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## Summary

<b>Main entry:</b>	Austen, Roger
<b>Title:</b>	Roger Austen Papers, 1977-1984
<b>Size:</b>	.8 lin. ft. linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Source:</b>	Gift of John W. Crowley, 1997; 2002
<b>Abstract:</b>	Correspondence and writings of gay literary historian Roger Austen, author of <i>Playing the Game: The Homosexual Novel in America</i> (1977), and <i>Genteel Pagan: The Double Life of Charles Warren Stoddard</i> (ed. by John W. Crowley, 1991).
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## Biographical note

Roger Austen (1935-1984) was a literary historian whose work focused on gay writers. He was the author of *Playing the Game: the Homosexual Novel in America* (1977), and *Genteel Pagan: The Double Life of Charles Warren Stoddard*, which was unpublished at the time of his suicide. The Stoddard manuscript was later edited by Austen's friend and mentor, Syracuse University professor John W. Crowley, and published by the University of Massachusetts Press in 1991. Additional biographical information and an account of Austen's friendship with Crowley can be found in Crowley's lengthy preface to *Genteel Pagan*.

## Scope and content note

The Roger Austen Papers contain his correspondence with John W. Crowley, Carl Stroven, and Thomas Brumbaugh, 1977-1984, unpublished essays on D.H. Lawrence and Jack London, a short story, and manuscripts of *Genteel Pagan: The Double Life of Charles Warren Stoddard*, and "Boomerang," a study of the homosexual scandal at the Newport Naval Training Station in 1919. Much of the correspondence concerns Austen's research on Stoddard and his difficulties getting his work published.

## Arrangement note

The Roger Austen Papers are organized in the following series:

- I. Correspondence
- II. Writings

## Container list

### I. Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	Austen-Crowley correspondence, 1977-1981
	2	Austen-Crowley correspondence, 1982-1984
	3	Austen-Stroven correspondence, 1977-1982
	3	Austen letters to Thomas Brumbaugh, 1978

### II. Writings

1	4-7	Boomerang
2	1	The 'Double Lives' of London and Lawrence
	2	Masochism, Homosexuality and Revenge in D.H. Lawrence, 1983
	3	The Truth at Last: Parallels between Magnus and his Memoirs and Lawrence and his Introduction
	4	Unpublished story
	5	Genteel Pagan (proof pages)
	6-8	Genteel Pagan (typescript with holograph corrections)