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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 57

CREATOR: Basso, Hamilton, 1904-1964

TITLE: Hamilton Basso papers

DATES: 1861-1975

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 10.5 linear feet (22 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Manuscripts, letters, and research material document the life of best-selling

novelist Hamilton Basso.

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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

The papers were donated to the Yale Collection of American Literature by Mr. Basso and his widow between 1962 and 1984.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 22: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Hamilton Basso Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

HAMILTON BASSO (1904-1964)

Joseph Hamilton Basso was born September 5, 1904 in New Orleans, Louisiana. His early years were spent in the French Quarter of the city, where his grandfather, an Italian immigrant, had established a successful shoe factory. He attended Tulane University, first studying law, but eventually concentrating on journalism and literature, though he did not take a degree. The change in his scholarly interests was precipitated by his association with a group of southern writers who contributed to the *Double Dealer*, published in New Orleans, the magazine that would eventually publish the first of Basso's own work. Included in this group were writers with whom Basso established lasting friendships, including Sherwood Anderson, William Faulkner, and Edmund Wilson.

In 1926, Basso moved to New York City, establishing himself for a few years in Greenwich Village. He soon moved back to his native New Orleans, where he progressively established himself as a writer and editor at all three of the city's newspapers, including the *Times-Picayune*. His first novel, the semi-autobiographic *Relics and Angels*, was published in 1929. The work garnered little acclaim and Basso would later dismiss it as a piece of juvenilia. His next work, *Beauregard*, the *Great Creole* (1933), a biography of the Confederate general, was a success, allowing Basso to move to the mountain retreat Pisgah Forest, North Carolina to work on his next novel, accompanied by his wife, Etolia (née Simmons) and their infant son, Keith.

Basso's efforts of the 1930s established him as a novelist of note. His *Cinnamon Seed* (1934) was well received, as was *In Their Own Image* (1935) and *Courthouse Square* (1936), which was optioned to be made into a motion picture. *Days Before Lent*, published in 1939, became widely acclaimed, winning the Southern Writer's Award for 1940. The film version of the novel, retitled *Holiday for Sinners*, was released 12 years later. *Sun in Capricorn*, a novel about the struggle of a Yale graduate against the wiles of a southern politician named Gilgo Slade, who was fashioned after Huey Long, was issued in 1940. In 1943, Basso published *Mainstream*, a collection of profiles of famous Americans, including Franklin D. Roosevelt.

During the productive years of the 1930s and 1940s, Basso resumed his editorial work by moving to New York to write for several nationally known magazines. Beginning with *New Republic* in 1935-37, and continuing at *Time* from 1942-43, Basso eventually established himself as an associate editor at the *New Yorker* in 1943, a position he held until 1964. The *New Yorker* gave him the opportunity to work with a variety of other writers and to publish his own short fiction and nonfiction.

The World from Jackson Square, a collection of writings about New Orleans, published in 1948, was done in conjunction with his wife. In 1954, Basso published what is likely his most widely-read book, The View from Pompey's Head. The novel, concerning the conflicting emotions of a Southern expatriate who must confront his heritage when he is called back to his hometown, the fictional Pompey's Head, South Carolina, stayed on the best-seller lists for the better part of a year. The movie, made from the book the following year, proved to be just as successful.

Though Basso and his family settled in Weston, Connecticut in the 1940s, he had a passion for travel. Many of his voyages would provide background for his work. After writing several short pieces for *Holiday* magazine, Basso issued some of his essays as a collection, titled *A Quota of Seaweed*, in 1960.

The Light Infantry Ball, a prequel to The View from Pompey's Head and the second in a unfinished trilogy about the town, was issued in 1961. Basso's final novel, A Touch of the Dragon, was published shortly after he died of cancer on May 13, 1964 in New Haven, Connecticut.

Scope and Contents

The Hamilton Basso Papers consist of letters, manuscripts, photographs, legal and financial documents, and printed material concerning the working and publishing career of the author. The papers span the years 1851-1975, but are concentrated in the period 1929-64.

The collection is housed in 22 boxes and consists of three series: Correspondence, Writings, and Other Papers. Box 21 contains Oversize material. Box 22 contains Restricted Fragile Papers.

