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# Guide to the John Leggett Writings

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 486

**CREATOR:** Leggett, John, 1917-2015

**TITLE:** John Leggett writings

**DATES:** 1960-1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.44 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The John Leggett writings contain drafts and proofs for Leggett's first three novels, Wilder Stone (1960), The Gloucester Branch (1964), and Who Took the Gold Away (1969).

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## Requesting Instructions

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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

Gift of John Leggett, 1960 to 1969.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

John Leggett Writings. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

The collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition. Further organization, rehousing, and description was carried out in 2011.

Formerly classed as Za Leggett.

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## Associated Materials

John Leggett Papers, MsC 503, Special Collections Department, University of Iowa.

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## John Leggett (1917-)

John Leggett was born November 11, 1917, in New York, N.Y. to Bleecker Noel and Dorothy (Mahar) Leggett. Leggett attended Andover, received an A.B. from Yale University in 1942, and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1945. He married Mary Lee Fahnestock in 1948, with whom he had three children. They divorced in 1986, and Leggett married Edwina Bennington of San Francisco.

Leggett was an editor and publicity director for Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston from 1950 to 1960 and an editor at Harper & Row Publishing in New York from 1960 to 1967. In 1969 Leggett became a professor of English and the director of the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, serving in those capacities until 1987.

Leggett's published writings include *Wilder Stone* (1960), *The Gloucester Branch* (1964), *Who Took the Gold Away* (1969), *Ross and Tom: Two American Tragedies* (1974), and *Gulliver House* (1979).

Biographical information taken from John Leggett Papers, MsC 503, Special Collections Department, University of Iowa.

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## Scope and Contents

The John Leggett writings contain drafts and proofs for Leggett's first three novels, *Wilder Stone*, *The Gloucester Branch*, and *Who Took the Gold Away*, published from 1960 to 1969.

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by title.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1	<i>The Gloucester Branch</i> , notes, drafts, and galley proof 6 Folders	1964, undated
b. 2	<i>The Gloucester Branch</i> , page proof	1964
b. 2	<i>Wilder Stone</i> , setting copy	1960
b. 3	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , notes and drafts 6 Folders	1968-1969
b. 4	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , original draft 5 Folders	undated
b. 5	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , setting copy, typescript and photocopy 5 Folders	undated
b. 6	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , setting copy	undated
b. 6	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , galley proof	1969 January 7
b. 7	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , page proofs 2 Folders	1969 February 21
b. 8	<i>Who Took the Gold Away?</i> , plate proof	1969
b. 9	"You Take the High Road to Success in Writing," setting copy	1966

## **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 literature -- 20th Century  
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

### **Occupations**

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Leggett, John, 1917-2015