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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSB MSS 166

CREATOR: Wing, Donald Goddard, 1904-1972

TITLE: Donald Wing papers

DATES: 1936-1972

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 47.21 linear feet (86 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Donald Wing Papers consist of professional and editorial correspondence files, typescripts, galleys, and other documentation, mostly related to his research for and publication of *A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and British America and of English Books Printed in Other Countries, 1641-1700*.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Short Title Catalogue Project office, Yale University Library, 2001; card file contents transferred, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Donald Wing Papers. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, in 2010. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders.

Donald Goddard Wing, 1904-1972

Donald Goddard Wing was born in Athol, Massachusetts in 1904 and attended public schools there. He graduated from Yale University in 1926 and received a master's degree in English from Harvard University in 1928. In that year, he joined the Yale University Library as an assistant reference librarian, and participated in the move of the Yale collections to the new Sterling Memorial Library. Wing spent his entire career at Yale as a librarian and bibliographer, retiring as Associate Librarian for Collections in 1970. He received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1932, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for his bibliographical research in 1935, and was the first Yale librarian to be awarded a research sabbatical, in 1967-68.

Wing is best known for his multi-volume *A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and British America and of English Books Printed in Other Countries, 1641-1700* (Wing), first published in 1945-51 and revised and enlarged in subsequent decades. While the work has been criticized, particularly for Wing's decision to alter entry numbers in the later editions, it has become the standard bibliography in its field. In 1967 Wing published *A Gallery of Ghosts: Books Published Between 1641-1700 Not Found in the Short-Title Catalogue*, listing more than five thousand titles Wing had found in bibliographies, booksellers' lists, or auction catalogues but had been unable to verify.

Donald Wing married Charlotte Farquhar in 1930 and the couple had two children, Robert and Cathy. He died at his home in Woodbridge, Connecticut on October 8, 1972.

Scope and Contents

The Donald Wing Papers consist of correspondence, notes, typescripts and galley proofs mostly relating to Wing's work on the *Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and British America and of English Books Printed in Other Countries, 1641-1700*. The collection also contains a typescript of his *A Gallery of Ghosts*.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Professional Files, 1936-1972. II. *Short-Title Catalogue* Papers. III. September 2025 Acquisition, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Professional Files, 1936-1972

2.21 linear feet (3 boxes)

The series contains professional and scholarly correspondence, notes and other material, mostly relating to Wing's work on the *Short-Title Catalogue*.

Material is arranged in no particular order.

b. 1	STC correspondence and papers <i>33 Folders</i>	1939-1968
b. 1	Personal correspondence and papers <i>8 Folders</i>	1952-1968
b. 2	STC correspondence and papers <i>5 Folders</i>	1966-1972
b. 2	Personal correspondence and papers <i>3 Folders</i>	1969-1972
b. 2	Miscellaneous <i>11 Folders</i>	1936-1972
b. 2	General library files <i>12 Folders</i>	1953-1969
b. 3	General library files <i>2 Folders</i>	1949-1971

Series II: *Short-Title Catalogue*Papers, [circa 1940-1967]*7 linear feet (7 boxes)*

The series contains notes, typescripts and galley proofs of volumes of the *Short-Title Catalogue*, as well as a typescript of *A Gallery of Ghosts*.

Material is arranged in no particular order.

b. 4	<i>A Gallery of Ghosts</i> typescript 1 Folder	undated
b. 4	1st edition proofs and miscellaneous material 11 Folders	undated
b. 5	2nd edition volume I galley proofs 10 Folders	undated
b. 6	2nd edition volume I page proofs 10 Folders	undated
b. 7	2nd edition volume I typescripts 15 Folders	undated
b. 8	2nd edition volume II galley proofs 4 Folders	undated
b. 8	2nd edition volume II proofs 5 Folders	undated
b. 9	2nd edition volume II preparations 9 Folders	undated
b. 9	2nd edition volume II typescripts 6 Folders	undated
b. 10	2nd edition volume II typescripts 3 Folders	undated
b. 10	2nd edition volume II manuscripts 6 Folders	undated

September 2025 acquisition, undated*38 linear feet (76 boxes)*

This series contains the working card files removed from a wooden card file cabinet for the Wing Short Title Catalog 1641-1700.

Transferred from Sterling Memorial Library, 2024.

The cards are arranged alphabetically as received. The drawers were received out of order in some cases. All original order as received has been retained.

b. 11	A-AI	undated
b. 12	AI	undated
b. 13	AI-Ap	undated
b. 14	Ar-B	undated
b. 15	B-Bas	undated
b. 16	Bax-Ben	undated
b. 17	Ber-Bel	undated
b. 18	Bla-Boy	undated
b. 19	Boy-Bro	undated
b. 20	Bro-Burr	undated
b. 21	Burr-Cap	undated
b. 22	Cap-Cas	undated
b. 23	Cas-Cebes	undated
b. 24	Cebes-Chu	undated
b. 25	Chu-Col	undated
b. 26	Col-Cor	undated
b. 27	Cor-Cr	undated
b. 28	Cr-Dec	undated
b. 29	Dec-Dis	undated
b. 30	Dir-Diy	undated
b. 31	Dry-Eg	undated
b. 32	Eg-Eng	undated
b. 33	Eng-Enr	undated
b. 34	Enr-Es	undated
b. 35	Es	undated

b. 36	Es-Fa	undated
b. 37	Fa-Fis	undated
b. 38	Fis-Fox	undated
b. 39	Fox-Ga	undated
b. 40	Gam-Go	undated
b. 41	Go-Gu	undated
b. 42	Gu-Ha	undated
b. 43	Ha-He	undated
b. 44	Hi-Ho	undated
b. 45	Ho-I	undated
b. 46	I-Ja	undated
b. 47	Ja	undated
b. 48	Jo	undated
b. 49	Jo-Ki	undated
b. 50	Ki-Le	undated
b. 51	Le-Li	undated
b. 52	Li-Lon	undated
b. 53	Lon-Man	undated
b. 54	Mann-Me	undated
b. 55	Me-Moo	undated
b. 56	Moo-Ne	undated
b. 57	New-Od	undated
b. 58	Od-Pa	undated
b. 59	Pa	undated
b. 60	Pa	undated
b. 61	Pas-Ph	undated
b. 62	Ph-Po	undated
b. 63	Po-Pu	undated
b. 64	Pu-Re	undated
b. 65	Re-Sal	undated

b. 66	Sal-Sco; Re-Ro Cards received out of order.	undated
b. 67	Ro-Ry; Sco Cards received out of order.	undated
b. 68	Sco	undated
b. 69	Sco-Sh	undated
b. 70	Sh-Sm	undated
b. 71	Sm-Sp	undated
b. 72	Sp-St	undated
b. 73	St	undated
b. 74	Sti-T	undated
b. 75	T-Th	undated
b. 76	Th-Tr	undated
b. 77	Tre-Tru s-	undated
b. 78	True s- -Vi	undated
b. 79	Vie-Wall	undated
b. 80	Wall-We	undated
b. 81	We-Wi	undated
b. 82	Wil-Wit	undated
b. 83	Wit-Z	undated
b. 84	Unidentified cards	undated
b. 85	Unidentified cards	undated
b. 86	Cha-Chu Cards received out of order.	undated

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

Bibliographers
Bibliography
Early printed books -- 17th century -- Union lists
English imprints -- Union lists
English literature -- Early modern, 1500-1700 --
Bibliography

Names

Wing, Donald Goddard, 1904-1972
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