

Michael Hastings:

A Preliminary Inventory of His Papers in the Manuscript Collection at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Hastings, Michael, 1938-
Title:	Michael Hastings Papers
Dates:	1956-1961
Extent:	1 box (.42 linear feet)
Abstract:	The papers of British novelist and playwright Michael Hastings, 1956-1961, contain drafts of several works, as well as personal papers.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-01867
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Purchases, 1963-1964 (Reg. nos. 920, 1452)
Processed by:	Hope Rider, 2004
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

The papers of British novelist and playwright Michael Hastings, 1956-1961, contain drafts of several works, as well as personal papers.

Published works in the collection include a novel, *The Game* (1957); a play, *Don't Destroy Me* (1956); and a book of poetry, *Love Me, Lambeth, and Other Plays* (1961). *Don't Destroy Me* is Hastings' first produced and published play; the manuscripts present are the original handwritten draft and a handwritten draft marked for the stage production. Also included are three poems from *Love Me, Lambeth* in handwritten and typescript form: "For William Dunlop," "For Starved Faces," and "How They Brought Nelson Home."

Works which may be unpublished (as of 2004) include an unfinished novel, 'Blind Man's Bluff,' and two plays: 'Hero of the Family' and 'I Am God.' 'Hero of the Family' has with it a letter addressed to Hastings from Richard Burton, dated February 19, 1959.

Among the personal papers are two diary notebooks, 1957-1961, and an autobiographical sketch dated 1961.

Series I. Works, 1956-1961

'Blind Man's Bluff,' (unfinished novel), typescript	Box 1 Folder 1
<i>Don't Destroy Me</i> (play, 1956), handwritten drafts	Folder 2
<i>The Game</i> (novel, 1957), typescript	Folder 3
'Hero of the Family' (play), typescript, with correspondence from Richard Burton, 1959	Folder 4
'I Am God' (play), handwritten draft	Folder 5
<i>Love Me, Lambeth, and Other Poems</i> (poetry, 1961), handwritten and typescript drafts	Folder 6

Series II. Personal Papers, 1957-1961

Autobiographical note, handwritten, 1961

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Diaries

Folder

December 1957-April 1960

Folder 8

May 1960-January 1961

Folder 9