Summary

Creator: Moore, Marianne, 1887-1972

Title: Marianne Moore collection of papers

Date: 1887-1975 [bulk 1921-1969]

Size: 1,209 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources, including May Sarton, Laurence Scott, Loren MacIver, Monroe Wheeler, Howard Moss, J. S. Watson, Randall Jarrell, the Dial Press, Gotham Book Mart, and Harper & Row Publishers.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, a notebook from 1923, financial documents, pictorial works, and portraits of the author.

Access: Restricted access.

Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.


Creator History
Marianne Moore was an American poet, playwright, literary critic, essayist, translator, and childrens’ book author.
Custodial History
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Scope and Content Note
This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, a notebook from 1923, financial documents, pictorial works, and portraits of the author. The manuscripts and typescripts include holograph and typescript poems, drafts of poems, and an essay. Also present are essays, poems, and fiction in typescript and manuscript by W. H. Auden, Kenneth Burke, Muriel Rukeyser, Glenway Wescott and others relating to the author. The collection includes correspondence by the author, from 1921 to 1971, to Kenneth Burke, Babette Deutsch, John Edmunds, Jean Garrigue, Howard Griffin, Randall Jarrell, Elizabeth Mayer, James Merrill, Howard Moss, May Sarton, Laurence Scott, Frances Steloff, James Sibley Watson, Jr., Glenway Westcott, Monroe Wheeler, and others. There are letters relating to the author, dating from 1945 to 1970, between various correspondents including Randall Jarrell, Frances Steloff, and others, as well as letters to the author from Herbert Mitgang. There are letters to Moore from W. H. Auden, Charles Baldwin, Gladys Edgerton, Robert Lowell, Herbert Mitgang, Howard Moss, David Posner, Louis Untermeyer, Monroe Wheeler, and others, dating from 1926 to 1975.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence
Notebooks

Names
Moore, Marianne, 1887-1972
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Burke, Kenneth, 1897-1993
Deutsch, Babette, 1895-1982
Edmunds, John, 1913-1986
Garrigue, Jean, 1912-1972
Griffin, Howard, 1915-1975
Jarrell, Randall, 1914-1965
MacIver, Loren, 1909-1998
Mayer, Elizabeth
Merrill, James, 1926-1995
Mitgang, Herbert
Moss, Howard, 1922-1987
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980
Sarton, May, 1912-1995
Scott, Laurence
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Watson, James S. (James Sibley), 1894-
Wescott, Glenway, 1901-1987
Wheeler, Monroe, 1899-1988
Dial Press
Gotham Book Mart
Harper & Row, Publishers
Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Moore

Manuscript box
Arctic ox (or goat), The. Typescript (carbon) of poem with the author's ms.
Comments 1958 July 30 (2 p) (2 p)
Came with the Dial archive

Manuscript box
Before the shelves at Hudson Park. Holograph poem written in honor of
Anne Carroll Moore of the New York Public Library n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed

Manuscript box
By disposition of angels. Typescript of poem 1947 Oct. (1 p) (1 p)
With typed transcript. Came with her letters to Monroe Wheeler

Manuscript box
Face, A. Holograph poem 1947 Oct. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed with initials. Inscribed: "With gratitude to you Miss [May] Sarton, Dec. 1947."

Manuscript box
It is late, I can wait. Typescript of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with her correspondence with May Sarton

Manuscript box
O to be a dragon. Holograph draft of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with her letters to Loren MacIver

Manuscript box (Gotham)
Reviews of Anne Bodart's The blue dog and other fables for the French
and Bawdy songs and backroom ballads edited by Oscar Brand.
Holograph drafts of two reviews, untitled. One review written on verso of
receipt from The Macmillan co., New York n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Came with the Gotham book mart archive

Manuscript box
W. H. Auden. Typescript draft of essay with the author's ms. Corrections
1953 Mar. 10 (12 p) (12 p)

