

# Guide to the Backwoods Broadsides Records

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1231

**CREATOR:** Backwoods Broadsides (Firm) , publisher

**TITLE:** Backwoods Broadsides records

**DATES:** 1972–2010

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.25 linear feet (15 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Backwoods Broadsides Records, which span from 1972-2010, contain correspondence, printed material, and production files relating to Backwoods Broadsides and their output.

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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Lippincott Books on the Jack Calloway Fund, 2019.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 15 (electronic media): Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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## Preferred Citation

Backwoods Broadsides Records. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Backwoods Broadsides

Backwoods Broadsides are a small press based in Maine. They have published works by many poets including Robert Creeley, Carl Rakosi, James Laughlin, Joan Retallack, and Clayton Eshleman. Their long-running "Chaplet Series" includes works by Rachel Blau Duplessis, Joanne Kyger, Alice Notley, Dale Smith, and Dianne DiPrima among others.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Author Correspondence Related to the Chaplet Series, 1972 - 2010. II. Other Correspondence and Papers Related to the Chaplet Series, 1975 - 2007. III. Printed Material, 1994 - 2006.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Author correspondence related to the Chaplet Series, 1972–2010

5.0 linear feet (12 boxes)

Contains correspondence with authors and related materials regarding the Chaplet Series publications.

Box 15 (electronic media): Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Materials roughly maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 1	Abrams, Sam	1993–2004
b. 15	ABRAMS-CLA RIT- 3/98 PO, OPPO, POBIZ 2020-ycal-0004-0001 13.5_floppy_disk Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	–1998 March
b. 1	Antler	1992–2004
b. 1	Arnold, Bob - Longhouse Books	1992–2004
b. 1	Baraka, Amiri	1997–2002
b. 1	Barbour, Douglas - and Sheila E. Murphy	2000–2003
b. 1	Beam, Jeffery	1996–2004
b. 2	Beckett, Tom	circa 2001
b. 2	Beltran, Gerardo	2000–2001
b. 2	Benton, Bill	1996–2001
b. 2	Bizzini, Chantal (2 folders)	1996–2007
b. 2	Bok, Gordon	2002–2003
b. 2	Booth, Philip	1984–1996
b. 2	DuPlessis, Rachel Blau	1998–2006
b. 15	DuPlessis draft 37: Praedelle, Microsoft word 5.1 on MAC plus 2020-ycal-0004-0002 13.5_floppy_disk Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 1998
b. 2	Brossard, Nicole	2001–2003
b. 2	Bowering, George	2003–2005
b. 2	Brown, Lee Ann	1999–2001
b. 2	Burns, John	2000–2004

Burns, John (continued)

b. 15	JOHN'S (BURNS) POEMS 2020-ycal-0004-0003 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 2001
b. 3	Corman, Cid (2 folders)	1995-2004
b. 3	Creeley, Robert	1995-2000
b. 3	Di Prima, Diane	1994-2000
b. 3	De Rachewiltz, Mary	1995-2006
b. 3	De Rachewiltz, Patrizia	1995-2001
b. 3	Desnos - Carl Little	1990-2006
b. 4	Dhomba	circa 2000-2003
b. 4	Doubiago, Sharon	1999-2000
b. 15	ALIMA PRAYERS by SHARON DOUBIAGO Nov 19, 1999 for Sylvester Pollet 2020-ycal-0004-0005 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1999 November 9
b. 4	Dunlop, Lane	1996-1998
b. 4	Economou, George	1994-1996
b. 15	Backwoods BroadSides KYRIELLE LAMENT FOR MAT MAHER Nashvillanelle Polemerick 1892 Latent = Sestina BIO NOTE 2020-ycal-0004-0004 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 1994-1996
b. 4	Eiichi, Kasuya	1997-1999
b. 4	Enslin, Ted	1994-2006
b. 4	Eshleman, Clayton	1995-2006
b. 4	Ferlinghetti, Lawrence	1972-2000
b. 4	Fraser, Kathleen	1997-1998
b. 4	Friedlander, Ben	circa 1990-1999
b. 15	Ben Friedlander 2020-ycal-0004-0006 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1990-1999

