Guide to the Christopher and Kathleen Murray diary documenting life at Yale University

RU 1155

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RU 1155

CREATOR: Murray, Christopher

TITLE: Christopher and Kathleen Murray diary documenting life at Yale University

DATES: 1965–2016

BULK DATES: 1965–1970

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: .25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection comprises correspondence, newspaper clippings, and a diary maintained by Christopher and Kathleen Murray while he was a graduate student in the Department of Theatre History, Yale University, and she was an employee of Yale University Press.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Preferred Citation
Christopher and Kathleen Murray Diary Documenting Life at Yale University (RU 1155). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical
Christopher Murray was a graduate student in the Department of Theatre History, and Kathleen Murray was an employee of Yale University Press, circa 1965-1970. They moved to New Haven from Cobh, Ireland in 1965 after Christopher was accepted into the PhD program in History of Theatre at Yale University. They returned to Ireland in 1970.

Scope and Contents
The diary documents a young Irish couple’s life in New Haven with observations on events and changes at Yale University during the late 1960s, including topics such as acting companies and theaters, American writers, the civil rights movement, and the Vietnam War. The collection also includes an epilogue written by the Murrays in 2016, personal correspondence with family and a former professor after their time in New Haven, and newspaper clippings documenting events at Yale University.

Arrangement
The material is arranged as received from the creator of the records.
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