Series I, Correspondence, covers the years 1927-73. Included here are letters to and from Hamilton Basso and his family, colleagues, readers and publishing companies. The letters from Hamilton Basso to his wife Etolia discuss his activities while away on a series of trips between 1942 and 1960. Letters from February and March 1942 involve Basso's sojourn in Florida where he met Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Between 1957 and 1960, Basso traveled to Rio de Janeiro, the South Seas, Scandinavia, and Finland to do research for articles. His letters reflect his admiration for foreign settings and his interactions with natives in both urban and rural areas. Basso later corresponded with many people he met during this period, including the Danielsson family and Emmerik Jensen.

Basso's professional correspondence involved a number of publishing companies and fellow authors. Letters from Thomas Wolfe, written from 1935 until his death in 1938, concern Wolfe's growing notoriety and friends such as F. Scott Fitzgerald. A 28-page letter from Wolfe to Maxwell Perkins dated December 15, 1936 discusses Wolfe's personal philosophy, his writing, and his opinion of influential books such as *Ulysses*. Maxwell Perkins's letters to Hamilton Basso from August and October 1938 concern Thomas Wolfe before and after the author's death.

Jade Snow-Wong, a sculptor from San Francisco, corresponded with Basso in the mid-1950s and sent him copies of letters written during her trip to Japan, Hong Kong, and India in 1953. During this same period, Basso received a number of fan letters from readers of his best-selling novel, *The View from Pompey's Head*. Many of these can be found in the "Letter" general folders.

Correspondence with publishing companies reveals the often arduous process of negotiation. The Doubleday & Co., Inc. letters from 1955 reflect the success of *The View from Pompey's Head*, while later letters from 1962 concern the growing incompatibility between author and publisher.

Series II, Writings, covering the years 1878-1964, contains drafts of most of Hamilton Basso's later works and a number of short pieces written early in his career. The first subseries covers books written by or contributed to by Hamilton Basso. The View from Pompey's Head exists in three versions. A draft typescript is followed by a setting typescript, which was made into a final galley proof for the book. These stages are evident for other titles such as A Quota of Seaweed. The Light Infantry Ball also includes an advance proof of the book and several folders of notes, both written and collected by Basso in preparation for this tale of the Civil War period.

A Touch of the Dragon, Basso's final published work, exists in several stages of development. Begun as a short story entitled "Edwina and the Kangaroo," this story went through at least three distinct drafts before being typeset for publication. The pages of the first and second drafts are not in precise numerical order, because numerous additions and duplicate pages which had to be kept in the sequence in which they were received.

An unpublished novel, *The Swing of the Compass*, also has many variant pages intermingled in its separate drafts. Draft 3 represents the most cohesive text of this book. Included before the drafts are files of notes, typewritten outlines, character sketches, and printed materials which help trace the development of the Basso's idea from a storyline called "Adam's Profession" to the final 378-page manuscript.

Sun in Capricorn, Basso's 1942 novel about southern politics, is present in several forms, exhibiting a different process of revision than that seen with other manuscripts. For a Popular Library edition of the book in 1961, Basso took copies of his original hardcover novel and revised its pages, making additions and deletion by inserting typewritten notes throughout. One copy of the original hardcover novel contains notes for a play based on the book, while another was used as a setting copy for the paperback edition.

Basso contributed the introduction to *Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon* by William Lewis Herndon in a reprinted edition of this title from 1952. Drafts of his essay and the final galley proofs are included here as is a setting typescript of another work of fiction, *The Green Room*, from 1949.

The second subseries, *Shorter Works*, contains many short stories from Basso's early years in New York and New Orleans. Many of these stories center around a character named Quimby. Profiles of writers (Thomas Wolfe, Eugene O'Neill) and notes for various projects (The USA, Cuba, 1952, Letters from America) make up the later works in this subseries.

Series III, Other Papers, contains financial, legal and printed materials, and photographs. Included here are copies of contracts for publishing and filming rights to several of Basso's books and royalty receipts from the 1950s and 1960s. The printed materials contain a variety of items categorized by the work or subject to which they pertain. Found in the folder for *The View from Pompey's Head* are newspaper clippings of reviews of the novel, a map of the town of Pompey's Head, and advertising flyers and posters for the British edition of the book, which was entitled simply *Pompey's Head*.

