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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

- 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

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

- 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
- 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

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

- 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 autor's annotation

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Burgess, Warren Randolph. TLS to [1954] Feb. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Agatha Brooks Young gift
- 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
Manuscript box 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 Grebanier, Barnard D. N. ALS to Sheean 1939 Nov. 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
(Sheean, V.)

Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Sheehan, V.) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc., from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Sheehan. Relate to Sheehan's article, "Brumaire: the Soviet Union as a fascist state." 1939 - 1941 (8 letters) (8 letters)
- Manuscript box (Sheehan, V.) Miscellaneous correspondence: 3 TLS, 1 ALS, sent to Sheehan 1940 [?] (4 letters) (4 letters)
With newspaper clipping of French-German armistice, 1940
- Manuscript box Minot, Walter S. TL (carbon) to Sheehan 1973 May 9 (1 p) (1 p)
With: Sheehan, 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 Sheehan'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 Sheehan's The indigo bunting 1951 Oct. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
With TL (carbon) reply. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.
- Manuscript box (Sheehan) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc., from various publishers, etc., not listed separately, to Harper & bros., relating to Vincent Sheehan's book on Edna St. Vincent Millay, The Indigo bunting. Principal correspondent is Harper's editor Cass Canfield 1950 - 1952 (38 letters) (38 letters)
From the files of Harper & Row, inc.
- Manuscript box (Millay, E.) 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 Sheehan 1951 Jan. 20 - 1954 Nov. 28 (37 letters in 6 folders) (37 letters in 6 folders)
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.
- Manuscript box 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. Sheehan 1940 Mar. 22 - 1959 Nov. 13 (84 letters in 17 folders) (84 letters in 17 folders)
With 162 TL (carbon) replies and 93 related memoranda. From the files of Harper & Row, inc.

Legal Documents

- Manuscript box (Sheehan) Shanghai quarantine service. International certificate of inoculation and vaccination issued to Vincent Sheehan 1949 Mar. 28 (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box (Sheehan) United States. Department of State. Passport issued at Washington, D. C., Nov. 18, 1948, to James Vincent Sheehan 1948 Nov. 18 (1 item (48 p)) (1 item (48 p))