

# **Guide to the Glenway Wescott and Monroe Wheeler Collection of Katherine Anne Porter**

**YCAL MSS 153**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 153

**CREATOR:** Porter, Katherine Anne, 1890-1980

**TITLE:** Glenway Wescott and Monroe Wheeler collection of Katherine Anne Porter

**DATES:** 1943-1983

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.13 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains correspondence, manuscript items, notes, and ephemera related to Porter which were found among the Wescott and Wheeler papers.

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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

Received with the Glenway Wescott Papers and the Monroe Wheeler Papers, purchase from Monroe Wheeler, 1988, with later purchase and gift from Anatole Pohorilenko, 1998.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Glenway Wescott and Monroe Wheeler Collection of Katherine Anne Porter. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Associated Materials

Additional Katherine Anne Porter material can be found in the [Glenway Wescott Papers \[YCAL MSS 134\]](#) and the [Monroe Wheeler Papers \[YCAL MSS 136\]](#). The materials included in this collection represent items that were already segregated when received with the original papers.

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## KATHERINE ANNE PORTER, 1890-1980

Katherine Anne Porter, short story writer and novelist, known for *Ship of Fools*, was a long-time friend of Glenway Wescott and Monroe Wheeler.

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## Scope and Contents

The Glenway Wescott and Monroe Wheeler Collection of Katherine Anne Porter contains correspondence, manuscript items, notes, and ephemera related to Porter which were received with the Wescott and Wheeler papers. The material covers the dates 1943-83.

The collection is housed in 3 boxes and is organized into three series: I. *Correspondence*; II. *Writings*; and III. *Other Material*.

[Series I, \*Correspondence\*](#), contains copies of letters from and about Porter, as well as early letters about the Katherine Anne Porter Foundation.

[Series II, \*Writings\*](#), contains drafts (many inscribed to George Platt Lynes) and printed copies of works by Porter, along with a galley proof of *Ship of Fools*.

[Series III, \*Other Material\*](#), consists of various items documenting Porter's life, including articles and clippings, and notes by Monroe Wheeler on Porter, among other items.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1951-1977

0.21 linear feet (.5 box)

b. 1, f. 1	Library of Congress to KAP [copy]	1962 Nov 5
b. 1, f. 2	KAP to Barrett Prettyman [copy]	1977 Jul 17
b. 1, f. 3	KAP to and from William R. Ross, University of Colorado [copies]	1951
b. 1, f. 4	Seeger, Pete, to Monroe Wheeler [copy] [re: KAP's French Song-Book]	1965 Dec 10
b. 1, f. 5	University of Virginia Library to Lloyd Wescott [copy] [re: KAP manuscripts]	1977
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence re: Katherine Anne Porter Foundation	1966

**Series II: Writings, 1934-1963***0.21 linear feet (.5 box)*

b. 1, f. 7	"The Calm, Pure Art of Willa Cather", review of <i>Willa Cather on Writing</i> , printed version, <i>New York Times Book Review</i>	1949 Sep 25
b. 1, f. 8	"The Dark Forest", outline of a psychological love story, draft, typescript, mimeograph	1947 Mar 6
b. 1, f. 9	"I am no more what I once was", translation of song by Clément Marot, drafts, holograph and typescript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 10	"Little Requiem", draft, typescript	1946 Sep 10
b. 1, f. 11	"Love and Hate", printed version, <i>Mademoiselle</i>	1948 Oct
b. 1, f. 12	[Notes from Davos], typescript carbon	1934 May 10
b. 1, f. 13	[Notes]	n.d.
b. 1, f. 14	"Now No Spring", draft, typescript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 15	"Pale Horse, Pale Rider", stage version, program	1963 Nov
b. 1, f. 16	"Pierre-Joseph Redouté", printed version	n.d.
b. 1, f. 17	<i>Ship of Fools</i> , galley proof	n.d.
b. 1, f. 18	"This Strange Old World", review of <i>The Secret Game</i> by Francois Boyer and <i>The House of Breath</i> by William Goyen, printed version, <i>New York Times Book Review</i>	1950 Aug 20
b. 1, f. 19	"Virginia Woolf's Essays, A Great Art, A Sober Craft", review of <i>The Captain's Death Bed</i> , printed version, <i>New York Times Book Review</i>	1950 May 7
b. 1, f. 20	"The Wooden Umbrella, notes on a self-portrait", draft, typescript carbon	n.d.

**Series III: Other Material, 1950-1983***0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 2, f. 21	Articles on KAP	1962-80
b. 2, f. 22	Book catalog prices	n.d.
b. 2, f. 23	Cardboard enclosure signed by KAP	n.d.
b. 2, f. 24	Newspaper clippings on KAP Also Stored in: Oversize	1962-83
b. 2, f. 25	Envelopes, annotated	n.d.
b. 2, f. 26	Invitations to events for KAP	1962-73
b. 2, f. 27	Memorial service invitations and programs, including one annotated by Anatole Pohorilenko	1980
b. 2, f. 28	Notes by Monroe Wheeler on KAP	ca. 1950-70s

Oversize

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**Oversize, 1962**

*1.5 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 3, f. 29

Newspaper clipping on KAP (in Series III)

1962

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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.

### **Subjects**

Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

### **Names**

Porter, Katherine Anne, 1890-1980

Wescott, Glenway, 1901-1987

Wheeler, Monroe, 1899-1988