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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 899

CREATOR: Pearson, Norman Holmes, 1909-1975

TITLE: Norman Holmes Pearson Papers

DATES: 1851-1978

BULK DATES: 1930–1975

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 102.16 linear feet (240 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Norman Holmes Pearson papers consist of correspondence, writings, printed material, photographs, and audiovisual material that document a broad range of Pearson’s professional and personal activities, including his research on Nathaniel Hawthorn and Ezra Pound, his management of the literary estates of H.D. and Bryher, and his activity as a professor of English and American Studies at Yale University. Documentation relating to Pearson’s service in the Office of Strategic Services is partially redacted.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition


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**Preferred Citation**

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**Processing Information**

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**Norman Holmes Pearson (1909-1975)**

Norman Holmes Pearson (Yale 1932), professor of English and American Studies at Yale University and officer in the Office of Strategic Services during the Second World War. Pearson collaborated with curator Donald Gallup to develop the Yale Collection of American Literature, playing an instrumental role in the acquisition of the papers of H.D. and Bryher.

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**Arrangement**

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
American literature -- 19th century
American literature -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
College teachers

Geographic Names
United States -- Study and teaching

Genres / Formats
Audiocassettes -- United States -- 20th Century
Audiovisual materials -- United States -- 20th Century
Photographs -- United States -- 20th Century
Videocassettes -- United States -- 20th Century

Occupations
College teachers -- United States -- 20th Century

Names
Bryher, 1894-1983
Gallup, Donald, 1913-2000
H. D. (Hilda Doolittle), 1886-1961
Hawthorne, Nathaniel, 1804-1864
Pearson, Norman Holmes, 1909-1975
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972

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