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Descriptive Summary

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M 261

Unit ID
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Unit Date
1917-1981

Language
English

Creator
Stagg, Hunter T. (Hunter Taylor)

Extent
2.5 Linear Feet

Repository
VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions
Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the the Special Collections and Archives department by Mr. Robert Saylor (widower of Stagg's niece Charlotte Nance Saylor) in 1988. Edgar MacDonald provided additional material. Also, a collection of correspondence from Mrs. Elizabeth Norfleet was deposited in 1994.

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Biographical / Historical

Hunter Taylor Stagg was born in the city of Richmond, the younger son of Thomas E. and Sarah Stagg on 29 May 1895. Kicked in the head by a horse at the age of seven, Stagg became prone to seizures later in life. Stagg attended the Richmond school run by John Peyton McGuire and in 1921 joined with three other "literary minded" individuals (Mary Dallas Street, Emily Clark (Balch) and Margaret Freeman (who married James Branch Cabell in 1950) to establish The Reviewer, a literary magazine. "Hunter Stagg was an avid literary lionizer, the one of the four who sought meetings with writers for the thrill of associating with creative artists. His handsome appearance, his considerable charm, his genuine appreciation for writing aided him in establishing the friendships he cherished including that of Cabell. Carl Van Vechten, leader of avant-garde cultural circles in New York, responded to Hunter's appeal and opened literary doors for him." -- from the Ellen Glasgow Newsletter #15 which also provides extensive lists of acquaintances met during these years. The Reviewer moved to North Carolina in 1924 and Stagg held several reviewing positions in Richmond before moving to Washington, D.C. in March 1938 to live with his sister, Helen Winston, and her family. He lived with Mrs. Winston until her death in the late 1940s. After spending some time in New York with Margaret Freeman recuperating from his sister's death, Stagg returned to D.C. and got a job managing a bookstore. Stagg only worked intermittently throughout his life and was prone to alcoholism. Chronically without funds, Stagg forfeited a portion of his library and his furnishings when he did not meet the storage payments. He was eventually committed to St. Elizabeth's in Washington, D.C. and died there, 23 December 1960. He was buried in the Stagg family section of Hollywood Cemetery. As of 2002, his grave had no marker or tombstone.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, notes, typescripts, reviews, bills and miscellaneous materials dating from 1917 to 1981. The bulk of the collection focuses on correspondence throughout the 1920s and 1930s, especially that of James Branch Cabell and Carl Van Vechten (including copies of letters written to Van Vechten from Stagg obtained from Yale University by Edgar MacDonald). Other notable correspondents include: Essie Robeson (wife of Paul Robeson, see 3.5), Marjorie K. Rawlings, Tom Rutherfurd (Rutherfoord), Gertrude Stein, Alice Toklas, Frances Newman, Langston Hughes, Ben Ray Redman, Ellen Glasgow, and Montgomery Evans. Much of the Evans correspondence are copies of letters from Stagg to Evans from the Morris Library, Southern Illinois University. These were provided by Dr. Edgar MacDonald during his research of Hunter Stagg.

Keywords

Reviewer.

Van Vechten, Carl -- Correspondence

Cabell, James Branch, 1879-1958 -- Correspondence

Arrangement

Collection is arranged alphabetically within each series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Stagg Materials, n.d.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25624

Unit Date 1917-1976

Articles and Reviews, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25627
Unit Date 1919, 1927
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

American Storage Company
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25628
Unit Date 1948-1949
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

Correspondence--General, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25629
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)
Scope and Contents
1917, 1924-1925, 1927, 1933, 1937, 1947-1948, 1952-1953, 1956, 1976

Correspondence--Alastair (Hanael), n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25630
Unit Date 1925-1926, 1932-1933
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

Correspondence-Cabell, James Branch, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25631
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)
Scope and Contents
1921, 1924, 1935, 1938, 1940-1941, 1943, 1946, 1948-1952

Correspondence--Cabell, Ballard
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25632
Unit Date 1951-1952
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

Correspondence--Cabell, Margaret Freeman
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25633
Unit Date 1949-1953
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

Correspondence--Davis, Beale
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25634
Unit Date 1923-1924
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

