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Guide to the

Vincent Sheean collection of papers

1929]-1973 [bulk 1938-1959]

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Summary

Creator: Sheean, Vincent, 1899-1975

Title: Vincent Sheean collection of papers

Date: 1929]-1973 [bulk 1938-1959]

Size: 383 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 manuscripts, correspondence, and legal documents.

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Creator History

Vincent Sheean was an American journalist, novelist, short-story writer, and essayist.

Custodial History

Some of the materials are from the files of Harper & Row, Inc. The letter to Warren Randolph Burgess came with Agatha Brooks Young gift.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts and manuscripts, correspondence, and legal documents. The typescripts and manuscripts include drafts of novels, articles, reviews, and radio addresses. The correspondence, dating from [1929] through 1973, includes letters from the author to Warren Randolph Burgess, Sir Winston Churchill, Norma Millay, Edward Sackville-West, Agatha Brooks Young, and Harper & Bros. publishers. There are also letters relating to the author, dating from 1940 to 1959, between various correspondents including Allan Ross Macdougall, Norma Millay, Harper & Bros., and others. There are letters to Sheean from Sir Winston Churchill, Barnard D. N. Grebanier, Walter S. Minot, and others, dating from 1938 to 1973.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Sheean, Vincent, 1899-1975
Burgess, W. Randolph (Warren Randolph), 1889-
Churchill, Winston, 1874-1965
Grebanier, Bernard D. N., 1903-1977
Macdougall, Allan Ross, 1893-1956
Millay, Norma
Minot, Walter Stephen
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965
Young, Agnes Brooks, 1898-1974
Harper & Brothers
Harper & Row, Publishers

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

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|----------------|--|
| Manuscript box | [Battle of Britain, The] Typescript of article n.d. (15 p) (15 p)
With author's annotation. Published in Reader's Digest(?). Presented to the Berg Coll. in 1961 |
| Oversize (+) | [Between the thunder and the sun] Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (490 p) (490 p)
With 2 successive typewritten drafts of chapters 7 and 8; with typewritten synopsis of the book, 7 p.; Published, New York: Random House, 1943 |
| Oversize (+) | [Bird of the wilderness] Holograph novel with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (289 p) (289 p)
With 2 typewritten copies of the Author's Note and the prefatory poem; with misc. material relating to the composition of the novel, 29 p.; Published, New York: Random House, 1941 |
| Oversize (+) | [Bird of the wilderness] Miscellaneous material relating to the composition of the novel n.d. (29 p) (29 p)
With [Bird of the wilderness] Emended holograph novel, 289 p. |
| Manuscript box | Book review of Agatha Young's The clown of God. Typescript (carbon) n.d. (6 p) (6 p) |
| Manuscript box | Brumaire: the Soviet Union as a fascist state. Typescript (carbon) of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (10 p) (10 p)
Published in The New republic, Nov. 8, 1939 |
| Manuscript box | [Day of battle, A. Introduction] Typescript (carbon) 1938 Feb. 25 (2 p) (2 p)
With author's annotation. Published, New York: Doubleday, Doran, 1938, p. v-viii |
| Manuscript box | Fighting Irish, The. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | [Forza del Destino, La] Holograph article n.d. (8 p) (8 p) |
| Manuscript box | International brigades of England, The. Typescript of article n.d. (22 p) (22 p)
With carbon copy, both with author's annotations |
| Manuscript box | [Ireland] Typewritten draft of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (10 p) (10 p)
With author's annotation. Published in Nation, Aug. 24, 1940, p. 146-148 |
| Manuscript box | [Ireland] Typescript (carbon) n.d. (8 p) (8 p)
Published in Nation, Aug. 24, 1940, p. 146-148 |
| Manuscript box | [Jews in Vienna and life under Fascism] Typewritten draft of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (18 p) (18 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | [Jews in Vienna and life under Fascism] Final typewritten copy (carbon) n.d. (18 p) (18 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | June 11th [1940] Typescript of radio talk n.d. (4 p) (4 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | Last days of a nation, The. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (17 p) (17 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | [Mr. And Mrs. Churchill] Typescript (carbon) of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (12 p) (12 p)
With author's annotation. Published in Ladies home journal, Jan. 1941, p. 17 |

