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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Poet, Professor of English at Rutgers University. Ginsberg (Columbia University M.A., 1924) was the father of poet Allen Ginsberg.

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Summary

Ginsberg's papers are mostly the manuscripts and clippings of his poetry and prose writings, class notes for his courses at Rutgers, clippings of interviews and other publicity materials for his joint poetry readings with Allen Ginsberg, and many books from his library. Also included

are ten letters from Ginsberg to Louis Untermeyer regarding Ginsberg's poetry; and four letters from Ginsberg to Stanley Wertheim.

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Controlled Access Headings

- English language -- Study and teaching
- American literature -- 20th century
- Poems
- College teachers
- Authors, American
- Interviews
- Sound recordings
- Poets, American -- 20th century
- Ginsberg, Allen, 1926-1997
- Wertheim, Stanley
- Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977
- Rutgers University -- Faculty
- Brooks, Eugene, 1921-2001

- Ginsberg family

Collection Inventory

Series I: Louis Ginsberg papers	
Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence	box 1
Notebooks	box 1
Photographs	box 1
Miscellaneous Files	box 1
Poetry	box 2
Poetry	box 3
Poetry	box 4
Prose	box 5
Prose	box 6
Teaching Notes	box 7
Teaching Notes	box 8
Clippings	box 9
Clippings	box 10
Clippings	box 11
Periodicals with Contributions by Louis Ginsberg	box 12
Anthologies with Contributions by Louis Ginsberg	box 13
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Anthologies with Contributions by Louis Ginsberg	box 17
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Books with Ginsberg's Notes	box 20
Books with Ginsberg's Notes	box 21
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Series II: Audio Recordings, 1966-1976

Scope and Contents

Series consists of audio recordings of joint poetry readings, interviews, and conversations between Louis and Allen Ginsberg, and family members. The open reel audiotapes are poetry readings and joint interviews of Louis and/or with Allen Ginsberg at colleges, libraries, clubs, and other locations, dating from 1966 to 1975. The audiocassettes comprise of family conversations and poetry readings in a home setting, dating from 1974 to 1976, with its bulk dated 1976 January to June.

Subseries II.1: Open Reel Audiotapes, 1966-1975

Title/Description	Instances
Louis Ginsberg at "Y", 1966 July 23 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes <u>Digital Object:</u> Louis Ginsberg at "Y"	box 27
Louis and Allen Ginsberg, Paterson State College, 1967 March 19 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes <u>Digital Object:</u> Louis and Allen Ginsberg, Paterson State College	box 27
Louis Ginsberg, Wayne State University, Lecture before Medical students in Physiology and Pharmacology, 1967 May 04 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes <u>Digital Object:</u> Louis Ginsberg, Wayne State University, Lecture before Medical students in Physiology and Pharmacology	box 27
Scope and Contents play at 3 3/4 speed (standard)	
Allen and Louis Ginsberg at Newark Pharmacy, 1968 January 17 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes <u>Digital Object:</u> Allen and Louis Ginsberg at Newark Pharmacy	box 27

Scope and Contents

Allen and Louis Ginsberg, reading at Newark Pharmacy [box said Brooklyn Academy, corrected by A.G.]. Dubbed @ 3 3/4ips Scotch 203 tape. Side one: dub of reels 68A3/002 and 68A3/003. Allen reads for first half of tape, followed by Louis. Side two: dub of reel 68A3/004. Last part of Louis Ginsberg's reading followed by a question and answer period.

Jersey City Poetry Reading, 1969 April 12 box 27

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Jersey City Poetry Reading](#)

Scope and Contents

Side I: Jersey City, St. Pater's Poetry reading and Allen and Louis Ginsberg, April 12, 1969 Dub of 69A2/027-28.

Interview with Dr. Leon Mones, July 7, 1969

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Interview with Dr. Leon Mones](#)

Scope and Contents

Side II: Dr. Leon [Morles] interview on the Ginsberg family 7/7/69 2-3pm. 39E1/027D

Louis Ginsberg at ICA London, circa after 1969 box 27

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Louis Ginsberg at Institute of Contemporary Art, London](#)

Scope and Contents

Dub of Ginsbergs at the ICA album. Allen and Louis Ginsberg reading their poems in ICA, Dover Street, London. Louis Ginsberg side of album only.

