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Guide to the

John Steinbeck collection of papers

1937-1962

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Summary

Creator: Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968

Title: John Steinbeck collection of papers

Date: 1937-1962

Size: 31 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 a manuscript, a typescript, correspondence, and legal documents.

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Creator History

John Steinbeck was an American novelist, playwright, screenwriter, essayist, and short-story writer.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Arthur Altschul and the American Play Company.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of a manuscript, a typescript, correspondence, and legal documents. The manuscript, in Steinbeck's hand, is the foreword to his novel, "Tortilla Flat," and the typescript is an article about the author by Joseph Henry Jackson. The correspondence consists of letters from the author, dating from [1937] to [1962], to Paul P. Appel, George Pashe, Louis Untermeyer, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1940 to 1943, between various correspondents including Arthur Altschul, Archibald MacLeish, and Harry Thornston Moore. There is a letter to Steinbeck from Louis Untermeyer written in October 1962.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968

Altschul, Arthur G. (Arthur Goodhart), 1920-2002

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Appel, Paul P.

Jackson, Joseph Henry, 1894-1955

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982

Moore, Harry T. (Harry Thornton), 1908-1981

Pashe, George

Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977

American Play Company

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Steinbeck

- Cased [Tortilla flat. Foreword] Holograph 1937 (5 p) (5 p)
Signed. First published in the Modern Library edition, 1937. Altschul; Berg

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Steinbeck

- Manuscript box (Gotham) In: Gotham book mart, New York. We moderns. Folder 33
Jackson, Joseph Henry. [John Steinbeck] Typescript of contribution to We moderns n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Enclosed in his TL to Frances Steloff [n.d.] 1 p.; Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Appel, Paul P. TLS to 1938 Mar. 14 (1 p) (1 p)
Altschul; Berg
- Manuscript box Birkhead, L[?]. M[?]. TLS to 1940 May 7 (1 p) (1 p)
With letter from L. M. Birkhead to Arthur Altschul, whose Overlook Press published John Steinbeck's letter to L. M. Birkhead
- Manuscript box Falsom, [?]. Copy of letter to [1937] Oct. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
Altschul; Berg
- Manuscript box Muni, [?]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With 4 broadsides on migrant farmers and agricultural workers, numbered Education bulletin 1, 2, 4, 5, with holograph explanatory text to accompany them, Feb. 25, 1937. 1 p.; Altschul, Berg;
- Manuscript box Pashe, George. ALS to [1938] Sept. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Untermeyer, Louis. ALS to 1962 Oct. (1 p) (1 p)
Also: TL (carbon) from L. Untermeyer to John Steinbeck, Sept. 18, 1962. 1 p.

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Untermeyer, Louis. TL (carbon) to Steinbeck. Untermeyer acts as editor of a Crowell-Collier series 1962 Sept. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
With: Steinbeck, John. ALS to Louis Untermeyer. [Oct. 1962] 1 p.

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Steinbeck) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Arthur Altschul. Relate to the John Steinbeck letter to L. M. Birkhead 1940 - 1943 (18 letters in 4 folders) (18 letters in 4 folders)
- Manuscript box MacLeish, Archibald. TLS to Arthur G. Altschul. Relates to the John Steinbeck letter to L. M. Birkhead 1940 Sept. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Steinbeck) Moore, Harry Thornton. ALS to Arthur Altschul. Relates to John Steinbeck 1940 Sept. 25 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Legal Documents

- Manuscript box (Steinbeck) Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning John Steinbeck n.d. (2 folders) (2 folders)
From the files of the American Play Co.