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

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| Cased | [Nehru, the years of power] Typescript with the author's ms. correction. Page 233 misnumbered p. 234 n.d. (250 p) (250 p)
4 p. printed matter with the author's ms. corrections laid in at end. Published, New York: Random House, 1960 |
| Manuscript box | [Not peace but a sword] The thirteen bus, 1940. Typescript of chapter (carbon) n.d. (22 p) (22 p)
With author's annotation. Published, New York: Doubleday, 1939, p. 1-41 |
| Manuscript box | On the public apathy. Typescript (carbon) of article with the author's ms. correction n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
With author's annotation. Published in Look, March 16, 1942 (?) |
| Manuscript box | Opera--sight unseen. Typescript (carbon) of article n.d. (6 p) (6 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | Peace or a breathing spell? Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (11 p) (11 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | Press dispatches (48). Typewritten and one holograph n.d. (48 items in 5 folders) (48 items in 5 folders) |
| Manuscript box | R. A. F. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (14 p) (14 p)
With the author's signed marginal ms. note |
| Manuscript box | Republican party's candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Typescript of radio talk broadcast June 28, 1940 1940 June 28 (2 p) (2 p)
With author's annotation |
| Cased | [This house against this house] Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (394 p) (394 p)
Signed (?); Published, New York: Random House, 1946 |
| Manuscript box | War in the air, The. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (22 p) (22 p)
With author's annotation; with uncorrected carbon copy |
| Manuscript box | [War of propaganda, The] Typescript (carbon) of inserts 1940 May 16 (2 p) (2 p)
With 2 telegrams |
| Manuscript box | War of propaganda, The. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (8 p) (8 p)
With author's annotation; with uncorrected carbon copy |
| Manuscript box | "We shall never surrender." Typescript (carbon) of article n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
With author's annotation. Published, Book of the Month, May 1941 (?) |
| Manuscript box | What America wants to know about the war. Typescript of article n.d. (12 p) (12 p)
With author's annotation |
| Manuscript box | Why we enter the struggle. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (12 p) (12 p)
With author's annotation; with TLS to his secretary and TL (carbon) to Look magazine, and typescript (carbon) of final draft of article, March 25, 1941. 14 p. |
| Manuscript box | Winning of the war, The. Typescript of article with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (8 p) (8 p)
With three uncorrected carbon copies; both with author's annotation |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Burgess, Warren Randolph. TLS to [1954] Feb. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Agatha Brooks Young gift |
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Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer. 5 TL (carbon) to 1938 Oct. 23 - 1940 Feb. 14 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Collins, Alan. TLS (carbon) to [1962] Oct. 6 (3 p) (3 p)
With: Sheean, Vincent. 6 ALS, 13 TLS, 1 postcard to Agatha Brooks Young. June 23 [1959]- March 14 [1969]. Folder 3
- Manuscript box Haas, Robert. TL (carbon) to. Relates to Agatha Brooks Young [1954] Apr. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Harper & bros. 14 ALS, 22 TLS to. Principal correspondent is editor Cass Canfield. Relates to Sheean's book *The Indigo bunting*, on Edna St. Vincent Millay [1950] Dec. 12 - 1954 Oct. 4 (36 letters) (36 letters)
Letter of Jan. 18, 1951 encloses his: TL (carbon) to Norma Millay, Jan. 18, 1951. 1 p. in folder 1; with 42 TL (carbon) replies and 12 related memoranda; From the files of Harper & Row, inc.
- Manuscript box. In his: 14 ALS, 22 TLS to Harper & bros. 1950-1954. Letter of Jan. 18, 1951. Folder 1
Millay, Norma. TL (carbon) to 1951 Jan. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Minot, Walter S. TLS to 1973 Sept. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
With Minot's TL (carbon) to Sheean, May 9, 1973. 1 p.
- Manuscript box Sackville-West, Edward. 24 ALS, 30 TLS, 1 letter card to [1929] June 23 - [1955] Dec. 2 (55 letters in 11 folders) (55 letters in 11 folders)
- Manuscript box Young, Agatha Brooks. 6 ALS, 13 TLS, 1 postcard to [1959] June 23 - [1969] Mar. 14 (20 letters in 4 folders) (20 letters in 4 folders)
Includes 3 AN by Agatha Brooks Young, listed on folders. In Oct. 26 [1962]: Sheean, Vincent. TLS (carbon) to Alan Collins. Oct. 6 [1962] 3 p. in folder 3

