Summary

Creator: Griffin, Howard, 1915-1975
Title: Howard Griffin collection of papers
Date: 1942-1975
Size: 160 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 manuscripts and typescripts, as well as correspondence dating from 1942 to 1975.
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
Howard Griffin was an American poet, editor, and interviewer.

Custodial History
This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Scope and Content Note
This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, as well as correspondence dating from 1951 to 1964. The manuscripts and typescripts include drafts of his work on W. H. Auden and Frank O'Hara, as well as an Auden poetry exam and Griffin's notes on Auden lectures. The correspondence includes letters to Frances Steloff dating from 1951 to 1964. The bulk of the correspondence is addressed to Griffin from Alan Ansen, W. H. Auden, Elizabeth Bishop, Paul Bowles, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Cecil Day-Lewis, Robert Graves, Christopher Isherwood, Chester Kallman, Rose Macaulay, Marianne Moore, Howard Nemerov, Anais Nin, Frank O'Hara, George Plimpton, Katherine Anne Porter, Stephen Spender, Carl Van Vechten, Sylvia Townsend Warner, and others dating from 1942 to 1975.

**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Correspondence

**Names**
Griffin, Howard, 1915-1975
Ansen, Alan
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Bishop, Elizabeth, 1911-1979
Bowles, Paul, 1910-1999
Compton-Burnett, I. (Ivy), 1884-1969
Day Lewis, C. (Cecil), 1904-1972
Graves, Robert, 1895-1985
Isherwood, Christopher, 1904-1986
Kallman, Chester, 1921-1975
Macaulay, Rose, Dame
Moore, Marianne, 1887-1972
Nemerov, Howard
Nin, Anais, 1903-1977
O'Hara, Frank, 1926-1966
Plimpton, George
Porter, Katherine Anne, 1890-1980
Spender, Stephen, 1909-1995
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964
Warner, Sylvia Townsend, 1893-
### Container List

**Manuscripts and Typescripts**

- **Manuscript box**
- **Manuscript box (Auden)**
  - [Conversation with Wystan Hugh Auden] Typescript and typescript (carbon) drafts of 5 dialogues (1 complete), with the author’s ms. corrections n.d. (244 p. in 11 folders) (244 p. in 11 folders)
- **Manuscript box (Auden)**
  - Idiom of W. H. Auden, The. Typescript draft (incomplete) and 2 typescript (carbon, incomplete) drafts of essay with the author’s ms. corrections n.d. (3 items) (3 items)
- **Manuscript box (O’Hara, F.)**
  - [Notes on Frank O’Hara]. Holograph draft c. 1966 (19 p) (19 p)
- **Manuscript box (Isherwood)**
  - [Portrait of a novelist, A]. Holograph and typescript drafts (incomplete) of article with the author’s ms. corrections. A conversation with Christopher Isherwood 1957 Oct. 11 (29 p) (29 p)
  - [Portrait of a novelist, A]. Typescript draft of article with the author’s ms. corrections n.d. (15 p) (15 p)
  - Signed
  - Detailed list of contents laid in
- **Manuscript box (Auden)**
  - W. H. A[uden]. Typescript draft (incomplete) of article with the author’s ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

**Correspondence**

**Outgoing Correspondence**

- **Manuscript box (Gotham)**
  - Steloff, 6 ALS to Frances 1951 Apr. 13 - 1964 Jan. 9 (6 items) (6 items)
  - With ALS by Claire Griffin, Nov. 15, 1954

