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Guide to the

**James Merrill collection of papers**

1965-1994

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## Summary

**Creator:** Merrill, James, 1926-1995

**Title:** James Merrill collection of papers

**Date:** 1965-1994

**Size:** 284 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 typescripts and correspondence.

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### Related Materials:

Consult the Berg Collection staff for additional unprocessed materials of this author including manuscripts and a significant collection of photographs.

## Creator History

James Merrill was an American poet, playwright, novelist, and short-story writer.

## Custodial History

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## **Scope and Content Note**

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts and correspondence. The typescripts include poems with the author's manuscript corrections. The correspondence, dating from 1965 to 1994, includes letters from the author to Bernard de Zogheb, Judith Moffett, Howard Moss, William De Witt Snodgrass, and others. Also present is a letter from 1975, from Christopher Isherwood to Judith Moffett, relating to the author. There are letters to Merrill from Chester Kallman, Peter Salus, Lola Szladits, Judith Moffett, and Marianne Moore, dating from 1954 to 1994.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Merrill, James, 1926-1995

De Zogheb, Bernard

Isherwood, Christopher, 1904-1986

Kallman, Chester, 1921-1975

Moffett, Judith, 1942-

Moore, Marianne, 1887-1972

Moss, Howard, 1922-1987

Salus, Peter H.

Snodgrass, W. D. (William De Witt), 1926-2009

Szladits, Lola L.

## Container List

### Typescripts

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| <p>Manuscript box</p> <p>Manuscript box. In his: 3 ALS, 6 ANS, 4 TLS, 2 postcards to Peter Schneidre, Sept. 3, 1974-Oct. 20, 1982. 3 folders</p> <p>Manuscript box. In his: 44 ALS, 9 ANS, 79 TLS ... to Judith Moffett. Folders 5, 10 and 11</p> | <p>Month. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)</p> <p>Poems (3). Lamp, Terracotta base, U.S., CA, 1925 (2 versions); The green eye; The blue eye. Typescript (photocopy) with his ms. corrections n.d. (1 p. each) (1 p. each)</p> <p>Poems (4). Strato in plaster. Typescript with his ms. corrections; The past. Typescript; The kimono. Typescript; Whitebeard. Typescript n.d. (1 p. each) (1 p. each)</p> |
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### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

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#### Incoming Correspondence

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| <p>Manuscript box</p> <p>Manuscript box (Merrill)</p> <p>Manuscript box</p> <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>Kallman, Chester. 1 TLS to [Merrill] 1969 June 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)<br/>Sent to William Meredith</p> <p>Moffett, Judith. 1 ALS, 1 TLS, 2 TLS (photocopies) to Merrill 1972 July 24 - 1994 June 3 (4 letters) (4 letters)</p> <p>Moore, Marianne. 2 ALS, 1 ANS, 1 TNS, 2 postcards 1954 Oct. 19 - 1967 Nov. 14 (6 letters) (6 letters)</p> <p>Salus, Peter H. 1 TL (carbon) to Merrill. Relates to the Festschrift for W. H. Auden 1971 Nov. 1 (1 p) (1 p)<br/>With Merrill, James. 1 postcard to Peter H. Salus, Nov. 11. 1971</p> |
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Correspondence (cont.)

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Manuscript box      Szladits, Lola. 2 TN (carbons) to Merrill 1986 Oct. 1, 1986 Nov. 10 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

With Merrill, James. 2 ANS to Lola L. Szladits, Sept. 24 and Nov. 4, 1986. 1 piece each

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box      Isherwood, Christopher. ALS to Judith Moffett. Relates to James Merrill  
1975 Jan. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)