Correspondence--Glasgow, Ellen
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25635
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)
Scope and Contents
1921, 1925, 1938, 1944

Correspondence--Evans, Montgomery (mostly from Stagg), n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25636
Unit Date 1923-1924
Mixed Materials [A11424392985] 1 (box)

Correspondence--Evans, Montgomery (mostly from Stagg)
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25637
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)
Scope and Contents
1926-1926, 1935, 1950-1951

Correspondence--Hughes, Langston
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25638
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)
Scope and Contents
Letters were pasted in the following Books from Stagg's Library : from *The Weary Blues*, a letter dated 12/1/26, and from *Fine Clothes to the Jew*a letter dated 2/10/27

Correspondence--Newman, Frances
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25639
Unit Date 1925
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)
Scope and Contents
See also *Frances Newman's Letter*, pasted in are two letters from Newman

Correspondence--Norfleet, Elizabeth (from Stagg)
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25640
Unit Date 1938, 1940
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Rawlings, Majorie K.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25641
Unit Date 1953
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Redman, Ben Ray
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25642
Unit Date 1921
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Stein, Gertrude and Toklas, Alice
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25643
Unit Date 1924, 1945-1946
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Sympathy
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25644
Unit Date 1938
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Troubetzkoy, Amelie
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25645
Unit Date 1921
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25646
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25647
Unit Date 1923
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)
Scope and Contents
Includes a letter that was pasted in Stagg's copy of *The BlindBow-Boy*

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25648
Unit Date 1924
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25649
Unit Date 1925
Mixed Materials [A11424392993] 2 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25650
Unit Date 1926
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25651
Unit Date 1927-1930
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25652
Unit Date 1931
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25653
Unit Date 1932
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Correspondence--Van Vechten, Carl
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25654
Unit Date 1933-1934, 1938
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Correspondence--Woodford, Jack
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25655
Unit Date 1950, 1953
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Miscellaneous, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25656
Unit Date 1976
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Notes, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25657
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Passport
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25658
Unit Date 1925
Mixed Materials [A11424393004] 3 (box)

Playbills, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25659
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Portraits (photocopies), n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25660
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Publications--miscellaneous journals, some of which have articles written by Stagg
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25661
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Publications-- The Absence of Mr. Cabell
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25662
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Publications-- Cabell: A Reconsideration
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25663
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Publications-- Das Flammende Tal
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25664
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Taxes
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25665
Unit Date 1950
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Typescript-- The Family of Julia Ambler
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25666
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Typescript-- Fenris
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25667
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Typescript-- From the Left Hand Corner of the Page
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25668
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Typescript-- From the Left Hand Corner of the Pageversion B
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25669
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Typescript-- Murder. A Gamble in Revenge
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25670
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Inserts from Stagg's library of books written by James Branch Cabell
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25671
Mixed Materials [A11424393012] 4 (box)

Inserts from Stagg's library, miscellaneous authors
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25672
Mixed Materials [A11424393266] 4A (box)

Stagg Library-Book Description (inscribed, pages, inserts...)
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25673
Mixed Materials 4-A.2 (Box-folder)

Associated Materials, n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25625
Unit Date 1976-1981
Scope and Contents
Much of this material contains correspondence and other items collected by Dr. Edgar MacDonald who in the 1970s researched the life and work of Stagg.

Associated materials
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25674
Unit Date 1976
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Associated materials
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25675
Unit Date 1977
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Associated materials
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25676
Unit Date 1978
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Associated materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25677
Unit Date 1979, 1981
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Evans, Montgomery--Diary (photocopy)
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25678
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Ellen Glasgow Newsletter (about Stagg)
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25679
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Firbank, Ronald
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25680
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Miscellaneous
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25681
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Correspondence to Elizabeth Norfleet from Hunter Stagg and to Fillmore and Elizabeth Norfleet from H.H. Cooper
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25626
Unit Date 1938-1979

Correspondence--Stagg, Hunter (to Elizabeth Norfleet), n.d.
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25682
Unit Date 1938-1940
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)

Correspondence--Cooper, H.. (to Fillmore and Elizabeth Norfleet)
Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25683
Unit Date 1961-1979
Mixed Materials [A11424393062] 5 (box)