Writings by Others includes a sketchy profile of Thomas Wolfe by Robert Sadow, as well as a typewritten carbon copy of Wolfe's own work, "The Child by Tiger." Two versions of the radio adaptation of Basso's novel The Green Room, retitled "The Great Lady" by Fletcher Markle and Robert Wallstein, are found here, as well.

Box 21 contains <u>Oversize</u> material from the <u>Writings</u> series. The <u>Restricted Fragile Papers</u> in Box 22 consist of the originals for which preservation copies have been made.

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b. 1, f. 4-15	Basso, Etolia	1942-64
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b. 1, f. 27	Charles Scribner's Sons	1941, 1946, n.d.
b. 1, f. 28	Chase, Marion	1950-53, n.d.
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b. 1, f. 32	Cowley, Malcolm	1938-64
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b. 3, f. 84	Nowell, Elizabeth	1949-51
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b. 3, f. 86	O'Brien, Edmond	1959, 1962
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b. 3, f. 87	O'Neill, Carlotta Monterey	1948-57
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b. 3, f. 88	"O" general	1933-63
b. 3, f. 89-91	Perkins, Maxwell	1933-41
b. 3, f. 92	Players Club See also: Howard Lindsay, Box 2 folder 72	1952, 1957
b. 3, f. 92	Porter, Katherine Anne	1935 July 20
b. 3, f. 93	Pyles, Horacio	1953-54
b. 3, f. 94	"P" general	1953-62
b. 3, f. 95	Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	1944 Jun 18
b. 3, f. 95	Reader's Digest Books	1960, 1962
b. 3, f. 96	Rouse, H. Blair	1955
b. 3, f. 97-99	Russell & Volkening, Inc.	1963-73
	Russell, Diarmuid See: Russell & Volkening, Inc., Box 3 folder 97-99	
b. 3, f. 100	"R" general	1949-61
b. 3, f. 101	Senhausen, C. B.	1959
b. 3, f. 101	Shaeffer, Louis	1958
	Snow-Wong, Jade See: Jade Snow Wong, Box 4 folder 125-27	
b. 3, f. 102	Stimson, J. Frank	1958
b. 3, f. 103-04	"S" general	1933-62
b. 3, f. 105	Taylor, Garland F.	1953, 1955
b. 3, f. 105	Thurber, James	1952
b. 3, f. 106	Turnbull, Andrew W.	1937
b. 3, f. 106	Turner, Joan	1960, 1962

b. 3, f. 107	Twentieth Century Fox	1949, 1955
b. 3, f. 108	"T" general	1949-63
b. 4, f. 109	Udall, Stewart L.	1955-56
b. 4, f. 109	Undset, Sigrid	1947 Oct 8
b. 4, f. 110	"U" general	1954-61
	Van Doren, Irita See: New York Herald Tribune, Box 3 folder 83	
b. 4, f. 111	Van E. Kohn, John S.	1962 Mar 21
b. 4, f. 112	Viking Press	1962-64
	Volkening, Henry See: Russell & Volkening, Inc., Box 3 folder 97-99	
b. 4, f. 113	"V" general	1952, 1954
b. 4, f. 114	Waring, T. R.	1954-56
	Weber, William C. See: Charles Scribner's Sons, Box 1 folder 27	
b. 4, f. 115	Wegner, Christian	1955-59
b. 4, f. 116	West, Francis	1959-62
b. 4, f. 117	Wheaton, Mabel Wolfe	1946
b. 4, f. 118	Wheelock, Jack	1935-56
b. 4, f. 119	Wm Collins Sons & Co., Ltd.	1954-63
b. 4, f. 120	Wilson, Edmund	1927-62
b. 4, f. 121-24	Wolfe, Thomas	1935-38, n.d.
b. 4, f. 125-27	Wong, Jade Snow	1952-56
b. 4, f. 128	"W" general	1938-62
b. 4, f. 129	Yale University See also: John S. Van E. Kohn, Box 4 folder 111	1950, 1961
b. 4, f. 129	Yellin, David	1958
b. 4, f. 130	Zehring, Jeannette	1950 Apr 10
b. 4, f. 131	Unidentified	1932-62

Series II: Writings, 1878-1964

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Series II, Writings, is divided into two subseries. The first, Books, is arranged alphabetically by title. Under title, folders are arranged according to the development of the manuscript, with separate drafts and stages noted. Many drafts contain variant pages, duplicate pages and additions. These have been preserved in the order in which they were received. The second subseries, Shorter Works, is arranged alphabetically by title.

