

Guide to the George Van Santvoord Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 763

CREATOR: Van Santvoord, George, 1891-1975

TITLE: George Van Santvoord collection

DATES: 1914-1989

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.84 linear feet (9 boxes) + 2 art

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The George Van Santvoord collection was formed by Van Santvoord's relatives, friends and associates. Various early acquisitions include manuscript material by Van Santvoord and others, correspondence, and printed material. Sketchbooks contain original ink and pencil sketches and watercolors, with views of places visited by Van Santvoord in South Africa, the Far East, Panama Canal, Galapagos, Marquesas, Bora Bora, Tahiti, Fiji, Borneo, and elsewhere. The July 1985 Acquisition contains correspondence, including letters from Van Santvoord to his father Seymour, dating from 1914 to 1918, and letters to Van Santvoord from Lancelot Ridley Phelps, William Lyon Phelps, Harris Rackham, and others. The October 1995 Acquisition contains manuscript notes relating to John Milton and the seventeenth century, additional correspondence, material relating to Yale University, dating largely from the 1940s, and other personal papers.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired from various sources. For more information consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

George Van Santvoord Collection. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and in some instances minimal organization. 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, identified by a unique call number and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

This finding aid may be updated to account for revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call numbers: Za Van Santvoord, Uncat Za Ms 337, Uncat Za Ms 87, Uncat Za File 253, and Uncat Za Ms 456.

George Van Santvoord (1891-1975)

George Van Santvoord was born in Bennington, Vermont on 5 August, 1891 and educated at Hotchkiss School, Yale University (1912), and Oxford University. After serving with the American Field Service and 39th U.S. Infantry, Van Santvoord taught English at Yale (1919-1921) and at the University of Buffalo (1922-1925). Van Santvoord then returned to Hotchkiss School, a preparatory school in Lakeville, Connecticut, to serve as Headmaster, a post he held from 1926 to 1955. Upon his retirement, he served in the Vermont legislature for ten years. Van Santvoord died in Williamstown, Massachusetts on 19 February 1975.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into five groupings: Early Acquisitions, July 1985 Acquisition, January 1989 Acquisition, November 1990 Acquisition, and October 1995 Acquisition.

Collection Contents

Early Acquisitions, 1929-1989

0.8 linear feet (4 boxes) + 2 art

Early Acquisitions include manuscript material by Van Santvoord and others, correspondence, and printed material. Sketchbooks contain original pencil and ink sketches and watercolors, with views of places visited by Van Santvoord while on a tour, including South Africa, the Far East, Panama Canal, Galapagos, Marquesas, Bora Bora, Tahiti, Fiji, Borneo, and elsewhere.

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Acquired from various sources. For more information consult the appropriate curator.

Organized into three subdivisions: Manuscripts, Correspondence, and Printed Material.

Manuscripts

Manuscripts by George Van Santvoord

b. 1	"Bird's Eye Views From the Bergensfjord," sketchbook	1964
	"Caronia, 1956," sketchbook Stored in: Oversize, Box 3	1956
b. 1	Letters by George Van Santvoord <i>2 Folders</i> Contains transcriptions, typescript, of letters dated from 1930 to 1975, edited and compiled by Chingis Guirey	1978-1979
b. 1	"Russian Rhymes," poems, autograph manuscript	undated
b. 4 (Art)	"Some New Tales of The South Pacific," sketches 1-8	1958
b. 5 (Art)	"Some New Tales of The South Pacific," sketches 9-17	1958

Manuscripts by Others

Blanchard, Brand

b. 1	"In Memoriam: George Van Santvoord (1891-1978)," typescript, corrected	1975
	Hughes, R.D.	
b. 1	"For G.V.S., an Epitaph," poem, typescript (photocopy)	[1975?]

Unidentified

b. 1	List of pies, autograph manuscript, addressed to "Mrs. Seymour Van Santvoord"	undated
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Correspondence

George Van Santvoord Correspondence

b. 1	Alumnae Association of The Hotchkiss School	1955 May
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Correspondence > George Van Santvoord Correspondence (continued)

b. 1	Bainbridge, John S.	1932-1972
b. 1	Beal, John Wilkie <i>2 Folders</i>	1965-1978, undated
b. 1	Blagden, Thomas P.	1962-1974
b. 1	Bowen, John G. <i>3 Folders</i>	1956-1975, undated
b. 1	Bradley, Edward M.	1951 July 25
b. 1	Shouse, Martha	1974
b. 1	Unidentified	undated
Third-Party Correspondence		
b. 1	Beal, John Wilkie Includes correspondence with James T. Cleland, Chingis Guirey, The Hotchkiss School, Agnes Rice, Richard Severo, Potter Stewart, and Amos and Catherine Wilder	1974-1980
b. 1	Bowen, John G. Includes correspondence with Martha Shouse	1974
b. 1	Guirey, Chingis Includes correspondence with John Wilkie Beal, Oriel College, Oxford, Agnes Rice, and Frank Sproule	1978-1989, undated
Printed Material		
	Certificates and awards Stored in: Oversize, Box 6	1929-1961
b. 2	Clippings Also stored in: Oversize, Box 6	1962-1975, undated
b. 2	<i>Eulogy of the Life, Character and Services of Andrew Jackson</i> , by Geoge Van Santvoord, printed version	circa 1945
b. 2	"Furnace Grove 1858-1958: The Story of a Family Home"	undated
b. 2	"George Van Santvoord" by A. William Olsen, printed version, <i>Hotchkiss Alumni Magazine</i>	1975
b. 2	"George Van Santvoord: After Hotchkiss--Return to Vermont" by James S. Holden, printed version, <i>Hotchkiss Alumni Magazine</i>	1973
	"George Van Santvoord Memorial Service," printed version, <i>The Hotchkiss Record</i> Stored in: Oversize, Box 6	1975 May 17
b. 2	"In Memoriam: George Van Santvoord, 1891-1975"	1975 May 17
b. 2	Invitation to Hotchkiss School Alumni	1955 April 22