b. 5	Giannini, David	1995-2002
b. 5	Gordon, David	1995-1997
b. 5	Greene, Jonathan	1997-2006
b. 5	Heller, Michael	1993-2001
b. 5	Higgins, Dick	1978-1996
b. 15	Gangsta Flix DICK HIGGINS P.O. Box 27 Barrytown, NY 12507 2020-ycal-0004-0007 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 1995
b. 5	Hirschman, Jack	1997-2005
b. 5	Hollo, Anslem	1998-1999
b. 15	"Pebbles" 2020-ycal-0004-0008 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1998-1999
b. 5	Johnson, Ronald	1995-1998
b. 5	Johnston, Devin	1997-2000
b. 5	Joris, Pierre	1999
b. 5	Kelly, Robert	2005-2006
b. 6	Kimmelman, Burt	1993-2003
b. 6	Kyger, Joanne (2 folders)	1999-2007
b. 6	Laughlin, James	1995-1996
b. 6	Lawless	2004-2005
b. 6	Lignell - River Songs	1986-1994
b. 6	Mandelstam, Osip	2001
b. 15	LINES ON the UNKNOWN SOLDIER 2020-ycal-0004-0009 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i>  Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2001
b. 6	Martin, Richard	1998-2000

Martin, Richard (continued)

b. 15	Richard Martin MARKS 2020-ycal-0004-0010 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1998–2000
b. 6	Martone, John	1997–1998
b. 7	Martone, John (2 folders)	1997–2002
b. 7	Maurer, Susan	2004–2005
b. 7	McClintock, Michael	2002
b. 7	Medina, Ruben	2004
b. 7	Meek, Anna	1993–2003
b. 15	TASCHA HEIFETZ Anna Meek - microsoft word 2020-ycal-0004-0011 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1995
b. 8	Melnicove, Mark	1978–2004
b. 8	Meltzer, David	2004
b. 8	Mikes, Petr (2 folders)	1990–2003
b. 8	Money, Peter	1996–2005
b. 15	Peter Money, poems "Between Ourselves" 1997 Microsoft Word and also a Text only copy 2020-ycal-0004-0012 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1997
b. 8	Moxley, Jennifer	1999–2010
b. 8	Murphy, Sheila	1998–1999
b. 8	Nielson, Aldon	2001–2002
b. 8	Nguyen, Hoa	2000–2004
b. 8	Notleya, Alice	2002–2005
b. 8	Nowak, Mark	1995–1997
b. 9	O'Leary, Peter	1996–1998
b. 9	Owens, Rochelle	1995–1996
b. 9	Paley, Grace	1994



b. 9	Pixley, Jennifer	circa 1990s
b. 15	Jennifer Pixley BB 26 A REAL TOAD 2020-ycal-0004-0013 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 1990s
b. 9	Pluhacek / Martin Reiner	2003-2006
b. 9	Pollet, Elizabeth	1994
b. 9	Pollet, Sylvester	2007-2008
b. 9	Porter, Bern	1995-2004
b. 15	S FILES BACKUP 3/13/95 16 May 2020-ycal-0004-0014 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1995-2004
b. 9	Prevallet, Kristin	2001-2003
b. 9	Quartermain, Meredith	1995-1998
b. 9	Quartermain, Peter	1999-2005
b. 9	Rakosi, Carl	1994-2004
b. 9	Retallack, Joan	1994-2000
b. 15	nohsexb.doc Joan Retallack 2020-ycal-0004-0015 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 1990s
b. 9	Rosen, Ken	1995-2005
b. 9	Rossiter, Charles	2000-2002
b. 10	Rothenberg, Jerome	1994-1997
b. 15	chaplets 26-31 + Taggart 33. Rothenberg & 32. TARN 2020-ycal-0004-0016 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1994-1997
b. 15	CHUYA.DOC NEZVAL.DOC Jerome Rothenberg for BACKWOODS BROADSIDES 2020-ycal-0004-0017 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1994-1997

