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Guide to the

**Alan Ansen collection of papers**

1942-1953

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## Summary

**Creator:** Ansen, Alan

**Title:** Alan Ansen collection of papers

**Date:** 1942-1953

**Size:** 72 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. The bulk of the papers came with those relating to W. H. Auden.

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## Creator History

Alan Ansen was an American poet.

## Custodial History

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## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

Journals (Personal narratives)

Notebooks

### **Names**

Ansen, Alan

Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973

Bush, Douglas, 1896-1983

Griffin, Howard, 1915-1975

Kallman, Chester, 1921-1975

Lewars, Diana Dodge

Mann, Thomas, 1875-1955

Spencer, Theodore, 1902-1949

## Container List

### Manuscripts & Typescripts

#### Journals & Notebooks

- Manuscript box (Auden) Journal. Typescript with the author's ms. additions. Relates to W. H. Auden 1945 Nov. 5 - 1951 Apr. 22 (89 p) (89 p)
- (Auden) Notebooks (4) containing transcriptions of his conversations with W. H. Auden and Auden's lectures on Shakespeare. Holograph 1946 Oct. 23 - 1947 Nov. 5 (4 v) (4 v)
- In v. 4: Auden, W. H. [Chart for a Swarthmore College seminar on romanticism] Variants noted by Alan Ansen. Holograph, undated 2 p.

#### Manuscripts

- Manuscript box (Auden) Fragment. Holograph poem n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
- With 7 p. of miscellaneous holograph notes. Came with material relating to Auden
- Manuscript box (Auden) [List of scenes in The dog beneath the skin and The ascent of F6 written by W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood]. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) Notes [on W. H. Auden's The age of anxiety] Holograph n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Notes on W. H. Auden's metrics] Holograph n.d. (29 p) (29 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Notes on W. H. Auden on opera] Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- With a copy of Tempo, no. 20 (summer 1951)
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Story fragment] Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Came with material relating to W. H. Auden
- In: Auden, W. H. Poems May 1927-March 1929, p. 80
- Wystan Hugh Auden's scale of sins. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

#### Typescripts

- Manuscript box (Auden) Blurb for The age of anxiety [by W. H. Auden] Typescript draft with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box (Auden) Chronological table of contents to The collected poetry of W. H. Auden. Typescript and typescript (carbon) n.d. (2 items) (2 items)
- (Auden) Crisis and festival: a study of W. H. Auden's The sea and the mirror. Typescript ca. 1948 (86 p) (86 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Essays (4)] Typescript drafts with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (4 items) (4 items)
- Came with material relating to Auden
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Essay] Withdrawal and return in modern French poetry. Typescript draft (incomplete) with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (49 p) (49 p)
- Came with material relating to Auden
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Essay on W. H. Auden's The age of anxiety] Typescript draft (incomplete) with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (12 p) (12 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Essay] Protagonist and ladscape in Goethe's Werter. Typescript draft with the author's ms. corrections, typescript and 2 typescript (carbons). One dated 1942 July 29 (4 items in 2 folders) (4 items in 2 folders)
- Came with material relating to W. H. Auden

Manuscripts & Typescripts (cont.)

Typescripts (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Auden) Notes on the syllabification of A Christmas oratorio and The sea and the mirror [by W. H. Auden] Typescript (carbon) with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (4 p) (4 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) [Outline and statement of thesis for his study of W. H. Auden's The sea and the mirror]. Typescript n.d. (11 p) (11 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) Selections from book list to studies of Auden's poetry. Typescript (carbon) with the author's ms. addition n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Auden) The Vigilantes. Typescript (incomplete) of novel n.d. (26 p) (26 p)  
With his 5 p. statement on the novel Came with material relating to W. H. Auden
- (Auden) Waltharii poesis: some interpretative notes. Typescript of essay n.d. (50 p) (50 p)
- (Auden) Waltharii poesis: some interpretative notes. Typescript (3 carbons) n.d. (3 items) (3 items)  
With TLS, TL (fragment) from Alan Ansen to F. P. Magoun. [n.d.] 16 p.; 3 p.
- Manuscript box Cottam, Samuel Elsworth. [Poems] Typescript transcription by Alan Ansen of 2 poems n.d. (3 p) (3 p)  
With: Auden, W. H. [Reviews and introductions (5)] Typescript transcriptions by Alan Ansen
- Manuscript box Kallman, Chester. [Poems] Typescript and typescript (carbon) transcripts by Alan Ansen of 9 poems n.d. (10 p) (10 p)
- Manuscript box Lewars, Diana Dodge. Notes on W. H. A[uden's] course on romanticism. Typescript transcription by Alan Ansen 1943 Jan. 6 (62 p) (62 p)  
With: Auden, W. H. [Reviews and introductions (5)] Typescript transcriptions by Alan Ansen
- Manuscript box (Auden) New School for Social Research, New York. Modern literary criticism. Typescript of topical outline and bibliography of course with Alan Ansen's ms. annotations 1948 (8 p) (8 p)  
Came with material relating to W. H. Auden

Correspondence

Incoming

- Manuscript box Auden, Wystan Hugh. 8 ALS, 1 ANS, 6 TLS, 1 TNS, and 4 postcards to Ansen 1947] Aug. 27 - [1953] Oct. 26 (20 items) (20 items)  
Accompanied by his: Miss God to Mr. Stevens. Holograph transcript by Ansen of poem, undated. Folder 4.
- Manuscript box. On recto of: Kallman, Chester. 1 postcard to Ansen Auden, Wystan Hugh. 1 ANS to Ansen 1948 May 13 (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box. On recto of: Auden, W. H. 1 ANS to Ansen Kallman, Chester. 1 postcard to Ansen 1948 May 13 (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box Mann, Thomas. 5 TLS to Ansen 1942 Oct. 20 - 1946 Oct. 12 (5 items) (5 items)  
With 1 TL (carbon) from Ansen to Mann, Oct. 6, 1946. 2 p.
- Manuscript box Ranson, John Crow. 1 ALS to Ansen n.y.] Feb. 20 (1 p) (1 p)

Outgoing

Correspondence (cont.)

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- Auden, Wystan Hugh. TL 1947 July 10 (1 item) (1 item)  
With: Auden, W. H. The age of anxiety. Typescript draft of poem
- Manuscript box (Auden) Bush, Douglas. TL (carbon, incomplete) 1947 Oct. 1 (1 item) (1 item)  
Came with material relating to W. H. Auden
- Manuscript box (Auden) Curtis [--?], TL (carbon, incomplete) 1947 Apr. 24 (1 item) (1 item)  
Came with material relating to W. H. Auden
- Manuscript box Griffin, Howard. ANS. On card 1953 May 28 (1 item) (1 item)  
With: Auden, Wystan Hugh. 21 ALS, 1 AL (incomplete), etc. to Howard Griffin
- Manuscript box (Auden) Spencer, Theodore. 1 TL (carbon, incomplete) 1947 May 22 (1 item) (1 item)  
Came with material relating to W. H. Auden
- Manuscript box (Auden) Susan [--?], TLS 1946 Aug. 2 (1 item) (1 item)  
Came with material relating to W. H. Auden