TN to Griffin 1947 June 27 - 1950 Jan. 6 (9 items in 2 folders) (9 items in 2 folders) |
| Manuscript box | Betjeman, John. 2 TLS to Griffin 1957 Jan. 30, 1957 Feb. 7 (2 items) (2 items) |
| Manuscript box | Bishop, Elizabeth. 1 TLS to Griffin 1975 Aug. 27 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Bowles, Paul. 1 TLS to Griffin 1973 Aug. 29 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Brinnin, John Malcolm. Postcard to Griffin 1959 May 10 (1 item) (1 item) |

Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Broughton, James. 2 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 TLS (mutilated) to Griffin. One dated Sept. 29 [n.y.]; two undated 1949 Apr. 15 (4 items) (4 items)
Manuscript box	Bynner, Witter. 2 TLS to Griffin 1951 May 25, 1951 Aug. 16 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Manuscript box	Caetani, Marguerite. 3 ALS to Griffin. Dated July 20 [n.y.], June 11 [n.y.], and Sept. 19 [n.y.] (3 items) (3 items)
Manuscript box	Compton-Burnett, Ivy. 1 ALS to Griffin 1961 Nov. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Davidson, Gustav. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to Griffin 1948 Apr. 16 - 1948 Sept. 30 (4 items) (4 items)
Manuscript box	Day, Dorothy. Postcard to Griffin 1950 Jan. 28 (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box	Day-Lewis, Cecil. 1 ALS to Griffin 1962 Aug. 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Farrar, John Chipman. TNS to Griffin 1947 Nov. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Fowlie, Wallace. 5 ALS to Griffin 1954 May 30 - 1957 Dec. 31 (5 items) (5 items)
Manuscript box	Goll, Claire. ALS to Griffin 1953 Jan. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Graves, Robert. ALS to Griffin 1958 May 10 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Holmes, John. 2 TLS to Griffin 1954 Apr. 30, 1954 Dec. 1 (2 items) (2 items)
Manuscript box	Isherwood, Christopher. 2 ALS, 1 TLS, 3 postcards to Griffin [1952] Jan. 6 - [1957] Jan. 26 (6 items in 1 folder) (6 items in 1 folder)
Manuscript box	Isherwood, Christopher. TLS to Griffin Sept. 14 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box (Griffin)	Johnson, Spud. TLS to Griffin 1954 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Kallamn, Chester. ANS to Griffin n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With his: [Poems]. Typescript and typescript (carbon) of four poems.
Manuscript box (Auden)	Kallman, Chester. Telegram to Griffin. Relates to W. H. Auden n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box	Kinross, Patick, Lord. ALS to Griffin 1957 Feb. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box (O'Hara, F.)	Le Seur, Joseph. TLS to Griffin. Relates to Frank O'Hara 1966 Oct. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Lehmann, John. TLS to Griffin 1954 Aug. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Luhan, Mabel Dodge. ALS to Griffin n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Macaulay, Rose. 2 postcard to Griffin [1958] Mar. 26, [1958] Apr. 9 (2 items) (2 items)
Manuscript box	Macdonald, Dwight. ALS, TLS to Griffin. One undated 1948 Nov. 12 (2 items) (2 items)
Manuscript box	Moore, Marianne. 7 ALS, 2 ANS, 1 TLS to Griffin 1950 Jan. 18 - 1956 June 26 (10 items) (10 items)
Manuscript box	Nemerov, Howard. 2 TLS to Griffin 1947 June 27; [n.y.] July 25 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Manuscript box	Nin, Anais. Postcard to Griffin 1951 July 16 (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box	O'Hara, Frank. 2 TLS to Griffin 1957 Jan. 26, 1957 Dec. 5 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) One signed "Clifford"
Manuscript box	O'Hara, Frank. TLS, postcard to Griffin 1955 Oct. 14, 1956 Aug. 28 (2 items) (2 items)
Manuscript box	Partisan Review. TL to Griffin 1950 May 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed William Barrett
Manuscript box	Plimpton, George. TLS to Griffin n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box (Griffin)	Poetry. AL, TL to Griffin 1948 July 30; 194[?] Oct. 23 (2 items) (2 items) AL signed Marion Strobel; TL signed Hayden Carruth

Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Porter, Katherine Anne. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to Griffin 1954 July 15 - 1957 Jan. 28 (4 items) (4 items)
Manuscript box	Rahv, Philip. TNS to Griffin 1953 Aug. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Raine, Kathleen J. ALS to Griffin n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Ransom, John Crowe. 3 ALS to Griffin. One date Aug. 20 [n.y.]; another dated Sept. 6 [n.y.] 1946 Oct. 10 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Manuscript box	Reik, Theodor. ALS to Griffin 1954 Apr. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Spender, Stephen. ALS, 3 TLS, postcard to Griffin 1953 Nov. 4 - 1957 Nov. 28 (5 items) (5 items)
Manuscript box	Speyer, Leonora (von Stosch). 3 ALS to Griffin. One dated Oct. 15 [n.y.], another dated Sunday 24 [n.d.] [1950] July 5 (3 items) (3 items)
Manuscript box	Steegmuller, Francis. ALS to Griffin 1947? Apr. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Stephan, Ruth. ALS to Griffin 1948 Jan. 11 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Van Doren, Mark. 4 ALS, 1 TLS, postcard to Griffin 1942 May 7 - 1955 July 31 (6 items) (6 items)
Manuscript box	Van Vechten, Carl. TLS to Griffin 1950 Feb. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Viereck, Peter. TLS to Griffin Nov. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Warner, Sylvia Townsend. ALS to Griffin 1972 Dec. 7 (2 p) (2 p)
Manuscript box	Weiss, Theodore. 5 ALS, postcard to Griffin 1947 Jan. 9 - 1957 Mar. 13 (6 items) (6 items)
Manuscript box	West, Rebecca [pseud.]. Postcard to Griffin 1947 July 10 (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box	Wheelock, John Hall. TLS to Griffin 1949 Oct. 18 (1 p) (1 p)