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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Kees, Weldon, 1914-1955
<b>Title:</b>	Weldon Kees papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078974
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0696
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1941-1986
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 linear feet 1 box 3 folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical / Historical

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Poet, painter, critic, musician in New York and San Francisco.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscript, and printed materials of Kees. There are fourteen letters from Kees to Herbert Cahoon, twelve letters from James T. Farrell to Kees, the manuscript of Kees' THE LAST MAN, and announcements and clippings by and about Kees.

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## Summary

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1991 ADDITION: 48 letters from Kees to Robert & Lorraine Wilbur, 1 letter from Kees to Morris Weisenthal, 2 letters from Adrian Wilson, and misc. letters from Kees' family and others, as well as additional printed materials have been added.

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## Summary

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1992 ADDITION: 67 letters to Robert Wilbur, misc. letters from Kees family and others, additional printed materials, 1 drawing, and 4 paintings by Kees have been added.

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## Arrangement

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Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Cahoon, Herbert. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1982. Accession number--M-82.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Estate of Robert Wilbur. Method of acquisition--Bequest; Date of acquisition--1991. Accession number--M-1991.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Estate of Robert Wilbur. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1992. Accession number--M-1992.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

pen-and-ink drawing: Source of acquisition--Estate of Robert Wilbur. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--04/13/92. Accession number--M-92-04-13.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Estate of Robert Wilbur. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1993. Accession number--M-1993.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Wilbur, Lorraine. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--11/02/92. Accession number--M-92-11-02.

**Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Herbert Cahoon, 1982.

**Ownership and Custodial History**

Transferred from X812K255/S7,1982.

**Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of the Estate of Robert Wilbur, 1991, 1992& 1993.

**Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Lorraine Wilbur, 1992.

**Processing Information**

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 07/--/89.

**Processing Information**

Papers Processed HR 12/10/91.

**Processing Information**

Papers Processed HR 02/26/92.

**Processing Information**

pen-and-ink drawing Cataloged HR 04/14/92.

**Processing Information**

Papers Processed HR 07/23/93.

**Processing Information**

Papers Processed HR 07/20/93.

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- Arts -- New York (State) -- New York
- Arts -- California -- San Francisco
- Booksellers and bookselling
- Fliers (printed matter)
- Announcements
- Catalogs
- Certificates
- Checks (bank checks)
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Essays
- Invitations
- Manuscripts (documents)
- negatives (photographs)
- Oil paintings (visual works)
- Paintings (visual works)
- Pen and ink drawings
- Photographs
- Poems
- Programs (documents)
- Reviews (documents)
- watercolors (painting)
- Authors
- Poets
- Painters
- Critics
- Musicians
- Cahoon, Herbert, 1918-2000
- Farrell, James T (James Thomas), 1904-1979
- Wilson, Adrian