Guide to the Walter Beinecke Papers

GEN MSS 846

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 846

**CREATOR:** Beinecke, Walter, Jr., 1918-2004

**TITLE:** Walter Beinecke papers

**DATES:** 1900–2004

**BULK DATES:** 1930–1990

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 21.47 linear feet (36 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Walter Beinecke Papers consist of subject files containing correspondence, personal papers, autobiographical writings, and documents concerning the Beinecke family, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, and Beinecke's business investments, book collecting, and work in Nantucket historic preservation; other correspondence, including correspondence with book vendor Howard S. Mott and family letters; other personal papers, such as financial and legal records, address books, and diaries; scrapbooks of clippings and other printed material; photographs, photograph albums, slides, and negatives relating to Beinecke's travels, the Beinecke family, and Nantucket; audiocassettes, videocassettes, and films, including interviews with Beinecke about Nantucket; and computer disks. Research strengths include the Beinecke family, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, Beinecke's Barrie collection and other book collecting, and Beinecke's work in Nantucket investment and restoration.

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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  
   item barcode
Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.

Boxes 10-11 and 36 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Box 28 (motion picture film and computer disks): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies of electronic files are available. Reference copies of motion picture film may be requested. For further information consult Access Services.

Boxes 33-34: Restricted until 2036. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Use
The Walter Beinecke Papers 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
Walter Beinecke Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information
This collection consists of materials formerly classed as Uncat Mss 915 and Uncat Mss 1007. In 2012, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including partial rehousing and minimal organization. The collection was reclassed under one call number, materials were organized by acquisition, and containers were renumbered in a single sequence. Most folder titles were based on information provided by the donor, while some were assigned by Library staff. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

Walter Beinecke (1918-2004)
Walter Beinecke, Jr., businessman and collector of J. M. Barrie books and manuscripts. Beinecke was a son of Walter Beinecke (Yale 1910) and a nephew of Edwin J. Beinecke (Yale 1907) and Frederick W. Beinecke (Yale 1909s), donors of the Beinecke Library building and endowment. His sister, Betsy Beinecke Shirley, was the donor of the Library’s Shirley Collection of American Children’s Literature. Walter Beinecke, Jr., worked in the tobacco and automobile industries, 1937-1948, and for the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, 1948-1963. In 1963, he founded the Osceola Operating Company and Sherburne Associates, through which he directed real estate investment and historic building restoration in Nantucket, Massachusetts, 1960s-1980s. Beinecke began collecting J. M. Barrie books and manuscripts in the 1930s, and donated his collection to the Beinecke Library in the 1960s.
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Arrangement
Organized into two groupings: December 2006 Acquisition and March 2008 Acquisition.
Collection Contents

December 2006 Acquisition
21.26 linear feet (34 boxes)

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6. 7 News at 5:30 - WHDH-TV
7. King Five News at Six-thirty - KING-TV
8. CBS Market Watch - CBS
9. Action News - WPVI-TV
10. Eyewitness News - KYW-TV
11. King Five Morning News - KING-TV
12. News 2 Houston Daybreak at 5:00 - KPRC-TV
13. Good Day Oregon - KPRC-TV
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Subjects
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Real property -- Massachusetts -- Nantucket

Families
Beinecke family

Corporate Bodies
Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Sperry and Hutchinson Company

Geographic Names
Nantucket (Mass.)

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Audiovisual materials
Born digital
Diaries -- United States -- 20th Century
Electronic documents -- United States -- 20th Century
Interviews -- United States -- 20th Century
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Videotapes -- United States -- 20th Century

Occupations
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Names
Barrie, J. M. (James Matthew), 1860-1937
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Shirley, Betsy Beinecke