**Incoming Correspondence**

- **Manuscript box**
  - Ansen, Alan. ANS to Griffin. On card 1953 May 28 (1 item) (1 item)
  - With: Auden, W. H. 21 ALS, 1 AL (incomplete), etc. to Howard Griffin. Folder 2
  - Auden, Wystan Hugh. 21 Als, 1 AL (incomplete), 3 TLS, 1 postcard to Griffin 1946 Oct. 26 - [1969] Dec. 22 (26 items) (26 items)
  - Benet, William Rose. 2 ALS, 2 TLS, 2 TL, 2 TNS, 1 TN to Griffin 1947 June 27 - 1950 Jan. 6 (9 items in 2 folders) (9 items in 2 folders)
  - Betjeman, John. 2 TLS to Griffin 1957 Jan. 30, 1957 Feb. 7 (2 items) (2 items)
Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box  
Bishop, Elizabeth. 1 TLS to Griffin 1975 Aug. 27 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box  
Bowles, Paul. 1 TLS to Griffin 1973 Aug. 29 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Brinnin, John Malcolm. Postcard to Griffin 1959 May 10 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box  
Broughton, James. 2 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 TLS (mutilated) to Griffin. One dated Sept. 29 [n.y.]; two undated 1949 Apr. 15 (4 items) (4 items)

Manuscript box  
Bynner, Witter. 2 TLS to Griffin 1951 May 25, 1951 Aug. 16 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box  
Caetani, Marguerite. 3 ALS to Griffin. Dated July 20 [n.y.], June 11 [n.y.], and Sept. 19 [n.y.] (3 items) (3 items)

Manuscript box  
Compton-Burnett, Ivy. 1 ALS to Griffin 1961 Nov. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box  
Davidson, Gustav. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to Griffin 1948 Apr. 16 - 1948 Sept. 30 (4 items) (4 items)

Manuscript box  
Day, Dorothy. Postcard to Griffin 1950 Jan. 28 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box  
Day-Lewis, Cecil. 1 ALS to Griffin 1962 Aug. 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box  
Farrar, John Chipman. TNS to Griffin 1947 Nov. 28 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Fowle, Wallace. 5 ALS to Griffin 1954 May 30 - 1957 Dec. 31 (5 items) (5 items)

Manuscript box  
Goll, Claire. ALS to Griffin 1953 Jan. 8 (1 p) (1 p)

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Graves, Robert. ALS to Griffin 1958 May 10 (1 p) (1 p)

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Holmes, John. 2 TLS to Griffin 1954 Apr. 30, 1954 Dec. 1 (2 items) (2 items)

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Isherwood, Christopher. 2 ALS, 1 TLS, 3 postcards to Griffin [1952] Jan. 6 - [1957] Jan. 26 (6 items in 1 folder) (6 items in 1 folder)

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Isherwood, Christopher. TLS to Griffin Sept. 14 (1 p) (1 p)

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Johnson, Spud. TLS to Griffin 1954 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)

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Kallman, Chester. ANS to Griffin n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

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Kallman, Chester. Telegram to Griffin. Relates to W. H. Auden n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

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Kinson, Patick, Lord. ALS to Griffin 1957 Feb. 12 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Le Seur, Joseph. TLs to Griffin. Relates to Frank O'Hara 1966 Oct. 17 (1 p) (1 p)

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Lehmann, John. TLS to Griffin 1954 Aug. 13 (1 p) (1 p)

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Luhan, Mabel Dodge. ALS to Griffin n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

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Macdonald, Dwight. ALS, TLS to Griffin. One undated 1948 Nov. 12 (2 items) (2 items)

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Moore, Marianne. 7 ALS, 2 ANS, 1 TLS to Griffin 1950 Jan. 18 - 1956 June 26 (10 items) (10 items)

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Nemerov, Howard. 2 TLS to Griffin 1947 June 27; [n.y.] July 25 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

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Nin, Anais. Postcard to Griffin 1951 July 16 (1 item) (1 item)

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O'Hara, Frank. 2 TLS to Griffin 1957 Jan. 26, 1957 Dec. 5 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box  
O'Hara, Frank. TLS, postcard to Griffin 1955 Oct. 14, 1956 Aug. 28 (2 items) (2 items)

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Partisan Review. TL to Griffin 1950 May 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

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