

Guide to the James F. White Research Files Relating to Thomas Mann

YCGL MSS 35



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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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CALL NUMBER: YCGL MSS 35

CREATOR: White, James F. (James Fellows), 1907-1976

TITLE: James F. White research files relating to Thomas Mann

DATES: circa 1940s-circa 1976

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 14.34 linear feet (20 boxes) + 1 portfolio

LANGUAGE: In German and English.

SUMMARY: The collection consists of manuscript notes and card files, printed material, writings drafts and offprints, and a small amount of correspondence and grant applications relating to White's research on Thomas Mann. Notes and card files mostly concern White's research on Dante's *Divina commedia* and Karl Vossler's work on Dante as source material for Mann's *Der Zauberberg*. Some notes concern Mann's *Doktor Faustus* or works of other German authors. Correspondence with Joseph Angell, founding curator of the Beinecke Library's Thomas Mann Collection, concerns their shared interest in Mann, the Beinecke Library's Mann Collection, and White's research and academic career.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. William Cornyn, 1993.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

James F. White Research Files Relating to Thomas Mann. Yale Collection of German Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, in 2011. The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as Uncat Zg Ms 6.

James F. White (born 1907)

James F. White (Yale Ph.D., 1941), professor of German at Yale University, Cornell University, and the University of Vermont.

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Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Notes and Writings, circa 1940s-circa 1976. II. Card Files, circa 1940s-circa 1976. III. Other Papers, circa 1950-circa 1976.

Collection Contents

Series I: Notes and Writings, circa 1940s-circa 1976

2.5 linear feet (6 boxes)

b. 1-6 Notes and writings

b. 21 portfolio Notes

Series II: Card Files, circa 1940s-circa 1976*11.63 linear feet (13 boxes)*

b. 7	"1. Mann Bibl"
b. 8	"2. DF" [<i>Doktor Faustus?</i>]
b. 9	"3. Motive"
b. 10	"4. Leitmotive Joseph"
b. 11	"5. A-G"
b. 12	"6. H-O"
b. 13	"7. P-Z"
b. 14	"8. Names I"
b. 15	"9. Names II"
b. 16	"10."
b. 17	"11."
b. 18	Materials originally laid in card files
b. 19	Other note cards

Series III: Other Papers, circa 1950-circa 1976

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

b. 20 Correspondence with Joseph Angell

b. 20 Other papers

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
Authors, German -- 20th Century
German literature -- 20th Century

Names

Angell, Joseph Warner, 1908-
Dante Alighieri, 1265-1321
Mann, Thomas, 1875-1955
Vossler, Karl, 1872-1949
White, James F. (James Fellows), 1907-1976