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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.1973.001

Unit Date

1938

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection consists of a letter written by Auden on January 9, 1938, from Brussels to "Geoffrey."

Creator

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

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

W. H. Auden (1907-1973) was an British-American poet. Auden is seen by some as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century. His poetry became widely known after his death, because of the adaptations to the screen of some of his works, such as "Funeral Blues" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral".

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a letter written by W. H. Auden on January 9, 1938, from Brussels, Belgium, to "Geoffrey." Auden requests a copy of a sonnet "The Economic Man," which he submitted to *New Verse*, possibly in May 1936. Auden states that he needs the sonnet to complete another sonnet sequence he was writing at the time.

Separated Materials

Books by W. H. Auden were separated to the Rare Book Collection and the Newman Library collection.

Related Archival Materials

Numerous other repositories maintain papers of W. H. Auden. The British National Archives maintains a list of some of these collections online.

Keywords

Authors, English -- 20th century

Correspondence

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Unit Date 1938-01-09

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