Louis and Allen Ginsberg, PEN Club, Fifth Ave, New York, 1970 May 05 box 27

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Louis and Allen Ginsberg, PEN Club, Fifth Ave, New York](#)

Scope and Contents

Dub at 3 3/4 full track mono. Boardcast by WRVR-FM NYC.

Father and Son, the Ginsbergs (WBAI Interview Conversations: Louis and Allen Ginsberg), 1970 July 21 box 27

Physical Description: 2 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Father and Son, the Ginsbergs](#)

Scope and Contents

Tape 1: Intro: Next you will hear conversations: Louis and Allen Ginsberg. Allen Ginsberg and his father, Louis discuss their poetry, their relationship, and read some of their recent poetry. Louis Ginsberg's collection of poetry, MORNING IN SPRING was recently published by Morrow. Gil Jardine from WBAI's drama and literature department joins in the discussion. The first voice you will hear will be Louis Ginsberg's. Time 48' 45". Location: Edit TR2. Dubbed by: Peter Tape 2: WBAI-FM 30 E.39th St., N.Y. 3 3/4 speed. Time: 68:16. Dubbed by: BG.

Louis Ginsberg, Paterson Library, 1970 September 27 box 27

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Scope and Contents

Not digitized due to poor condition.

Allen and Louis Ginsberg, Reading at: the YM and YWHA, box 27
Saint Peter's College, 1970 December 03

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Allen and Louis Ginsberg, Reading at: the YM and YWHA](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: Allen and Louis Ginsberg reading at the YM and YWHA at 92nd St. and Lexington, NYC, December 3rd 1970. Dub at 3 3/4 ips on Scotch 203 on track one. [recorded originally on Scotch 207 at 7 1/2 ips-original in Allen Ginsberg Collection at Columbia University] Recorded by Ann Buchanan and Miles on a Rovx A77 using EV635A microphones. Timing: Louis Ginsberg 40:00/ 10:38, Allen Ginsberg 46:35.

Allen and Louis Ginsberg, Reading at: Saint Peter's College, March 1969

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Allen and Louis Ginsberg, Reading at: Saint Peter's College](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 2: Allen and Louis Ginsberg reading at Saint Peter's College in Patterson. March 1969. Dub at 3 3/4ips on Scotch 203 from original running at 7 1/2ips. Original on three sides of reels, here dubbed

together to present continuous programme. Short blanks indicate new reel. Timing: Louis Ginsberg 37:15, Allen Ginsberg 47:32.

Voice of America, Louis and Allen Ginsberg Poetry Reading Corcoran Gallery, 1971 March 04	box 27
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 open reel audiotapes	
<u>Digital Object:</u> Voice of America, Louis and Allen Ginsberg Poetry Reading Corcoran Gallery	

Allen and Louis Ginsberg, Douglass College in Voorhees Chapel, 1971 October 28	box 27
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 open reel audiotapes	
<u>Digital Object:</u> Allen and Louis Ginsberg, Douglass College in Voorhees Chapel	
Scope and Contents	
7 1/2 Stereo Uher 24 special (copy) recorded 7:30-9:30PM.	

Louis and Allen Ginsberg, University of Southern California, 1974 May 06	box 27
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes	
<u>Digital Object:</u> Louis and Allen Ginsberg, University of Southern California	
Scope and Contents	
12-2pm Louis reading first 3/4 hr. Allen 1:05 + 2. 3/4 or 7/14 OSC al.	

Louis Ginsberg: The Poetry Center McKenna Auditorium SFSU, 1974 May 09	box 27
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes	
<u>Digital Object:</u> Louis Ginsberg: The Poetry Center McKenna Auditorium San Francisco State University	
Scope and Contents	
3 3/4ips left channel only	

[Ro... The Reading]	box 27
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes	
<u>Digital Object:</u> [Ro... The Reading]	
Scope and Contents	
Tape was rehoused from a chocolate box.	

Louis Ginsberg, circa 1970	box 27
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 open reel audiotapes	

Digital Object: [Louis Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Louis Ginsberg 3 3/4 ips. Side I: "Suddenly I Remembered" breaks off before end, "Conversations in My Study" Very high quality, change to 7 1/2 ips. Side II: Louis and other persons discussing how a cassette machine works. [Recording date unknown-maybe 1970?] Tail out.