	BOOKS	
	Adam's Profession	
	See: The Swing of the Compass, Box 11 folder 207	
	Chain of Command	
b. 5, f. 132	Notes: holograph, typescript and printed material	1878-1957, n.d.
	Edwina and Lord Kangaroo	
	See: A Touch of the Dragon, Box 14 folder 256	
	Edwina and the Kangaroo	
	See: A Touch of the Dragon, Box 14 folder 256	
	Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon by William Lewis Herndon	
b. 5, f. 133	Notes	1951, n.d.
b. 5, f. 134-36	Galley proof	1951
	See also: Oversize, Box 21, folder 410	
	The Green Room	
b. 5, f. 137-42	Setting typescript, corrected	1949
	The Light Infantry Ball	
	Notes	
b. 5, f. 143	Background information	n.d.
	See also: Oversize, Box 21, folder 411	
b. 5, f. 144	Character, scene, and character outlines	n.d.
b. 5, f. 145	Cuts, incidents, and episodes	n.d.
b. 5 , f. 146	Discarded manuscript pages	n.d.
b. 5, f. 147	Individual outlines	n.d.
b. 5, f. 148	"War stuff"	n.d.
b. 6, f. 149-61	Draft typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 6, f. 162-66	Setting typescript, corrected	1958
b. 7 , f. 167-74	Setting typescript, corrected	1958

BOOKS > The Light Infantry Ball (continued)

b. 7, f. 175-84	Setting typescript, carbon	1958
b. 8, f. 185-89	Setting typescript, carbon	1958
b. 8, f. 190	Final galley proof 1, corrected	1959 Jan-Feb
b. 8, f. 191	Final galley proof 2, corrected	1959 Mar
b. 9, f. 192	Advance proof, uncorrected	1959
A	Quota of Seaweed	
b. 9, f. 193	Notes	1958, n.d.
b. 9, f. 194-99	Setting typescript, corrected	1960
Sur	n in Capricorn	
b. 9, f. 200	Explanatory notes	1962 Jul 17
b. 9, f. 201	1st edition book	1942
b. 10, f. 202	1st edition book: author's copy with notes for play based on book	1942, n.d.
b. 10, f. 203	1st edition book: with author's rough notes, changes and additions	1942, [1959?]
b. 10, f. 204	1st edition book: disbound pages, corrected with additions, used as setting copy	1942, 1961
b. 11, f. 205	1st edition book: extra printer's copy with author's changes and additions, with bookjacket	1942-61
b. 11, f. 206	Paperback edition book	1961
The	e Swing of the Compass	
b. 11, f. 207-08	Background material	1954-61, n.d.
	See also: Photographs - Motuvini, Box 20, folder 393	
b. 11, f. 209-10	Notebooks	1961, n.d.
b. 11, f. 211	Notecards	n.d.
b. 11, f. 212	Notes	n.d.
b. 11, f. 213	Revised manuscript pages: typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 12, f. 214-16	Revised manuscript pages: typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 12, f. 217-31	Draft 1: typescript, corrected	[1961]
b. 12, f. 232-37	Draft 2: typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 13, f. 238-46	Draft 2: typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 13, f. 247-55	Draft 3: typescript, corrected	n.d.

A Touch of the Dragon

BOOKS > A Touch of the Dragon (continued)