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Moore

Manuscript box
Auden, W. H. Beauty is everlasting. Holograph draft of review. Review of
Nevertheless by Marianne Moore. n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
Signed

Manuscript box
Auden, W. H. For distinguished service to the arts: Lincoln Kirstein.
Typescript citation. Typed by Marianne Moore 1958 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed by Marianne Moore, dated Feb. 15, 1958

In his: Holograph notebook 1965-
[1973], p. 46-51

Manuscript box

Manuscript box
Auden, W. H. Mosaic for Marianne Moore. Holograph draft of poem n.d. (1 p)
(1 p)
With his: 35 ALS, etc. to David Luke. Folder 5

Manuscript box
Auden, W. H. Mosaic for Marianne Moore. Typescript setting copy of poem
with editor's corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box. In
his: 40 ALS, 9
ANS, 740 TLS,
etc....to
Hildegarde and
James Sibley
Watson Jr. On
verso of letter
dated oct. 10,
1964. Folder 113

Burke, Kenneth. [Tribute to Marianne Moore] Typescript (carbon) n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box

Rukeyser, Muriel [Review of] Tell me, tell me; granite, steel, and other topics by Marianne Moore. Typescript draft, with the author's and editor's ms. corrections. Stamped "Saturday Review." Sept. 12 (10 p) (10 p)
Signed

Manuscript box (Gotham)

[Ten books which have most influenced me, The] Holograph or typewritten lists by eight authors [R. P. Blackmur, Kay Boyle, S. Grayson, H. Gregory, M. Moore, K. Patchen, F. Prokosch, and A. Tate]. Lists were solicited by Gotham book mart for its catalog n.d. (9 p) (9 p)

Manuscript box. Box 23

Published New York, Harper & Bros., 1927

Manuscript box. Boxes 26 & 27

Wescott, Glenway. The grandmothers. Typescript drafts of chapters with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1,292 p) (1,292 p)

Manuscript box. Box 24

Wescott, Glenway. The grandmothers. Typescript (carbon, incomplete) with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (85 p) (85 p)

Manuscript box. Box 24

Wescott, Glenway. The grandmothers. Typescript (incomplete) with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (257 p) (257 p)

Manuscript box. Box 25


Manuscript box. Box 50

Wescott, Glenway. Holograph notebook. Paginated at the Berg Collection. Includes poems, essays relating to Paul Klee and Marianne Moore, reviews, and sketches. Bound 1923 (1 v) (1 v)
Detailed list of contents laid in

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Baldwin, Charles Sears. TL (carbon) to 1928 Dec. 13 (1 p) (1 p)

Breit, Harvey. TLS, TNS to 1955 Dec. 8, 1965 Jan. 9 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Note of Jan. 9, 1965 is at top of Breit's TLS to Moore, Jan. 8, 1965. 1 p.
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Burke, Kenneth. TLS (carbon transcript) to 1955 May 21 (1 p) (1 p)

Deutsch, Babette. 1 TLS, 6 postcards to 1955 Jan. 7 - [1968] July 17 (7 letters) (7 letters)

di Capua, Michael. 2 TLS (photocopies) to n.d., 1967 Aug. 15 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
The undated letter encloses her: “A word concerning Randall Jarrell...” Typescript (photocopy), undated. 1 p.; Came with Randall Jarrell’s papers

Edmunds, John. 1 ALS, 1 TNS to 1953 July 20, 1966 May 29 (1 leaf; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p)

Edmunds, John. 2 ALS to 1960 Feb. 13, 1962 Mar. 20 (1 leaf; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p)

Edmunds, John. Postcard to 1967 Mar. 16 (1 card) (1 card)

Ford, Harry. TLS to 1968 June 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Howard Moss’ correspondence

Garrigue, Jean. 11 ALS, 2 ANS, 4 TLS, 4 postcards to 1942 Dec. 13 - [1968] Feb. 5 (21 letters in 4 folders) (21 letters in 4 folders)

Griffin, Howard. 7 ALS, 2 ANS, 1 TLS to 1950 Jan. 18 - 1956 June 26 (10 letters in 2 folders) (10 letters in 2 folders)

Harper & Bros. TLS to. Relates to Allan Ross Macdougall’s edition of Edna St. Vincent Millay’s letters 1952 Oct. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
With two TL (carbons) to Moore, Oct. 13 and 27, 1952. 1 p. each. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.