Louis Ginsberg poem: The Room, 1975 February 24 box 27

Physical Description: 1 open reel audiotapes

Digital Object: [Louis Ginsberg poem: The Room](#)

Scope and Contents

Contain a 2-page letter from Claire Liddel to Louis Ginsberg, dated Monday 24th February 1975, regarding the technical aspect of the tape and the content.

Subseries II.2: Audiocassettes, 1974-1976

Title/Description	Instances
<p>[Defective]</p> <p><u>Physical Description</u>: 1 audiocassettes</p> <p>Digital Object: [Defective]</p>	box 27
Scope and Contents	
Labeled as defective on Side 1	
<p>Paterson Perspective: Ginsberg, Fichtelberg, Falk, 1974 January 06</p> <p><u>Physical Description</u>: 1 audiocassettes</p> <p>Digital Object: Paterson Perspective: Ginsberg, Fichtelberg, Falk</p>	box 27
Scope and Contents	
<p>Poets Louis Ginsberg and Ruth C. Falk and Paterson Library Director Leo Fichtelberg discuss culture in Paterson with John Cichowski at 9 a.m. Sunday, January 6, 1974 on WPAT-Radio. Runs 30:30</p>	
<p>Louis Ginsberg; Eugene Brooks; Allen Ginsberg</p> <p><u>Physical Description</u>: 2 audiocassettes</p> <p>Digital Object: Louis Ginsberg; Eugene Brooks; Allen Ginsberg</p>	box 27

Scope and Contents

Side 1: Louis Ginsberg; Side 2: Eugene Brooks; Side 3: Allen Ginsberg

Louis, Edith, Allen Ginsberg: Supper conversation, 1976 January 10 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Louis, Edith, Allen Ginsberg: Supper conversation](#)

Scope and Contents

Saturday night. Louis, Allen, Edith Ginsberg 8:45-9:10. 1-766 After supper talk. Bellow's Humboldt Gift. Delmore Schwartz book and medical [...] talk, [...] of doctors, etc.

Louis, Edith, : Supper conversation, 1976 January 11 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Louis, Edith : Supper conversation](#)

Scope and Contents

Paterson, N.J. Side A and B: 5-8pm. Side A: Presupper conversation, Allen Abroad, A.G. Edith. Side B: Louis reading summer [...] poem, 7-8 o'clock.

Louis Ginsberg: Conversation, 1976 January 19 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Scope and Contents

Monday 4:10pm conversation. Some morning conversation 5 minutes. 4PM return from [...], Monday Jan. 19, 1976-5:30, [Beta Johnson?], Louis Ginsberg, [Mille Pollach?]

Not digitized due to poor condition.

Louis Ginsberg, 1976 February 20-22 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Louis Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: Paterson-Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, February 20, 1976; Side 2: [somplace?]-330 a poem paraphrased by Louis Ginsberg [...] February 21-22, 1976

Paterson: Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, Edith Ginsberg, 1976 February 29 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Paterson: Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, Edith Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: Afternoon 2-3pm; 1-466 Sunday February 29, 1976 Paterson. 490 [...] Louis Ginsberg,, A.G. and Edith after Dr. Levy's [...], then visit by Cole (Leonard) family, then leaving for ride [...] Paterson. 500 Poet [defi...] death. 550 phone call from Ruth. 588 Zen Sam [Freeman?]. Side 2: March 1, 1976, 12:30-1:30, 1-755 conversation and reading half of Book II Milton's Paradise Lost. 755-999 5-6pm Allen, Edith, and Louis

Louis Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Allen, Peter, Edith, 1976 April 17, 27 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Louis Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Allen, Peter, Edith](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: Louis home from hospital. 1-54 (noon time) to 171 after days later. April 17, 1976 to end side 1 with [Ferlinghetti] Allen [...]. Side 2: April 17, 1976, Louis Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Allen, Peter, Edith, [...] noon. [...] A dream-27 April 1976

Paterson, N.J.: Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, Edith Ginsberg, 1976 April 27-28 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Paterson, N.J.: Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, Edith Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side A: Afternoon 2-3pm April 27, 1976. 1-600 [...] phonecall. 600-814 April 28, 1976 conversation about night and stars, [...] re: 416E34 St. House Naomi Dream Louis Talking. Side B: 1-614 April 27 afternoon, April 28 morning Laundry Carts.

