

# **Guide to the Frederick W. Beinecke Collector's Files**

**WA MSS S-2760**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-2760

**CREATOR:** Beinecke, Frederick W.

**TITLE:** Frederick W. Beinecke collector's files

**DATES:** 1950-1971

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.25 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The files consist of inventories and a card index for Frederick W. Beinecke's Western Americana collection. The collection documented in this material was donated to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, chiefly between 1960 and 1971. The inventories (Series I.) document Frederick W. Beinecke's larger donations, including a collection on the Mexican War in 1960, a collection of printed material in 1962, and material donated at the time of his death in 1971. The card index (Series II.) documents Frederick W. Beinecke's acquisition of material in the 1950s and 1960s and includes documentation of provenance and acquisition, and descriptions provided by booksellers. The cards also include notes on handling of the material at Yale. The index cards informed the descriptions of material in catalog records in Yale University Library's catalog.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.beineckefw>.

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

- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Frederick W. Beinecke, 1960-1971.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Boxes 4-11 (card index): Formerly restricted until 2012.

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### Conditions Governing Use

The Frederick W. Beinecke Collector's Files is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Preferred Citation

Frederick W. Beinecke Collector's Files. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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### Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, in 2012. 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.

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

Former call number: Uncat WA MS 255

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## Frederick W. Beinecke

Frederick W. Beinecke (1887-1971, Yale 1909S), collector of rare books and manuscripts, and major benefactor of the Yale Collection of Western Americana and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Scope and Contents

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Library, chiefly between 1960 and 1971. The inventories (Series I.) document Frederick W. Beinecke's larger donations, including a collection on the Mexican War in 1960, a collection of printed material in 1962, and material donated at the time of his death in 1971. The card index (Series II.) documents Frederick W. Beinecke's acquisition of material in the 1950s and 1960s and includes documentation of provenance and acquisition, and descriptions provided by booksellers. The cards also include notes on handling of the material at Yale. The index cards informed descriptions of material in catalog records in Orbis, Yale University Library's catalog.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Inventories, 1962-1971. II. Card Index, circa 1950-1962.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Inventories, 1960-1971

*1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1	"The Mexican War Collection," typescript carbon	[1960]
b. 1, f. 2	"Catalogue of a collection of rare Western American books presented by Frederick W. Beinecke to the Yale University Library," typescript carbon with manuscript notes in an unidentified hand	1962 December 6
b. 1, f. 3	"Catalogue of a collection of original historical manuscripts presented by Frederick W. Beinecke to the Yale University Library," typescript	1963
b. 2, f. 4-5	Library manuscript catalogue, carbons	undated
b. 2, f. 6	Printed books, original, A-L	undated
b. 3, f. 7	Printed books, original, M-Z	undated
b. 3, f. 8	"Addition to Beinecke printed books catalogue"	undated
b. 3, f. 9-10	"Western Americana Rare Books and Manuscripts Passing to Yale University under the will of Frederick W. Beinecke"	1971 July 30

**Series II: Card Index, circa 1950-circa 1962***8 linear feet (8 boxes)*

Organized under three headings: Author Index, Title Index, and Author Index (photocopy).

## Author Index

b. 4	A-D
b. 5	E-L
b. 6	Mc-T
b. 7	U-Z

## Title Index

b. 7	A-C
b. 8	D-Mem
b. 9	Men-Sp
b. 10	Sq-Z

## Author Index (photocopy)

b. 10	A-F
b. 11	G-Z

## **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**

Academic libraries -- Collection development  
Acquisition of manuscripts -- United States  
Antiquarian booksellers -- United States  
Book collectors -- United States  
Booksellers and bookselling -- United States  
Cataloging of manuscripts -- United States  
Cataloging of rare books -- United States  
Collection development (Libraries) -- United States  
Libraries and booksellers -- United States  
Manuscripts -- Collections  
Manuscripts -- Collectors and collecting  
Rare books -- Collectors and collecting

### **Geographic Names**

West (U.S.) -- History

### **Genres / Formats**

Card files -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

Antiquarian booksellers -- United States -- 20th Century  
Book collectors -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Beinecke, Frederick W.