Peter Matthiessen:
A Preliminary Inventory of an Addition to His Papers at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Matthiessen, Peter, 1927-2014
Title: Peter Matthiessen, Addition to His Papers
Dates: 1950s-2003
Extent: 27 boxes, 1 oversize box (13.10 linear feet)
Abstract: This collection of Peter Matthiessen Papers is an addition to accessions received in 1995 and 1998, for which preliminary inventories are also available. Included are works, articles and essays, correspondence, personal and career-related material, books, and audio cassettes.
Language: English
Access: The material is in good physical condition and is open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition: Purchase, 2004 (R15198)
Processed by: Alex Jasinski and Liz Murray, 2004
Repository: The University of Texas at Austin, Harry Ransom Center
Scope and Contents

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The correspondence in Series II. includes personal and literary letters from notables such as Edward Abbey, John Barth, Kay Boyle, Benjamin Bradlee, Bill Clinton, Peter Coyote, Don DeLillo, Alex and Eugenie Dolberg, John Elder, Victor Emanuel, William Gaddis, George Garrett, Martha Gellhorn, Allen Ginsberg, Nadine Gordimer, Peggy Guggenheim, Joseph Heller, Edward Hoagland, John Irving, Peter Jennings, Timothy Leary, Norman Mailer, Frank McCourt, W.S. Merwin, Peter Nabokov, Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie, James Salter, Charles Simic, Wiliam Styron, Studs Terkel, Paul Theroux, Kurt Vonnegut, Robert Penn Warren, and Howard Zinn. There is a small number of letters written by Matthiessen to others, as well as family correspondence.

Material in Series III., Personal and Career-Related, includes articles about Matthiessen, awards, interviews, photographs and slides, public appearances, and works of others. Awards include the Cooper Prize (2001), Heinz Award (1999), and the Lannan Lifetime Achievement Award (2002), among others. Visual images include photographs from Matthiessen's *Paris Review* days in the 1950s and his appearance at the 2000 Texas Book Festival. Public appearances include benefits, conferences, lectures, memorials, readings, and seminars.

Separated Material
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Books and audio cassettes received with the Papers were transferred to appropriate departments within the Ransom Center.
Series I. Works, circa 1967-2003

Subseries A. Book-length Works


Proposals, outlines, and research

Folder 1-2

Early drafts, including magazine versions

Folder 3

Draft with editor's comments; working title "Travel with Cranes"

Folder 4-5

Corrected typescript drafts, various chapters

Box 2
Folder 1-4

Corrected typescript drafts, cont'd

Box 3

Setting copy

Folder 5

Setting copy, cont'd

Box 4 Folder 1

Mixed drafts and page proofs

Folder 2-3

Corrected page proofs, various sections

Folder 4

Illustrations and maps, drafts and proofs

Folder 5

First pass page proofs, 4/30/01

Folder 6

First pass page proofs, cont'd

Box 5 Folder 1

Author's proofs, second pass, 8/14/01

Folder 2-3

Second pass master proofs of revised first pass pages

Folder 4-5

Master pages, proofs, 9/11/01

Box 6 Folder 1-2

Reviews

Folder 3
Bone by Bone (1999)

Corrected typescript drafts

Various sections, 9/96

Various sections, 9/96, cont'd

Complete draft, 9/96

Revised draft, July-August 1998

Setting copy, November 1998

Setting copy, cont'd

Proofs, master set, first pass, December 1998

Uncorrected proofs, 2/24/99

Corrected pages from publisher, March 1999

Blue line proofs and dust jacket

Reviews

Dust jacket copy and proofs for The Cloud Forest, The Peter Matthiessen Reader, and The Snow Leopard (Czech translation)

End of the Earth, Voyages to Antarctica (2003)

Research material

Photographs of Antarctica, esp. penguins

Outlines and notes

Corrected typescript drafts

"Cambell and Enderby" and explorer sections
"The Last Clean Land"

Part 1, "Macquar2"

Part 1, variant draft

Part 2, early drafts

"Worst Journey," footnotes

Partial draft

Mixed typescript pages and notes

Draft, 4/7/02

Part 1, 4/7/02

Part 2, April-May 2002

Part 1, Nov. 2002

Draft fragments, Dec. 2002

Parts 1-2, author's copy, 12/2/2002

Part 2, 1/25/03

Drafts, Jan. 29-31, 2003

Part 1, draft 3, author's clean copy, 3/20/03

Parts 1-2, draft 3, Byers copy, 3/20/03

Partial draft, 4/1/03

Draft with note from Steve Byers

Lightly corrected draft

Page proofs, incomplete
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Galleys [*removed to oversize box 28]  

*Killing Mr. Watson* (1990)  

Galley proofs  

Reviews  

Lost Man's River (1997)  

Excerpt in *The Paris Review*, #144, Fall 1997  

Articles and reviews  

*Tigers in the Snow* (2000)  

Research material  

Research material, cont'd  

Corrected typescript drafts and notes  

Corrected typescript drafts and notes, cont'd  

Corrected typescript, with Becky's notes  

Uncorrected typescript  

Setting copy, 8/23/99  

Corrected page proofs, partial  

Corrected page proofs  

Reviews and publicity  

Subseries B. Articles and essays, 1967-2003  


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Research material

Research material, cont'd

Drafts

Galleys [*removed to oversize box 28]

"Footprints in the Last Wild Place," *Outside*, Feb. 2003, proofs for adapted essay


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Drafts

Drafts, cont'd

Uncorrected proofs

Published version
Series II. Correspondence, 1975-2002

A-C, including

Abbey, Edward
Abbot, John
Babenko, Hector
Baekeland, Tony
Barth, John
Bass, Rick
Boyle, Kay
Bradlee, Benjamin
Brooks, Allan
Campbell, William
Carney, Frederika
Clinton, Bill
Cole, John
Coyote, Peter
Crews, Harry

"Adventurer of the Soul: Peter Matthiessen's Life in the World," documentary film project

D-F, including

Davis, Paul
DeKooning, Lisa
Delano, Frank
DeLillo, Don
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Dickey, Patsy
Dillard, Annie
Doig, Ivan
Dybek, Stuart
Elder, John
Emanuel, Victor
Erdrich, Louise and Dorris, Michael
Fisketjon, Gary
Fuller, Blair

Dolberg, Alex and Eugenie

Family and personal

Fans

G-L, including

Gaddis, William
Gallagher, Tess
Garrett, George
Gellhorn, Martha
Gerber, Dan
Gibson, Margaret
Ginsberg, Allen
Goldman, Amy
Gordimer, Nadine
Gray, Francine
Guggenheim, Peggy
Hall, Oakley

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Heller, Joseph
Hoagland, Edward
Humes, Harry
Iyer, Pico
Jennings, Peter
Jones, Kaylie
Kidder, Tracy
LaDuke, Winona
Leary, Timothy
Lopez, Barry
Lord, Sheridan

Harrison, Jim  

Indian Country
Irving, John

M-O, including  

MacLehose, Christopher
Mailer, Norman
McClatchy, J. D.
McCourt, Frank
McGuane, Tom
McKibben, Bill
Meidav, Edie
Merchant, Ismail
Merwin, William (W.S.)
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Miles, Hugh
Morris, William
Moynihan, Daniel P.
Nabokov, Peter
Ortiz, Simon

Matthiessen, Peter (outgoing) Folder 5

Norman, Howard Folder 6

P-Sn, including Folder 7

Parnall, Peter
Paulsen, