Guide to the Frederick W. Beinecke Collector’s Files

WA MSS S-2760

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-2760

CREATOR: Beinecke, Frederick W.

TITLE: Frederick W. Beinecke collector’s files

DATES: 1950–1971

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9.25 linear feet (11 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The files consist of inventories and a card index for Frederick W. Beinecke’s Western Americana collection. The collection documented in this material was donated to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, chiefly between 1960 and 1971. The inventories (Series I.) document Frederick W. Beinecke’s larger donations, including a collection on the Mexican War in 1960, a collection of printed material in 1962, and material donated at the time of his death in 1971. The card index (Series II.) documents Frederick W. Beinecke’s acquisition of material in the 1950s and 1960s and includes documentation of provenance and acquisition, and descriptions provided by booksellers. The cards also include notes on handling of the material at Yale. The index cards informed the descriptions of material in catalog records in Yale University Library’s catalog.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.beineckefw.

To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to beinecke.images@yale.edu.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
b. box
f. folder
Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.
Boxes 4-11 (card index): Formerly restricted until 2012.

Conditions Governing Use
The Frederick W. Beinecke Collector’s Files is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Preferred Citation
Frederick W. Beinecke Collector’s Files. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information
Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, in 2012. Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call number: Uncat WA MS 255

Frederick W. Beinecke
Frederick W. Beinecke (1887-1971, Yale 1909S), collector of rare books and manuscripts, and major benefactor of the Yale Collection of Western Americana and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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Arrangement
Collection Contents

Series I. Inventories

1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)
Arranged chronologically.

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<td>“Addition to Beinecke printed books catalogue”</td>
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<td>“Western Americana Rare Books and Manuscripts Passing to Yale University under the will of Frederick W. Beinecke”</td>
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Series II. Card Index

8 linear feet (8 boxes)
Organized under three headings: Author Index, Title Index, and Author Index (photocopy).

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Academic libraries -- Collection development
Acquisition of manuscripts -- United States
Antiquarian booksellers -- United States
Book collectors -- United States
Booksellers and bookselling -- United States
Cataloging of manuscripts -- United States
Cataloging of rare books -- United States
Collection development (Libraries) -- United States
Libraries and booksellers -- United States
Manuscripts -- Collections
Manuscripts -- Collectors and collecting
Rare books -- Collectors and collecting

Geographic Names
West (U.S.) -- History

Genres / Formats
Card files -- United States -- 20th Century

Occupations
Antiquarian booksellers -- United States -- 20th Century
Book collectors -- United States -- 20th Century

Names
Beinecke, Frederick W.