Jarrell, Mary von Schrader. TLS to. Mentions John Betjeman and Randall Jarrell. 1967 July 12 (1 p) (1 p)

Jarrell, Randall. ALS, TLS to 1954 Sept. 6, 1964 Dec. 19 (1 leaf; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p)

Latham, Harold S. 1 TL and 1 TL (copy) to 1951 Nov. 10, 1951 Dec. 4 (2 p.; 1 p) (2 p.; 1 p)

Laughlin, [James]. TL (carbon) to 1960 Sept. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with her letters to Laurence Scott

Lyman, Mr. Card to the James Joyce Society. Response to invitation 1965 Feb. 10 (1 card) (1 card)

With TL reply, signed Silas K. Peavy. 1 p.; with one envelope. Came with the Gotham book mart archive
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Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

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Merrill, James. 2 ALS, 1 ANS, 1 TNS, 2 postcards to 1954 Oct. 19 - 1967 Nov. 14 (6 letters) (6 letters)

Manuscript box

Moss, Howard. 3 TLS, 10 TNS, 3 ANS, 9 postcards to 1954 Jan. 22 - 1969 Jan. 18 (25 letters in 6 folders) (25 letters in 6 folders)

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Newton, Caroline. ALs to 1943 May 5 (3 p) (3 p) With envelope. Removed from her: Collected poems, New York, Macmillan, 1952

Manuscript box

Pennsylvania State University Press, AL (draft) to. Addressed to Rowland Slingluff. n.d. (1 p) (1 p) With publisher's note that accompanied review copy of Frederic Will's Mosaic and other poems. 1 p.; Came with the Gotham book mart archive

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Roberts, Michael. TLS to. Relates to The Faber book of modern verse, 1936 1935 Mar. 29 (1 p) (1 p) With envelope

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Sarton, May. 18 ALS, 2 ANS, 1 TLS, 8 postcards to 1942 Jan. 11 - 1963 Dec. 16 (29 letters in 6 folders) (29 letters in 6 folders)

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Manuscript box

Sarton, May. 4 ALS, 1 ANS, 1 TLS, 2 TNS, 9 postcards to 1945 Jan. 21 - 1966 Feb. 25 (17 letters in 2 folders) (17 letters in 2 folders)

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Scott, Laurence. 33 ALS, 16 ANS, 1 AN, 62 TLS, 18 TNS, 4 TL, 2 TN, 41 postcards to 1951 Jan. 20 - 1969 Feb. 22 (177 letters in 35 folders) (177 letters in 35 folders)

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Scott, Lillian M. 7 ALS, 4 ANS, 5 TLS, 1 TL, 1 TN, 2 postcards to 1962 - [1971 (20 letters in 4 folders) (20 letters in 4 folders)

Manuscript box

Scribner's sons, Charles. TLS to 1957 Mar. 22 (1 p) (1 p) Came with Howard Moss' correspondence

Manuscript box


Manuscript box

Steloff, Frances. 58 ALS, 60 TLS, 25 postcards, 7 letters to 1940 Dec. 18 - 1969 Nov. 30 (150 letters in 30 folders) (150 letters in 30 folders) With 27 TL (carbon) replies. Also 11 miscellaneous pieces

Manuscript box

Symons, Julian. 2 TLS to 1938 July 20, 1938 Aug. 17 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box

