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Guide to the

Allen Tate collection of papers

1935-1971

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Summary

Creator: Tate, Allen, 1899-1979

Title: Allen Tate collection of papers

Date: 1935-1971

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Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, a typescript, and correspondence.

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Creator History

Allen Tate was an American poet, essayist, literary critic, novelist, and translator.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, a typescript, and correspondence by and about the author. The manuscripts and typescripts include essays and poems by the author, as well as an essay and bibliographical list relating to the author by Norman Macleod and the Gotham Book Mart. The correspondence includes letters by Tate, dating from 1935 to 1971, to Babette Deutsch, Jean Garrigue, Alfred Kazin, Vladimir Nabokov, Michael Roberts, Muriel Rukeyser, Frances Steloff, Julian Symons, and Ruth Witt-Diamant. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from 1939 to 1965, between various correspondents, including Kenneth Burke, Babette Deutsch, Isabella Gardner, and Frances Steloff. There is a letter to Tate from Vladimir Nabokov, dated [April 30, 1952].

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Tate, Allen, 1899-1979
Burke, Kenneth, 1897-1993
Deutsch, Babette, 1895-1982
Gardner, Isabella
Garrigue, Jean, 1912-1972
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
Macleod, Norman, 1906-1985
Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, 1899-1977
Roberts, Michael, 1902-1948
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Symons, Julian, 1912-1994
Witt-Diamant, Ruth
Gotham Book Mart

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Tate

- Manuscript box
(Gotham) In:
Gotham book
mart, New York.
We moderns.
Folder 70
- Edmund Wilson. Typescript of contribution to *We moderns* n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Signed. Enclosed in his ALS to Frances Steloff, Nov. 13, 1939, 1 p.; Published in Gotham
Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940
- Manuscript box
(Gotham)
- [Ten books which have most influenced me, The] Holograph or typewritten
lists by eight authors including Kay Boyle, Marianne Moore, and Allen Tate.
Lists were solicited by the Gotham book mart for publication in its catalog
n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Three signed. Blackmur's list included in his: ALS to Frances Steloff [n.d.] 1 p.; Boyle's list
included in her: TLS to Frances Steloff. May 21, 1942. 1 p.; Prokosch's list included in his:
ALS to F. Steloff [n.d.]
- Manuscript box. In
his: 6 ALS, 6 TLS
to Babette
Deutsch. Nov. 30,
1949-March 25,
1970. Enclosed in
letter of Sept. 7,
1968. Folder 2
- To our son John on his first birthday, Aug. 30, 1968. Holograph poem n.d. (1
p) (1 p)

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Tate

- Manuscript box
(Gotham) In:
Gotham book
mart, New York.
We moderns.
Folder 41
- Macleod, Norman. Allen Tate. Typescript of contribution to *We moderns*
n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With holograph note at foot of page. Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New
York, 1940

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box
- Deutsch, Babette. 6 ALS, 6 TLS to 1949 Nov. 30 - 1970 Mar. 25 (12 letters in 2
folders) (12 letters in 2 folders)
Letter of Sept. 7, 1968 encloses his poem: To our son on his first birthday, Aug. 30, 1968.
Holograph poem, undated, 1 p.
- Manuscript box
- Garrigue, Jean. 43 ALS, 5 TLS, 1 postcard, 1 telegram to 1955 Jan. 15 - 1966
Mar. 19 (50 letters in 10 folders) (50 letters in 10 folders)
- Manuscript box
- Jarrell, Mary von Schrader. ALS to. Letter of condolence on death of
Randall Jarrell 1965 Oct. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box
- Kazin, Alfred. ALS, 2 TLS to 1942 Nov. 2 - 1971 Jan. 5 (1 p.; 2 p.; 1 leaf) (1 p.; 2 p.; 1
leaf)
- Manuscript box
- Moss, Howard. 2 TLS to 1960 May 23, 1964 Nov. 21 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box.
In: Nabokov,
Vladimir. TN
(carbon) to Allen
Tate [April 30,
1952] 1 p.
- Nabokov, Vladimir. ALS to 1952 May 3 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box
- Roberts, Michael. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to. Relates to *The Faber book of modern
verse, 1936* 1935 July 31 - 1935 Nov. 23 (2 p.; 1 p.; 1 p.; 1 p) (2 p.; 1 p.; 1 p.; 1 p)
With two envelopes
- Manuscript box
- Rukeyser, Muriel. 1 TLS to 1951 Apr. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
(Gotham) In:
Gotham book
mart, New York.
We moderns.
Folder 70

Steloff, Frances. ALS, 2 TLS to 1939 Oct. 16 - 1939 Nov. 13 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With 3 TL (carbon) replies. Letter of Nov. 13 encloses his Edmund Wilson, contribution to
Gotham book mart's We moderns catalog, 2 p.

Manuscript box
(Gotham)

Steloff, Frances. 4 ALS, 5 TLS to 1944 Nov. 29 - 1968 Oct. 26 (9 letters in 2 folders)
(9 letters in 2 folders)
With 2 TL (carbon) replies; with printed invitation

Manuscript box

Symons, Julian. 2 TLS to 1938 July 24, 1939 May 1 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With 2 TL (carbon) reply dated May 17, 1939

Manuscript box

Witt-Diamant, Ruth. ANS, 2 TLS, postcard to 1955 Feb. 7 - 1955 Mar. 9 (1 p.
each) (1 p. each)
With 4 TL (carbon) replies

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box

Nabokov, Vladimir. TN (carbon) to Tate 1952 Apr. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
With photocopy. Accompanied by: Tate, Allen. ALS to Nabokov, May 3, 1952. 1 p. with
photocopy

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box
(Gotham) In:
Gotham book
mart, New York.
We moderns.
Folder 82

Burke, Kenneth. ALS to Frances Steloff. Declines to write appreciation of
Thomas Mann or Allen Tate for publication in We Moderns, Gotham Book
Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940 1939 Nov. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
Written on verso of Steloff's TLS to him, Oct. 31, 1939; with TL (carbon) reply

Manuscript box
(Deutsch)

Gardner, Isabella. Postcard to Babette Deutsch 1965 Mar. 28 (1 card) (1 card)

Manuscript box

Nabokov, Vladimir. 27 TL (carbon), 14 TN (carbon), 2 telegrams (copy) to
Henry Holt & Co. 1946 June 9 - 1959 June 23 (43 letters in 10 folders) (43 letters in 10
folders)
Accompanied by: Holt (Henry) & Co., New York. 1 ANS, 35 TLS, 18 TNS, 4 telegrams, 3
postcards, signed mostly by Allen Tate, to Nabokov. May 24, 1946-July 2, 1959; Also:
Nabokov, Vera. 2 TL, 5 TN to Holt & Co.; Holt & Co. 2 TNS, 1 card to Vera Nabokov