

Guide to the Honorable Company of College Printers Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: AOB 50

TITLE: Honorable Company of College Printers Collection

DATES: 1936-1991

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection gives a snapshot of the activities of the student group the Honorable Company of College Printers from the inception of the printing presses in residential colleges at Yale to the 1990s. The heyday of this group was in the mid 1950s to the early 1980s, when George Vaill was active.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.aob.0050>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.aob.0050>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transfer from various Yale University residential college print shops.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

Preferred Citation

Honorable Company of College Printers Collection, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

The twelve residential colleges that make up Yale College have, in the past, each had their own printing facilities. The printing offices were started over a period of 40 years between 1937 and 1967. The Company of College Printers was founded in 1937 at the instigation of Clarence W. Mendell, then Master of Branford College. The group was made of Masters, faculty advisers, and undergraduate printers from the three colleges to first have printing offices. They met sporadically for dinners, lectures and discussions, and to print. The group did not become "Honorable" until Mr. Carl Lohmann so called them in 1940 on an invitation to an evening of printing activities. A history was written in 1965. According to this history, in 1952 George D. Vaill, '35, Director of the Branford College Press, was persuaded to accept appointment as "Historian pro-tem" of the Company and was charged with the task of preparing its official history. The history lists revival meetings in 1952, 1955, and 1962. The HCCP has existed sporadically since its inception.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged in five series: I. Correspondence, 1955-1983. II. Honorable Company of College Printers (HCCP), 1936-1984. III. Lohmann Prize, 1973-1991. IV. Printed Materials, 1937-1972. V. Wayzgoose, 1952-1991.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Letters to George D. Vaill	1955-1983 undated
b. 2, f. 1	[Photocopy] Letters to George D. Vaill	1955-1983 undated
b. 1, f. 2	Letters from George D. Vaill	1955-1975 undated
b. 2, f. 2	[Photocopy] Letters from George D. Vaill	1955-1975 undated

Series II: Honorable Company of College Printers (HCCP)

Course syllabi and instructional materials

b. 1, f. 3	Apprenticeship course syllabi: The Berkeley Press	Spring 1984
b. 2, f. 3	[Photocopy] Apprenticeship course syllabi: The Berkeley Press	Spring 1984
b. 1, f. 4	Apprentice course instructions: Trumbull College Press	undated
b. 2, f. 4	[Photocopy] Apprentice course instructions: Trumbull College Press	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Inventory of equipment, Guidelines for use of press: J.E. College Press	1979-1981
b. 2, f. 5	[Photocopy] Inventory of equipment, Guidelines for use of press: J.E. College Press	1979-1981

Membership information & printers and fellows lists

b. 1, f. 6	Certificates of membership and associate membership	April 18, 1955
b. 2, f. 6	[Photocopy] Certificates of membership and associate membership	April 18, 1955
b. 1, f. 7	College Press Printers	1940-1945 1975-1992 undated
b. 2, f. 7	[Photocopy] College Press Printers	1940-1945 1975-1992 undated
b. 1, f. 8	List of Fellows, Master Printers	undated
b. 2, f. 8	[Photocopy] List of Fellows, Master Printers	undated

Publications and ephemera

b. 1, f. 9	Clippings: Newspaper articles	1936-1937 1965 1985
b. 2, f. 9	[Photocopy] Clippings: Newspaper articles	1936-1937 1965 1985
b. 1, f. 10	History: Addendum "An Incomplete History of the Printing Shops of the Member Colleges"; transcript of Yale Daily News article May 20, 1937	1937 undated
b. 2, f. 10	[Photocopy] History: Addendum "An Incomplete History of the Printing Shops of the Member Colleges"; transcript of Yale Daily News article May 20, 1937	1937 undated
b. 1, f. 11	History: "History of the Honorable Company of College Printers" by George D. Vaill	April 18, 1955
b. 2, f. 11	[Photocopy] History: "History of the Honorable Company of College Printers" by George D. Vaill	April 18, 1955
b. 1, f. 12	Invitations and announcements, misc. items	1963-1969
b. 2, f. 12	[Photocopy] Invitations and announcements	1963-1969
b. 1, f. 13	Meeting agenda, minutes	1956-1985

Publications and ephemera (continued)

b. 2, f. 13	[Photocopy] Meeting agenda, minutes	1956-1985
b. 1, f. 14	Meeting notices	1952-1969
b. 2, f. 14	[Photocopy] Meeting notices	1952-1969
b. 1, f. 15	Miscellaneous papers	1938 1988 undated
b. 2, f. 15	[Photocopy] Miscellaneous papers	1963
b. 1, f. 16	Stationary	undated
b. 1, f. 17	"Random Notes on the Origin of the College Presses Together with a History of the Honorable Company of College Printers at Yale University," "Printing at Yale"	1967 undated
b. 2, f. 16	[Photocopy] "Random Notes on the Origin of the College Presses Together with a History of the Honorable Company of College Printers at Yale University," "Printing at Yale"	1967 undated

Series III: Lohmann Prize

b. 1, f. 18	Invitations, meeting announcements, minutes, list of contributors	1973-1985
b. 2, f. 17	[Photocopy] Invitations, meeting announcements, minutes, list of contributors	1973-1991

Series IV: Printed Material

b. 1, f. 19

Pamphlets and small broadsides from various related presses

1937-1972

Series V: Wayzgoose

b. 1, f. 20	Wayzgoose invitations and keepsakes	1952-1987 undated
b. 1, f. 21	Correspondence and memos to members, minutes	1956-1958 1962- 1968
b. 2, f. 18	[Photocopy] Correspondence and memos to members, minutes	1956-1958 1962- 1968
b. 1, f. 22	Invitations and member lists	1963-1967 1991 undated
b. 2, f. 19	[Photocopy] Invitations and member lists	1963-1967 1991 undated
b. 1, f. 23	"The Wayzgoose" in Monotype Newsletter	1974

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

Printing -- Connecticut

Genres / Formats

Letterpress printing

Names

Vaill, George D.

Corporate Body

Honorable Company of College Printers