b. 14, f. 256	Short story: "Edwina and the Kangaroo": typescript, annotated	n.d.
b. 14, f. 257	Notes	n.d.
b. 14, f. 258-68	Draft 1: typescript, corrected and annotated	n.d.
b. 15, f. 269-79	Draft 2: typescript, corrected and annotated	n.d.
b. 15, f. 280-82	Draft 3: typescript, corrected	1964
b. 16, f. 283-85	Draft 3: typescript, corrected	1964
b. 16, f. 286-88	Setting typescript	n.d.
b. 16, f. 289-93	Setting typescript: carbon, corrected	n.d.
	The View from Pompey's Head	
b. 16, f. 294	Notes	1951-54, n.d.
b. 16, f. 295-97	Draft: typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 17, f. 298-12	Draft: typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 17, f. 313-16	Setting typescript, corrected	1954
b. 18, f. 317-28	Setting typescript, corrected	1954
b. 18, f. 329	Galley proof, corrected	1954
SH	ORTER WORKS	
b. 19, f. 330	Article and essay possibilities: notes	1962, n.d.
b. 19, f. 331	Article on Boswell Papers: magazine clipping	[1949?]
b. 19, f. 332-33	Article on Brazil: notes	1947, n.d.
b. 19, f. 334	"Attitude": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 335	"A Burden of Sin": typescript	n.d.
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b. 19, f. 336	"A Burial": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 336 b. 19, f. 337		
	"A Burial": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 337	"A Burial": typescript, corrected "Conversation with Eugene O'Neill": typescript, annotated	n.d. 1947
b. 19, f. 337 b. 19, f. 338	"A Burial": typescript, corrected "Conversation with Eugene O'Neill": typescript, annotated "Cuba, 1952": notebook	n.d. 1947 1952 Mar
b. 19, f. 337 b. 19, f. 338 b. 19, f. 339	"A Burial": typescript, corrected "Conversation with Eugene O'Neill": typescript, annotated "Cuba, 1952": notebook "Dead Leaves [The Pole]": typescript, annotated "A Debutante"" typescript, corrected "Edwina and the Primitives"	n.d. 1947 1952 Mar n.d.
b. 19, f. 337 b. 19, f. 338 b. 19, f. 339 b. 19, f. 340	"A Burial": typescript, corrected "Conversation with Eugene O'Neill": typescript, annotated "Cuba, 1952": notebook "Dead Leaves [The Pole]": typescript, annotated "A Debutante"" typescript, corrected "Edwina and the Primitives" See: A Touch of the Dragon, Boxes 14-16, folders 256-292	n.d. 1947 1952 Mar n.d. n.d.
b. 19, f. 337 b. 19, f. 338 b. 19, f. 339	"A Burial": typescript, corrected "Conversation with Eugene O'Neill": typescript, annotated "Cuba, 1952": notebook "Dead Leaves [The Pole]": typescript, annotated "A Debutante"" typescript, corrected "Edwina and the Primitives"	n.d. 1947 1952 Mar n.d.

SHORTER WORKS (continued)

b. 19, f. 343	"Finale": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 344	"Finesse": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 345	"For P. McG.": typescript	1961 Jun 16
b. 19, f. 346	"The Gates Open": typescript	n.d.
b. 19, f. 347	"Greenwich Village": typescript	[1926?]
b. 19, f. 348	"Holiday": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 349-52	"The Ladies of Ladd": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 353	"Letters from America": notes	1959, 1961, n.d.
b. 19, f. 354	Letter to the New York Times: newspaper clipping	1955 Apr 12
b. 19, f. 355	"Longfellow": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 356	"A Momentary Digression": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 357	"Nocturne": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 358	"Notes for a Journal": typescript, holograph, printed material	1948-62
b. 19, f. 359	Notes on voyage to Samoa and Fiji	1958
b. 19, f. 360	"Pinwheel": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 361	Poems: typescript, corrected	[1926?]
b. 19, f. 362	Profile of H. T. Webster: newspaper clipping	1949 Dec 6
b. 19, f. 363	"A Prologue": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 364	Puerto Cortez: notes	1957
b. 19, f. 365	"Quimby": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 366	Review of A Certain Measure by Ellen Glasgow: newspaper clipping	1943 Oct 17
b. 19, f. 367	"Spain, 1926": notebook	1956
b. 19, f. 368	"Swans in Their Piety": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 369	"10:30 A.M.": typescript	[1926?]
b. 19, f. 370	"Thomas Wolfe": holograph and typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 371	"Two Little Pigs": typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 19, f. 372-73	"The USA: Americanism": printed material	1958, 1961, n.d.
b. 19, f. 374	Untitled fragments	1926
b. 19, f. 375	"We, the Outsider": notecards	n.d.
b. 19, f. 376	"The Years Change Verdia Crane": typescript, corrected	n.d.

