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Accession # 47 M 52; 63 M 41A; 93 M 47

Location Annex 4-j-2/6

Title BENJAMIN DE CASSERES. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1893-1945

Date of receipt 1947, 1963

Received from Bio De Casseres; Kingston  
Galleries

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 18 FB, 4 AB, 8 RC

Condition Fair--many clippings are deteriorating, some correspondence is fragile

Restrictions None

Description Benjamin De Casseres (1873-1945) became a newspaperman in his native Philadelphia at the age of 16. A decade later he became a proofreader for the New York Sun, and he worked for the New York Herald from 1903-1919. By 1902 De Casseres had begun to consider himself as a serious writer of poetry, fiction, essays, and critical reviews. In 1934 he went to work for the New York American writing regular columns--"On the Nail" and "March of Events". He also wrote editorials for the American and other newspapers in the Hearst chain. In 1919 De Casseres married Adele "Bio" Terrill Jones (ca. 1881-?). His brother, Walter De Casseres (ca. 1882-1900), was also a writer.

The bulk of the collection is made up of De Casseres' manuscripts of his articles, essays, plays, poetry, prose, and editorials. There are numerous clippings of his own writings, articles about him, and those he used as research for his columns and editorials. Among the correspondence there are letters from prominent writers, but one half are his love letters to Bio Terrill. There are a few materials concerning De Casseres' brother.

In 1994, the New York Public Library added eight letters from the poet Edgar Lee Masters to Benjamin De Casseres to these papers. They are filed with the correspondence in Box 1.

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries DeCasseres, "Bio" (Adele); DeCasseres, Walter; Authors, American; Journalism; New York American; 1876-1900, 1901-1925, 1926-1950.

Accessioned by Robert Sink

Date March 1982

BENJAMIN DE CASSERES  
PAPERS

Container List

Box

	Correspondence
1	General, ca. 1904-1944
2	Love letters, ca. 1910-1919
	Manuscripts
	Articles and essays
3	A-B
4	C-F
5	G-K
6	L-O
7	P-R
8	S-Z
9	Plays
10	Poetry
11-14	<u>Fantasia Impromptu</u> (unpublished manuscript)
15	<u>March of Events</u> and biographical sketches
16-17	Unidentified
18-20	Miscellaneous
21-24	Articles and clippings (unsorted)
	Clippings
25	<u>The American</u> editorials, A-Z, 1930's-1945
26	<u>March of Events</u>
	References for editorials and columns
27	A-Z
28	Unsorted
29	Miscellaneous and Walter De Casseres materials
30	Printed materials