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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 834

CREATOR: Laurence, Dan H. , collector

TITLE: Dan H. Laurence Collection of Henry James

DATES: 1952–1961

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Dan H. Laurence Collection of Henry James is comprised of material compiled by Dan H. Laurence for his *A Bibliography of Henry James*, including correspondence, notes, and collation sheets. Laurence published *A Bibliography of Henry James* (London: R. Hart-Davis, 1957) in collaboration with Leon Edel.

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Requesting Instructions

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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 Dan H. Laurence, 1963.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

The Dan H. Laurence Collection of Henry James 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.

Preferred Citation

Dan H. Laurence Collection of Henry James. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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 [as they are acquired], and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing in 2014, 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 collection includes materials previously identified by the following call number: Uncat Za Ms James.

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

Dan H. Laurence (1920-2008)

Dan H. Laurence (1920-2008), American scholar, editor, and bibliographer. Born Daniel Hyman Goldstein on March 28, 1920, he later changed his surname to Laurence. Laurence obtained a bachelor's degree from Hofstra University (1946) and a master's degree from New York University (1950). He served as a faculty member in the English department at New York University from 1962 to 1970. Laurence largely dedicated his career to studying George Bernard Shaw, working as the editor of Shaw's letters and as the literary adviser to the estate. He died on February 5, 2008.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Correspondence, 1952-1961. II. Writings, 1957, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1952–1961

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| b.1 | Correspondence concerning Henry James bibliography
<i>4 Folders</i> | 1952–1961 |
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- The correspondence consists of incoming and outgoing letters, some of which have been bound together. Correspondents include publishers, presses, libraries, and bookstores.
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Series II: Writings, 1957–1957

b. 2	Notes regarding Henry James bibliography	undated
b. 2	Collation sheets for Henry James bibliography	circa 1957

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
Bibliographers -- United States -- Archives

Occupations

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century
Bibliographers -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Edel, Leon, 1907-1997
James, Henry, 1843-1916
Laurence, Dan H.