

# Guide to the Jean Giono Collection

GEN MSS 458



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 458

**CREATOR:** Giono, Jean, 1895-1970

**TITLE:** Jean Giono collection

**DATES:** 1938-1970

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.29 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** One letter from Giono to Blanche Meyer, undated; one letter to "Cher Brun", 1935 Nov 30; three undated letters from Giono to an unidentified recipient; holograph and typescript notes for and drafts of "Que ma joie demeure".

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources. Source information is recorded on the folders. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Jean Giono Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

This finding aid is updated periodically to account for new materials that have been added to the collection. The date of the most recent update is noted on the title page. For information on material that may have been acquired for the collection since the last update, please consult the Public Service Desk.

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## Associated Materials

[Blanche Meyer Collection of Jean Giono, GEN MSS 457](#)

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## Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Jean Giono, acquired by the library from a variety of sources. Materials incorporated into the collection prior to January 2000 have been organized into 2 series: [I. Letters](#), and [II. Writings](#). Materials acquired since that date are listed in [Series III. Additions Since January 2000](#).

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Letters, 1935 Nov 30

b. 1, f. 1	Letter: to "Cher Brun" Acc. #: 19900718-l	1935 Nov 30
b. 1, f. 2	Letter: to Blanche Meyer Acc. #:19900718-k	n.d.
b. 1, f. 3	Letter: to Unidentified Lus la Croix Haute	n.d.
b. 1, f. 4	Letter: to Unidentified Manosque	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	Letter: to Unidentified Manosque	n.d.

**Series II: Writings, n.d.**

b. 1, f. 6	"Que ma joie demeure": notes and draft pages Includes note explaining contents	n.d.
b. 1, f. 7	"Que ma joie demeure": printed version with added manuscript notes Privately printed edition [n.p. ; Editions Grasset; "Pour Mon Plaisir II", 1935 - Number 5 of 6 on "Chine" paper] Tipped-in items: Holograph notes comprising the beginning pages of the book - sent to Jean Simon along with an accompanying letter.  Manuscript items in fragile condition: Use copies provided in accompanying folder 8	ca. 1935
b. 1, f. 8	Photocopies of Manuscript items in "Que ma joie demeure"	ca. 1935

**Series III: Additions Since January 2000, n.d.**

b. 1, f. 9

Letter to Blanche Meyer  
Acc.: 20010424-c

n.d.

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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

*Que ma joie demeure*

### Names

Giono, Jean, 1895-1970

Meyer, Blanche, 1908-1988