Paterson, N.J.: Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, Edith Ginsberg, 1976 April 28-May 01 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Paterson, N.J.: Louis Ginsberg, Allen Ginsberg, Edith Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side A: to 2:15pm Paterson, N.J. April 28, 1976. 1-315 Louis and Allen on life and death, laundry carts. 315-783 conversation and 6pm news,

April 30. 1976 Louis, Edith, Allen. Side B: May 1, 1976 Conversation Macbeth, Shakespeare teaching, [Mihi?] Davita (Louis talking) 1-516 End conversation phone with Gene

Louis and Allen Ginsberg, 1976 May 01-02 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Louis and Allen Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: May 1, 1976 Louis, Allen. Side 2: May 2, 1976 Eugene, Connie, Louis, [Diggy?] Spell, Louis [C..]

Eugene, Louis, Connie, Edith, Allen Ginsberg, 1976 May 02 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Eugene, Louis, Connie, Edith, Allen Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side A: May 2, 1976 Louis, Eugene, Allen, Connie, Edith. [Reynuchott?] poems. 6:50-7:20pm conversation. Side B: May 2, 1976 Upside down stamps on Fair St. Pip and conv, rope and snake, Eugene, Connie, Louis, Edith, Allen

Allen and Louis Ginsberg; Rutgers stories, 1976 May 03, 08 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Allen and Louis Ginsberg; Rutgers stories](#)

Scope and Contents

Side A: 1-163 Louis and Allen Monday May 3, 1976 going town on trip. 163-Rutgers Stories by Louis Ginsberg. Side B: Rutgers Stories by Louis Ginsberg.

Rutgers; Louis Ginsberg, 1976 May 08-09 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Rutgers; Louis Ginsberg](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: Louis concluding stories about Rutgers-100? Visit from Ellen [Abrano?], Sandy, Edith, Allen. Side 2: May 9, 1976 to 6pm random conversation about [...] death and life, Allen and Louis

Louis and Allen Ginsberg; Honey and Lou, 1976 May 09-11, 16 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Louis and Allen Ginsberg; Honey and Lou](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: May 9, 1976 Louis and Allen Ginsberg, random conversation 1-423. 423-699 Memories of Rutgers' [ta...] and Fair St. Haledon ave houses May 10, 1976 Louis Ginsberg talking, May 10 (cont.) 1-130pm. 699-979 on [El...] Trees, spiders, who and? Side 2: May 10, 1976, 1-572 Louis on life death, poetry fatigue till supper. 572-658 May 11, some [question], 976. Honey, Leo, Abe, Louis Honey's talk about visit to Saturday's May 15, 1976

Leo, Honey, Louis, Allen Ginsberg-Wordsworth, WWI, 1976 May 16-17 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Scope and Contents

Side 1: May 16, 1976 Leo, Honey, Louis, Abe, Allen, Edith, Paterson, N.J. Sunday noon 12-1pm Stories of Joel [...] Family, told by Honey to [...]. Side 2: May 16, 1976, 1-117 6pm Reading Wordsworth. 160-to end (probably) May 17, 1976 Louis and Allen discussing Wordsworth then WWII socialist communist and politics. This is continued on the next cassette of May 17.

Not digitized due to poor condition.

Club poetry, Wordsworth's sonnets; Eugene, Allen, and Louis; Claire, etc., 1976 May 17-30 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Club poetry, Wordsworth's sonnets; Eugene, Allen, and Louis; Claire, etc.](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: May 17, 1976 Louis and Allen 1-230 discussing Wordsworth-Lou's short poem on the brushy house, which hid a glue factory in his childhood. 230-307 discussion of Plynell's cold springs... on May 18-... symptoms to 376 Eugene and Louis to 470 end of tape May 20. Side 2: May 27 Louis, Allen, Peter, Edith-Louis talking about Peter Brooks "stuffy"-seepper houses... to 500 Claire Grolin, Jenny, Ethel Gaidennah Louis and Allen May 30, 1976 to end

Allen, Louis Ginsberg, Alan Ziegler, 1976 June 03-04 box 27

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

Digital Object: [Allen, Louis Ginsberg, Alan Ziegler](#)

Scope and Contents

Side 1: June 3, 1976, 1-275 with Alan Ziegler or Village Voice to end. 290 begins Ziegler. Side 2: Zeigler conversation, Ziegler and Louis

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