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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 658

CREATOR: Hale, Oliver

TITLE: Oliver Hale papers

DATES: 1936-1998

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.1 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of writings, a scrapbook, an interview, and correspondence by and relating to the American poet and prose writer Oliver Hale. Writings include autograph manuscript and typescript drafts of poems and other writings. The scrapbook contains clippings of Hale's printed poems from publications. The typescript interview transcript, titled "The Poet and His Wife," is an interview with Hale and his wife, Esther, by Edward R. Murrow for the radio program "This I Believe." Correspondence includes acceptance letters from publishers to Hale.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Philip Diamant, 1996-1998.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Oliver Hale Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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.

The collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition. Further organization, rehousing, and description were carried out in 2013.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as: Uncat ZA MS 507, Uncat ZA MS 512, Uncat ZA MS 518, Uncat ZA MS 534, Uncat ZA MS 552, Uncat ZA File 391, and Uncat ZA File 398. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, according to month and year of acquisition.

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 basic processing.

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

Oliver Hale (1897-1984)

Oliver Hale was the pen name for poetry and prose writer Oscar Hirschmann. He was born in New York City on August 2, 1897. In 1922, he married Esther Bloom, a graphologist, who was also from New York City. Hale died in California on January 30, 1984.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of writings, a scrapbook, a transcript of an interview, and correspondence by and relating to the American poet and prose writer Oliver Hale. Writings include manuscript and typescript drafts of poems and other writings. The scrapbook contains clippings of Hale's printed poems from various publications. The interview titled "The Poet and His Wife," was conducted with Hale and his wife by

Edward R. Murrow for the radio program "This I Believe." Correspondence includes acceptance letters from various publishers to Hale.

Arrangement

Organized into seven groupings: I. 1996 Acquisition. II. February 1997 Acquisition. III. March 1997 Acquisition. IV. August 1997 Acquisition. V. September 1997 Acquisition. VI. February 1998 Acquisition. VII. July and November 1998 Acquisitions.

Collection Contents

1: 1996 Acquisition, 1996, undated

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 507

b.1	"Treasury of Published Poems by Oliver Hale," typescript photocopy	1996
b.1	"Published Poems by Oliver Hale," typescript photocopy	undated
b.1	"Declaration of Independence," typescript photocopy	undated

2: February 1997 Acquisition, 1936-1983

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 512

b. 2	Scrapbook of clippings of Hale's printed poems from 1936-1983	1936-1983
b. 2	"My Darling: 'O to E' by Oliver Hale and Oscar Hirschmann, 258 pages, Love Letters 1980 September 21-May 1980"	

3: March 1997 Acquisition, 1997, undated*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 518

b. 3	General index of Hale's work	1997 March
b. 3	"Index of Poetic Estate"	1997 March
b. 3	"Index of Scrapbook Poems"	1997 March
b. 3	"Index of Poetic Estate, 108 manuscript original manuscripts of the 219 published poems of Oliver Hale" <i>4 Folders</i>	undated
b. 3	"Index of Poetic Estate, 54 manuscript original manuscripts of the 219 published poems of Oliver Hale" <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 3	<u>"Index of Poetic Estate, 259 manuscript love letters, O to E"</u> <i>7 Folders</i>	undated

4: August 1997 Acquisition, 1997, undated

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 534

b. 4	"Oliver Hale, An Appreciation," typescript, photocopy, bound	1997 July
b. 4	"The Human Condition," typescript draft, photocopy	undated
b. 4	"Humor," manuscript draft	undated
b. 4	"Walking," manuscript draft	undated

5: September 1997 Acquisition, 1997, undated*0.84 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 534

b. 5	"Poetry of Oliver Hale," manuscript drafts <i>4 Folders</i>	undated
b. 6	"Indices," typescript draft prepared by Philip Diament	1997 September 11
b. 6	"Unpublished poems by Oliver Hale: 339 Poems" <i>4 Folders</i>	1997 September 11

6: February 1998 Acquisition, 1979-1998, undated*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 552

b. 7	"The Poet and His Wife" and "In Recall," manuscript and typescript drafts "The Poet and His Wife" is an interview with Oliver and Ethel Hale (Esther Hirschmann) by Edward R. Murrow on the radio program "This I Believe"	undated
b. 7	"General Index - Rev. 'J' to the Poetic and Literary Estate to be protected, The Work of Oliver Hale, 1897-1984"	1998 January
b. 7	"Prose Writings by Oliver Hale," manuscript, photocopies, and typescript drafts	undated
b. 7	"Log Time and Expenses: Editing work: Philip Diament"	1997-1998
b. 7	Publisher's acceptance letters to Hale	1979-1982
b. 7	"Oliver Hale: An Appreciation," typescript draft	1997
b. 7	"Additional unpublished poems," manuscript and typescript drafts	undated

7: July and November 1998 Acquisitions, 1988-1989, 1998

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat ZA File 391 and Uncat ZA File 398

b. 8	"Index Item 8. The Poet's Workbook," autograph manuscript notebook, with two indices and typescript of "Poem Titles and First Lines: The Poet's Notebook"	1998 July 13-14
b. 8	"From Sidewalk, Gutter and Stoop" by Oliver and Ethel Hale, typescript (photocopy) page 510-533, with autograph letter signed (photocopy) to Philip Diamant from "Link;" with two indices	1989, 1998

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
American poetry -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century
Poets, American -- 20th Century

Occupations

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century
Poets -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Hale, Oliver
Murrow, Edward R., 1908-1965