
Guide to the George Sumner Albee Papers, [ca. 1929-1958]

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: George Sumner Albee Papers,

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Creator: Albee, George Sumner, 1905-1964

Extent: Number of containers: 3 boxes, 1 carton and 2 v.

Repository: The Bancroft Library

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Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Abstract: Mainly correspondence and manuscripts of his novels and short stories. Some royalty statements, contracts and financial papers also included.

Languages Represented: English

Access

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Biographical Sketch

George Sumner Albee was born in Wisconsin, May 12, 1905. After the death of his father, he was taken by his mother to California. He graduated from the University of California in 1927 and then traveled in France, North Africa, China and Japan. He returned to Los Angeles, writing for the motion picture studios and fan magazines. In the mid-thirties he moved to New York City to concentrate on a writing career. Failing to find a publisher immediately, he worked for an advertising agency and wrote commercials for the DuPont radio program, *Cavalcade of America*. During the war, he worked for the Treasury Department, writing bond-selling speeches.

Mr. Albee has written a number of short stories, published in such magazines as *Saturday Evening Post*, *McCall's*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Collier's*. His novels include *Not In a Day* (1935), *Young Robert* (1937), *Girl on the Beach* (1953), and *The Boys* (1957). He died in Sarasota, Florida, on January 28, 1964.

Scope and Content

Mr. Albee presented his papers to Bancroft Library in September-October 1960. Covering the period 1929 to 1958, they consist mainly of letters written to him, carbon copies of some of his outgoing correspondence and manuscripts of short stories and novels. Included also are some royalty statements, contracts, clippings, and miscellaneous financial Papers.

Boxes 1 & 2 **Letters written to Albee.**

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or organization. Single letters have been placed in miscellanies preceding each letter of the alphabet. Miscellaneous fan letters & unidentified correspondents are at the end of the file. A list of the more important correspondents is appended to this report.

Box 3 **Letters written by Albee.**

Additional Note

Carbon copies, arranged chronologically, 1929-1958. The file is obviously incomplete.

Personalia

Royalty statements

Reviews, clippings, etc.

Contracts and leases

Financial records, etc.

Ctn. 1 & vols. **Mss. of short stories, novels, novellas, radio scripts, etc., including *The Boys*, *By the Sea*, *The Honorables*, *The Sunday Past*, *Waste Products*, *Young Robert*, *The Old Fool*.**

A - Miscellany

Acheson, Barclay

Letter, June 9, 1938

Adams, James Truslow
Letter, May 17, 1931

American Mercury
3 letters, 1930

Scope and Content Note

Signed by Charles Angoff and H. L. Mencken.

Ballantine Books, Inc.
4 letters, 1958

Scope and Content Note

Written mainly by Joan Seidenman.

Boodin, John Elof
9 letters, 1940-1942

The Bookman
5 letters, 1930-1932

Scope and Content Note

Written by Seward Collins and Dorothea Brande.

C - Miscellany
Clair, Rene
Letter, Aug. 26, 1931

Dakers, Andrew Herbert, 1887-
14 letters, 1937-1942

E - Miscellany
Edman, Irwin
Letter, Dec. 10, 1940

Eunson, Dale
13 letters, 1932-1952

Scope and Content Note

Include letters written by his wife, Katherine (Katherine Albert).

Freeman, Joseph
2 letters, 1940-1951

G -Miscellany
Grayson, Charles
Letter, Mar. 28, 1941
Guinness, Alec
Letter, May 23, 1955

Good Housekeeping

2 letters, 1957-1958

H - Miscellany

Hardwicke, Cedric Webster, Sir

Letter, June 10, 1955

Hearst, William Randolph, (1908-)

Letter, Sept. 23, 1952

Hemingway, Ernest

5 letters, 1931-1932

K - Miscellany

Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.

Letter, Apr. 29, 1935

Scope and Content Note

Signed by Blanche Knopf.

Kronenberger, Louis

5 letters, 1933-1935

Scope and Content Note

Some written for Alfred A. Knopf Inc.

L - Miscellany

Lerner, Alan Jay

[ca. July 1949]

Lowry, Malcolm

Letter, Mar. 17, 1957

Lehman, Benjamin Harrison

11 letters, 1929-1940

Lowry, Margerie (Mrs. Malcolm Lowry)

2 letters, 1958

M - Miscellany

MacLeish, Archibald

Letter, May 20, 1937

Morganthau, Henry

Letter, Nov. 24, 1943

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures

5 letters, 1949-1950

Scope and Content Note

Many signed by Dore Schary.

N - Miscellany

Nathan, Robert

Letter, Aug. 1, 1948

New Yorker

3 letters, 1952

Scope and Content Note

Written by Robert Henderson.

O - Miscellany

O'Brien, Edward Joseph Harrington
Letter, Dec. 22, 1932

R - Miscellany

Raine, Norman Reilly
Letter, Aug. 12, 1949
Reynal and Hitchcock, Inc.
Letter, Aug. 19, 1937

Scope and Content Note

Signed by Curtice Hitchcock.

Robinson, Edward G.
Letter, May 2, 1935
Roosevelt, Eleanor (Roosevelt)
Letter, Aug. 6, 1957
Rosenman, Samuel Irving
Letter, Oct. 16, 1943
Rukeyser, Muriel
Letter, Mar. 31, 1943

S - Miscellany

Saroyan, William
Letter, Mar. 30, 1934
Sinclair, Upton Beall
Letter, Nov. 1, 1933
Stegner, Wallace Earle
Letter, Mar. 16, 1951

Scribner's (Charles) Sons

10 letters, 1930-1937

Scope and Content Note

Several written by Kyle S. Crichton.

Steinbeck, John

51 letters, 1930-1950

Scope and Content Note

With these: letter, Oct. 11, [1935] from Carol H. Steinbeck; and postcard, ca. Sept. 20, [1951] from Elaine S. Steinbeck.

T - Miscellany

Thompson, Dorothy
Letter, Jan. 12, 1937

Tully, Jim

2 letters, Oct. 17, 1930 & n.d.

V Miscellany

Vanity Fair

Letter, Oct. 9, 1930

Scope and Content Note

Signed by Clare Boothe Brokaw.

Villard, Oswald Garrison

Letter, Dec. 14, 1937

W Miscellany

Wood, Grant

Letter, Feb. 10, 1940

Wright, Richard

Letter, Apr. 30, 1940