Untermeyer, Louis. TLS to 1961 July 8 (1 p) (1 p) With: 3 TL (carbons) from Louis Untermeyer to Marianne Moore, July 5 and 11, 1961, Aug. 9, 1962. 1 p. each; ALS of related correspondence

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Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box

Varney, John. 2 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 postcard to. Postcard dated April 27 [n.y.]
1925 June 11 - 1961 Mar. 2 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box

Watson, Jr., Hildegarde and James Sibley. 27 ALS, 16 ALS (photocopy), 3
ANS, 2 AN, 22 TLS, 84 TLS (transcript), 1 TL (transcript), 2 postcards to
1921 July 22 - 1969 May 22 (157 letters in 33 folders) (157 letters in 33 folders)
Come with J. S. Watson's papers

Manuscript box

Wescott, Glenway. 27 ALS, 2 ANS, 10 TLS, 1 TNS, 6 postcards to 1922 Oct.
24 - 1969 July 31 (46 letters in 8 folders) (46 letters in 8 folders)
A typed transcript accompanies each item

Manuscript box

Wheeler, Monroe. 264 ALS, 13 ANS, 22 TLS, 3 TNS, 1 TL (copy), 12
postcards to 1923 Feb. 24 - 1965 Aug. 5 (315 letters in 66 folders) (315 letters in 66
folders)
A typed transcript accompanies each item. Encloses her: Fiction or nature? Emended printed

Manuscript box

(Wheeler, M.) In:
Moore, Mary
Warner. 70 ALS to
Monroe Wheeler,
April 6, 1923-
[June 28, 1946]
14 folders. Folder
6

Manuscript box

(Wheel.)

Edgerton, Gladys. TLS to Moore
1928 Feb. 26 (1 p) (1 p)

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Manuscript box

Date from postmark 1958 Feb. 7 (1 card) (1 card)

Manuscript box

Baldwin, Charles Sears. 3 ALS, 2 TLS, 3 TNS to Moore 1926 Jan. 30 - 1928
Dec. 8 (8 letters in 2 folders) (8 letters in 2 folders)
Accompanied by: Moore, M. TL (carbon) to Charles Sears Baldwin, Dec. 13, 1928. 1 p. on
verso of Baldwin's letter to Moore, dated Dec. 8, 1928

Manuscript box

(Edgerton, G.) In:
Moore, Mary
Warner. 70 ALS to
Monroe Wheeler,
April 6, 1923-
[June 28, 1946]
14 folders. Folder
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Lowell, Robert. Transcript of postcard to Moore 1961 Mar. 26 (1 card) (1 card)

Manuscript box

(Macksey, R.) AL to Moore [1959?] June 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Dick and Catherine Macksey. With envelope; On cognate leaf their holograph poem,
Some winter lines in early summer - on a piece of fur, signed, undated. 1 p.; Came with the
Gotham Book Mart Archive

Manuscript box

(Moore, M.). In:
Moore, Mary
Warner. 70 ALS to
Monroe Wheeler,
April 6, 1923-
[June 28, 1946]
14 folders. Folder
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(Witte-Diamant, R.)

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(Moore, M.). In:
Moore, Mary
Warner. 70 ALS to
Monroe Wheeler,
April 6, 1923-
[June 28, 1946]
14 folders. Folder
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**Financial Documents**

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**Portraits and Pictorial Works**

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Came with the Marianne Moore-Elizabeth Mayer correspondence |
Portraits and Pictorial Works (cont.)
Portraits (cont.)

Jacobi, Lotte. [Moore, Marianne]. Portrait photograph n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed Came with the Marianne Moore-Elizabeth Mayer correspondence

Life magazine, New York. Photograph of a Gotham Book Mart reception for
Sir Osbert and Edith Sitwell. In photograph: W. H. Auden, E. Bishop, M.
Gregory, T. Williams, etc. Mutilated 1948 Nov. 9 (1 item) (1 item)