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer, Sir. TNS to Sheean 1938 Oct. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer, Sir. TLS to Sheean 1939 Sept. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Sheean, V.) Grebanier, Barnard D. N. ALS to Sheean 1939 Nov. 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Sheean, V.) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc., from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Sheean. Relate to Sheean's article, "Brumaire: the Soviet Union as a fascist state." 1939 - 1941 (8 letters) (8 letters)
- Manuscript box (Sheean, V.) Miscellaneous correspondence: 3 TLS, 1 ALS, sent to Sheean 1940 [?] (4 letters) (4 letters)
With newspaper clipping of French-German armistice, 1940
- Manuscript box Minot, Walter S. TL (carbon) to Sheean 1973 May 9 (1 p) (1 p)
With: Sheean, Vincent. TLS to Minot. Sept. 13, 1973. 1 p.

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Millay, E.) Adams, Esther Root. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to Harper & bros. Relates to Edna St. Vincent Millay. One undated. 1951 letters mention Vincent Sheean's *The indigo bunting* 1951 Oct. 8 - 1956 Nov. 28 (4 letters) (4 letters)
From the files of Harper & Row, inc.
- Manuscript box (Millay, E.) Lehmann, Lotte. TLS to Harper & bros. Relates to Edna St. Vincent Millay and Vincent Sheean's *The indigo bunting* 1951 Oct. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
With TL (carbon) reply. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.

Correspondence (cont.)
 Related Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box
(Sheean) | <p>Letters, ALS, TLS, etc., from various publishers, etc., not listed separately, to Harper & bros., relating to Vincent Sheean's book on Edna St. Vincent Millay, <i>The Indigo bunting</i>. Principal correspondent is Harper's editor Cass Canfield 1950 - 1952 (38 letters) (38 letters)</p> <p>From the files of Harper & Row, inc.</p> |
| Manuscript box
(Millay, E.) | <p>Macdougall, Allan Ross. 16 ALS, 12 TLS, 2 TL (copies), 7 postcards to Harper & bros. Principal correspondent is Harper's editor Cass Canfield. Relates to Macdougall's edition of Edna St. Vincent Millay's letters; some letters mention Vincent Sheean 1951 Jan. 20 - 1954 Nov. 28 (37 letters in 6 folders) (37 letters in 6 folders)</p> <p>Letter of Jan. 20, 1951 encloses his: TL (carbon) to Norma Millay, Jan. 20, 1951. 2 p. in folder 1; March 26 [1952] encloses: Millay, E. TL (copy) draft? To Frank Jewett Mather [n.d.] 4 p. in folder 3; with 37 TL replies and 31 related memoranda. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.</p> |
| Manuscript box | <p>Millay, Norma. 4 ALS, 68 TLS, 3 TL (copies), 9 telegrams to Harper & bros. Written as literary executor for her sister, Edna St. Vincent Millay. Principal correspondent is Harper's editor Cass Canfield. Some relate to Allan Ross Macdougall and V. Sheean 1940 Mar. 22 - 1959 Nov. 13 (84 letters in 17 folders) (84 letters in 17 folders)</p> <p>With 162 TL (carbon) replies and 93 related memoranda. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.</p> |
| Legal Documents | |
| Manuscript box
(Sheean) | <p>Shanghai quarantine service. International certificate of inoculation and vaccination issued to Vincent Sheean 1949 Mar. 28 (1 item) (1 item)</p> |
| Manuscript box
(Sheean) | <p>United States. Department of State. Passport issued at Washington, D. C., Nov. 18, 1948, to James Vincent Sheean 1948 Nov. 18 (1 item (48 p)) (1 item (48 p))</p> |