Printed Material (continued)

b. 2	<i>The poetry of George Van Santvoord: Annotated by John Wilkie Beal</i> (two copies) <i>2 Folders</i>	circa 1977
Oversize		
b. 3	"Caronia, 1956," sketchbook	1956
b. 6 (Oversize)	Certificates and awards	1929-1961
b. 6 (Oversize)	Clippings	1962-1975, undated
b. 6 (Oversize)	"George Van Santvoord Memorial Service," printed version, <i>The Hotchkiss Record</i>	1975 May 17
b. 6 (Oversize)	State of Vermont Joint Resolution Memorializing George Van Santvoord	1975

July 1985 Acquisition, 1914-1919*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

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Former call number: Uncat Za Ms 337.

Gift of John G. Bowen, 1985.

Arranged alphabetically by letter general folders and correspondent.

b. 7	"A" - "G" general	1915-1918, undated
b. 7	"H" - "Z" general	1916-1919, undated
b. 7	Scott, C. A.	1916-1919, undated
b. 7	Van Santvoord, Seymour <i>2 Folders</i>	1914-1918, undated
b. 7	----, Fred	1916-1917, undated
b. 7	Unidentified	1916, undated
b. 7	Third-party letters	1916-1918

January 1989 Acquisition, 1918-1942*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

The January 1989 Acquisition contains additional correspondence.

Former call number: Uncat Za Ms 87.

Gift of John G. Bowen, 1989.

Arranged alphabetically by letter general folder and name.

b. 8	"B" general	1939-1942, undated
b. 8	"C" general	1939-1942, undated
b. 8	"D" general	1939
b. 8	"E" general	undated
b. 8	"F" general	1940, undated
b. 8	"G" general	1941-1942
b. 8	"H" general	1939-1942, undated
b. 8	"K" general	1940-1942, undated
b. 8	"L" general	1941-1942, undated
b. 8	"M" general	1940-1942, undated
b. 8	New Haven Boys' Club	1939-1940
b. 8	"O" general	1942, undated
b. 8	"P" general	1940-1942, undated
b. 8	"R" general	1940, undated
b. 8	"S" general	1939-1942, undated
b. 8	"T" general	1940 April 5
b. 8	[Van Santvoord?], Alice Louise	undated
b. 8	[Van Santvoord?], Ted	1940, undated
b. 8	Walker, Cooper	1939-1942, undated
b. 8	Unsorted correspondence <i>4 Folders</i>	1918-1942, undated

b. 8

Unidentified family

undated

November 1990 Acquisition, 1972 August 22

The November 1990 Acquisition contains a single autograph letter, signed, from George Van Santvoord to "Jack" expressing gratitude for a letter.

Former call number: Uncat Za File 253.

Gift of John G. Bowen, 1990.

b. 8

Autograph letter, signed, from Van Santvoord to "Jack"

1972 August 22

October 1995 Acquisition, 1925-1950*1.42 linear feet (3 boxes)*

The October 1995 Acquisition contains manuscript notes relating to John Milton and the seventeenth century, correspondence, papers relating to Van Santvoord's involvement with Yale University, dating largely from the 1940s, and other personal papers. The Yale University material includes documentation from an Educational Policy Committee, Finance Committee, the Yale Corporation, and other offices.

Former call number: Uncat Za Ms 456.

Gift of The Hotchkiss School, 1995.

Files not arranged in any particular order.

b. 9	Lascelles Abercrombie, notes, autograph	undated
b. 9	Material relating to Milton and the 17th century <i>13 Folders</i>	1926, undated
b. 9	Oxford University Press correspondence and proofs	1925-1926, undated
b. 9	"A" general	1936 December 16
b. 9	"B" general <i>2 Folders</i>	1936-1938, undated
b. 9	"C" - "D" general	1936-1938, undated
b. 9	"D" general	1936, undated
b. 9	"E" - "F" general	1937-1938, undated
b. 9	"G" general	1938, undated
b. 9	"H" general	1934-1938, undated
b. 9	"J" - "L" general	1937-1938, undated
b. 9	"M" general	1938, undated
b. 9	"N" - "O" general	1935-1937, undated
b. 9	"P" general	1936-1938, undated
b. 9	"R" general	1937-1938, undated
b. 9	"S" - "T" general	1936-1937, undated

b. 9	"U" - "V" general	1934-1936, undated
b. 9	"W" general	1933-1938, undated
b. 9	Miscellaneous material	1927-1936, undated
b. 9	Yale University material <i>6 Folders</i>	1939-1940, undated
b. 10	Yale University material <i>23 Folders</i>	1939-1947, undated
b. 11	Yale University material	1950
b. 11	Emma Willard School material	1940, undated
b. 11	Miscellaneous material	1940-1942, undated

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.

Geographic Names

Bora-Bora (French Polynesia) -- Description and travel
Borneo -- Description and travel
Fiji -- Description and travel
Galapagos Islands -- Description and travel
Marquesas Islands (French Polynesia) -- Description and travel
Panama Canal (Panama) -- Description and travel
South Africa -- Description and travel
Tahiti (French Polynesia : Island) -- Description and travel

Genres / Formats

Sketches
Watercolors (paintings)

Names

Phelps, Lancelot Ridley, 1853-1936
Phelps, William Lyon, 1865-1943
Rackham, H. (Harris), 1868-1944
Van Santvoord, George, 1891-1975
Van Santvoord, Seymour, 1858-1938

Corporate Bodies

Hotchkiss School
Yale University