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## Summary Information

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|---|---|
| **Repository:** | Rare Book and Manuscript Library |
| **Creator:** | Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973 |
| **Creator:** | Hammarskjöld, Dag, 1905-1961 |
| **Creator:** | Sjöberg, Leif |
| **Creator:** | Britten, Benjamin, 1913-1976 |
| **Creator:** | Durham, Young |
| **Creator:** | De Wett, Olaf |
| **Title:** | W.H. Auden papers |
| **ID:** | 4078731 |
| **ID:** | MS#0053 |
| **Date [inclusive]:** | 1931-1973 |
| **Physical Description:** | 2 linear feet 4 boxes and one oversized folder |
| **Language of the Material:** | English . |

**Preferred Citation**

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Wystan Hugh papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Poet.

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## Summary

Letters, manuscripts, galley proofs, page proofs, art works, and printed materials of Auden, including three postcards to Geoffrey Grigson, one of which relates to galley proofs for Auden's poems included in THE YEAR'S POETRY, 1937. There are manuscripts, galley proofs, and page proofs of COLLECTED SHORTER POEMS 1927-1957 (Faber and Faber, 1966) all of which contain his corrections in ink. The manuscript of the book is comprised of typewritten and printed pages, which taken together are a mock-up of the entire book. Also, a pencil sketch of Auden by Terry Durham, a silkscreen portrait by Meyer F. Lieberman, and a portrait head cast by Olaf de Wett. There is also the manuscript and proofs of MARKINGS by Dag Hammarskjöld, translated from the Swedish by Leif Sjöberg and W.H. Auden; the libretto and score of PAUL BUNYAN by Auden and Britten; five letters from Auden to Norman Loftis criticizing Loftis' poetry; two letters from Auden to Patrick Anthony Lawlor; and four letters from Auden to Olive Mangeot.

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## Arrangement

Selected items cataloged; remainder arranged.

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## Administrative Information

### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1978. Accession number--M-1978.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

4 Auden letters to Olive Mangeot: Source of acquisition--2293B. Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--01/26/1996. Accession number--M-96-01-26.

### Alternate Form Available

W.H. Auden letters are also available microfilm. See MN# 91-2095 and 91-20095A (one reel).

### Alternate Form Available

Collected Shorter Poems, 1927-1957, also available on microfilm. See MN# 81-0924. Includes 1. Typed manuscript and printed pages, with corrections by Auden (301p); 2. Galley proofs, with corrections (45 galleys); 3. Page proofs, with corrections by Auden (232p.)

### Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Leif Sjöberg, 1979; Transferred from the Music Department, 1983.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Meyer F. Lieberman.

### Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 03/24/1989.

### Processing Information

4 Auden letters to Olive Mangeot Cataloged HR 02/06/1996.

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## Related Materials

### Selected Related Material--at Columbia

Humphrey Carpenter papers, Rare Book & Manuscript Library

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Literature publishing
- Music
- Scores (documents for music)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Poems
- Portraits
- Postcards
- Grigson, Geoffrey, 1905-1985
- Loftis, Norman, 1943-
- Lawlor, Pat, 1893-1979
- Lieberman, Meyer F

## Collection Inventory

### W. H. Auden Papers

| Title/Description | Instances |
|---|---|
| Correspondence | box 1 |
| Documents | box 1 |
| Manuscripts | box 1 |
| Dag Hammarskjöld. *Markings*--Manuscripts and Proofs, circa 1964<br>**Scope and Contents**<br>Translated from the Swedish by Leif Sjöberg and W.H. Auden. New York: Knopf, 1964. | box 2 |
| Photograph | box 3 |
| Portrait Head Cast by Olaf de Wett | box 3 |
| Printed Materials | box 3 |
| *Paul Bunyan*--Manuscripts | box 4 |
| Terry Dunham. [Portrait of W. H. Auden], 1974<br>Physical Description: Lithograph of Pencil Sketch, 47x58 cm.<br>**Scope and Contents**<br>Printed by Janus Press, Ilkley, Yorkshire, U.K. | folder Vault<br>Oversized |

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