Series III: Other Papers, 1932-75

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Series III, Other Papers, consists of five alphabetically arranged subseries, with folders within them each arranged alphabetically.

CONTRACTS

b. 20, f. 377	<u>Charles Scribner's Sons</u>	1932-41
b. 20, f. 378	Curtis Publishing Company	1952
b. 20, f. 379	Doubleday & Co., Inc.	1950-62
b. 20, f. 380	Loew's Incorporated	1939
b. 20, f. 381	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	1936
b. 20, f. 382	Twentieth Century Fox	1953
	FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS	
b. 20, f. 383	Charles Scribner's Sons	1934, 1961
b. 20, f. 384-85	Doubleday & Co., Inc.	1954-65
b. 20, f. 386	Hutchinson Publishing Group	1965-67
b. 20, f. 387	Miscellaneous	1953-65
b. 20, f. 388	U. S. Information Agency	1968 Jan 31
b. 20, f. 389	Viking Press	1964-75
	MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS	
b. 20, f. 390	Bow and arrow instruction	n.d.
b. 20, f. 391	Census: U. S. Negro population	1950
b. 20, f. 392	Notes on airplane engines	n.d.
	PHOTOGRAPHS	
b. 20, f. 393	Motuvini	n.d.
,	See also: The Swing of the Compass Background material, Box 11, folders	
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b. 20, f. 394	Spratling, William	n.d.
b. 20, f. 394	Wolfe, Thomas	n.d.
	PRINTED MATERIALS	
b. 20, f. 395	Basso, Hamilton: profiles	1954, n.d.
b. 20, f. 396	Beauregard	1933 May 31
b. 20, f. 396	Courthouse Square	1936

PRINTED MATERIALS (continued)

b. 20, f. 397	Days Before Lent	1939 Jul 31
b. 20, f. 397	Double Dealer	1951 Jan 21
b. 20, f. 398	Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon	[1951]
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b. 20, f. 400	Holiday for Sinners	1952
b. 20, f. 400	The Light Infantry Ball	1959
b. 20, f. 401	Maugham, W. Somerset	1951 Jun
b. 20, f. 401	Showboats by Philip Graham	1952
b. 20, f. 402	A Touch of the Dragon	1965
b. 20, f. 403	The View from Pompey's Head	1954-55
b. 20, f. 404	Wolfe, Thomas	1946, 1948
WR	RITINGS OF OTHERS	
b. 20, f. 405	Markle, Fletcher: "The Great Lady": radio play, typescript carbon, corrected	1950
b. 20, f. 406	Sadow, Robert: "Raw material on Thomas Wolfe": typescript, corrected	1936 Jan 18
b. 20, f. 407	Saxon, Robert: Review of Courthouse Square: typescript	1936
b. 20, f. 408	Wallstein, Robert: "The Great Lady" radio play: typescript, mimeograph	1952
b. 20, f. 409	Wolfe, Thomas: "The Child by Tiger": typescript	n.d.

Oversize, 1861-1951

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Series IV contains Oversize materials from Series II, Writings.

b. 21 , f. 410	Exploration of the Valley of the Amazon: maps	[1951?]
b. 21, f. 411	The Light Infantry Ball: notes: printed material, Savannah Daily News	1861 Jan 21

Restricted Fragile Papers

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Box 22: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

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b. 22, f. 416	Box 1, Folder 21
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b. 22, f. 419	Box 1, Folder 32
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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.

Preferred Titles

Double-dealer Holiday New Yorker (New York, N.Y.: 1925)

Subjects

American literature -- 20th Century American literature -- Southern States Fiction -- 20th Century Historical fiction Novelists Voyages and travels

Occupations

Authors

Names

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Basso, Hamilton, 1904-1964
Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963
Cowley, Malcolm, 1898-1989
Glasgow, Ellen, 1873-1945
Hellman, Lillian, 1905-1984
Herndon, William Lewis, 1813-1857 (Exploration of the valley of the Amazon)
Lindsay, Howard, 1889-1968
Perkins, Maxwell E. (Maxwell Evarts), 1884-1947
Wilson, Edmund, 1895-1972
Wolfe, Thomas, 1900-1938
Wong, Jade Snow