

Alfred S. Shivers:

A Preliminary Inventory of His Collection of Maxwell Anderson Research Materials at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Shivers, Alfred S., 1929-
Title:	Alfred S. Shivers Collection of Maxwell Anderson Research Materials
Dates:	1970s-1980s
Extent:	4 boxes (1.68 linear feet)
Abstract:	The collection consists of correspondence, personal papers, family memoirs, photographs, and transcripts of interviews with Anderson and with Anderson's family and friends compiled by Professor Shivers for his three bio-bibliographical works on the playwright.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-04875
Language:	English
Availability:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Purchase, 2000 (Reg. no.14804)
Accessioned by:	Liz Murray, 2001
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

This collection of research material on American playwright Maxwell Anderson was compiled by Prof. Alfred S. Shivers of Stephen F. Austin State University in preparing his three bio-bibliographical works on Anderson. The collection is arranged in three series: Series I. Correspondence, Series II. Research Material, and Series III. Transcripts of Interviews.

The correspondence in Series I. consists primarily of Anderson's immediate and extended family members, as well as his former students and theater colleagues. Series II. contains research material, listed in the order in which Shivers arranged the folders. Included are personal papers, family memoirs, photographs, and Anderson's 1956 oral history interview. The last series contains transcripts of interviews with family members and friend Lotte Lenya, among others.

Interview tapes and a video tape of Anderson's home movies, received with the collection, have been transferred to the Ransom Center's Sound Recordings and Photography and Film Department respectively.

I. Correspondence

Anderson, Alan	Box 1 Folder 1
Anderson, Donald	Folder 2
Anderson, Gilda	Folder 3
Anderson, Hesper	Folder 4
Anderson, Jane McDill	Folder 5
Anderson, John Kenneth	Folder 6
Anderson, Lawrence	Folder 7
Anderson, Mab	Folder 8
Anderson, Margaret E. Haskett	Folder 9
Anderson, Quentin	Folder 10
Axlrod, Libbe Higger	Folder 11
Camp, Arthur	Folder 12
Chambers, Glen Avery	Folder 13
Chambers, Lela	Folder 14
Cooper, Charles W.	Folder 15
Hamilton, Lloyd R.	Folder 16
Hargrove, Marion	Folder 17
Hulme, Kathryn	Box 2 Folder 1
Langer, Elinor	Folder 2
Lenya, Lotte	Folder 3
Loomis, Hallie (Craytor)	Folder 4
Mulvehill, Tom	Folder 5
Norvelle, Lee	Folder 6

Odeski, Thomas F.

Folder 7

Orms, Melvin T.

Folder 8

Poor, Anne

Folder 9

Reagan, Esther

Folder 10

Waldo, Edna LaMoore

Folder 11

Wharton, John F.

Folder 12

Zimmer, Mrs. Margaret H.

Folder 13

II. Research Material

Breuer, Bessie. Photocopy of her novel "Take Care of My Roses"	Box 2 Folder 14
Anderson, Maxwell	
Part of his diary, photocopy	Box 2 Folder 15
Poems in the diary of Josephine Herbst	Folder 16
Anderson, Hesper. Memoir "Someone Else"	Folder 17
Chambers, Lela. "Life," a history of the Anderson family through 1975	Folder 18
Movie promotion materials related to the filming of MA's novel "Morning, Winter and Night"	Box 3 Folder 1
Birth certificates	Folder 2
New City, N.Y. map	Folder 3
Wm. Lincoln Anderson, letter relating to him	Folder 4
Death certificates	Folder 5
Hesper's poems (copies)	Folder 6
Emma Stephenson Harper's memoir of the Anderson forbears	Folder 7
Ethel Mae Chambers "Out of Dark and Bright," notes from memoir	Folder 8
MA's transcript from Ohio State University	Folder 9
Picture of MA with article	Folder 10
Marriage certificates	Folder 11

Mab and Margaret's burials

Folder 12

Max's funeral ceremonies

Folder 13

MA's oral interview, May, 10, 1956 at Columbia Univ.

Folder 14

Photographs

Folder 15-17

III. Transcripts of Interviews

Anderson, Alan	Box 3 Folder 18
Anderson, Gilda	Folder 19
Anderson, Hesper	Folder 20
Anderson, Kenneth	Box 4 Folder 1
Anderson, Lawrence	Folder 2
Anderson, Lulu	Folder 3
Anderson, Meg	Folder 4
Anderson, Nancy	Folder 5
Anderson, Quentin	Folder 6
Anderson, Terence	Folder 7
Chambers, Avery	Folder 8
Chambers, Blanche	Folder 9
Chambers, Lela	Folder 10
Green, Paul	Folder 11
Green, Mrs. Paul	Folder 12
Hargrove, Marion	Folder 13
Lenya, Lotte	Folder 14
Sloane, Julie	Folder 15