

# Guide to the Christopher and Kathleen Murray diary documenting life at Yale University

RU 1155



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 1155

**CREATOR:** Murray, Christopher

**TITLE:** Christopher and Kathleen Murray diary documenting life at Yale University

**DATES:** 1965-2016

**BULK DATES:** 1965-1970

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises correspondence, newspaper clippings, and a diary maintained by Christopher and Kathleen Murray while he was a graduate student in the Department of Theatre History, Yale University, and she was an employee of Yale University Press.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Christopher and Kathleen Murray, 2018.

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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**

Christopher and Kathleen Murray Diary Documenting Life at Yale University (RU 1155). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Christopher Murray was a graduate student in the Department of Theatre History, and Kathleen Murray was an employee of Yale University Press, circa 1965-1970. They moved to New Haven from Cobh, Ireland in 1965 after Christopher was accepted into the PhD program in History of Theatre at Yale University. They returned to Ireland in 1970.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The diary documents a young Irish couple's life in New Haven with observations on events and changes at Yale University during the late 1960s, including topics such as acting companies and theaters, American writers, the civil rights movement, and the Vietnam War. The collection also includes an epilogue written by the Murrays in 2016, personal correspondence with family and a former professor after their time in New Haven, and newspaper clippings documenting events at Yale University.

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## **Arrangement**

The material is arranged as received from the creator of the records.