b. 10	Saroyan, Aram	1996–2006
b. 15	11/13/97 Nine Poems 2020-ycal-0004-0018 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1997 November 13
b. 10	Schelling, Andrew	1996–2006
b. 10	Schwerner, Armand	1999
b. 10	Scott, Georgia / Cheryl Malcolm	2002–2006
b. 10	Smith, Dale	1998–2002
b. 10	Snyder, Gary	1994–2001
b. 10	Sondheim, Alan Jen	1998–1999
b. 10	Taggart, John	1995–2002
b. 15	TAGGART POEMS & BIO 2020-ycal-0004-0019 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1997
b. 10	Tardos, Anne	1996–2005
b. 10	Tarn, Nathaniel	1996–2000
b. 10	Torregian, Sotere	2002–2003
b. 11	Vellejo, Cesar	2000–2006
b. 11	Van Istendael, Geert	1999–2000
b. 11	Van Dias, Robert	2000–2001
b. 15	ROBERT VAS DIAS POEMS (8) FROM "SELECT THINGS" FILED UNDER INDIVIDUAL TITLES, SAVE AS. TEXT. 2020-ycal-0004-0020 <i>13.5_floppy_disk</i> Restricted Fragile Material. Reference copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2000
b. 11	Volkova, Bronislava	2004–2005
b. 11	Waldman, Anne	1994–2007
b. 11	Waldrop, Keith / Rosemarie	2004–2005
b. 11	Wetterau, John	1993–1994
b. 11	Williams, Jonathan Includes a copy of <i>Horny and Ornerly</i> .	1994–2005

## Series II: Other correspondence and papers related to the Chaplet Series, 1975–2007

1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

Contains correspondence and other papers related to the Chaplet Series publications.

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b. 11	"BBCS - Poets - Other" Materials are mostly correspondence relating to the business of publishing.	1975–2006
b. 11	"BBCS Misc." Business and personal correspondence. Materials include correspondence from Kris Larson on postcards, photographs, and Post-It notes. Also included is correspondence with Steven Evans, Jack and Lisa Trank, brother Placid, David Giannini, Robert Webb, Erin Doyle, Heather McHugh, and many others.	1990–2004
b. 11	"Poets House"	2004–2006
b. 11	"Beinecke Library"	1995–2007
b. 11	"University Presses"	1997–2006
b. 11	"Brown University"	1995–2002
b. 11	"Chaplet Submissions / Queries" Includes materials from Ed Mycue, Errol Miller, Edwin Honig, Robert D. Spector, David Sullivan, Harriet Linnes, Robert Podgurski, and others.	1995–2000
b. 11	"BB Chaplet Series: 1994- The Beginning"	1994
b. 12	"Ron Silliman"	1999–2002
b. 12	"Charles Smith Broadsides, etc"	1992–1997
b. 12	"Martin Steingesser"	1997
b. 12	"Keith Tuma"	1997–1998
b. 12	"Phillis Walsh / Hummingbird"	1996–1997
b. 12	"Mark Weiss"	1997–1998
b. 12	"Mark Yakich / Noodline For O Pals"	1999
b. 12	"Chaplet Series Letters A-E Backwoods Broadsides" Materials are mostly letters and notes from Pollet to others.	1995–1998
b. 12	"Chaplet Letters F-K" Materials are mostly letters and notes from Pollet to others.	1995–1997
b. 12	"Chaplet Letters L-Q" Materials are mostly letters and notes from Pollet to others.	1995–1997
b. 12	"Chaplet Letters R-Z" Materials are mostly letters and notes from Pollet to others.	1994–1998
b. 12	"Steve Ellis / Oasii Broadsides"	1996

b. 12	"Dan Featherston"	1998-2001
b. 12	"Revised notes: Ryan Fitzpatrick"	circa 2001
b. 13	"Ed Foster / Talisman"	1999
b. 13	"Peter Ganick Potes and Poets Press"	circa 1995
b. 13	"Kerry Shawn Keys"	1995-1997
b. 13	"Rachel Loden"	1997
b. 13	"Tom Mandel"	1993
b. 13	"Robin Magowan"	Circa 1999
b. 13	"Kathleen March"	1999
b. 13	"Margo"	circa 1995
b. 13	"Charlie Mehrhoff"	1995-1996
b. 13	"Jack Micheline"	1995-1998
b. 13	MIEKAL AND"	circa 2000
b. 13	"David Miller / Univ. College London"	1995-1998
b. 13	"Edward Mycue"	2004
b. 13	"Reno Odlin"	2000
b. 13	"Jeanne Somers"	1995-2002
b. 13	"St Andre des Arts"	1994-1999
b. 13	"Mailing List"	circa 1990s

**Series III: Printed material, 1994–2006**

*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 14	Backwoods Broad­sides signed edition--Set "B" (3 folders)	1994–2006
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## **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**

American poetry  
American poetry -- 20th Century  
American poetry -- 21st century  
Small presses  
Small presses -- United States

### **Genres / Formats**

Broadsides -- United States  
Broadsides -- United States -- 20th Century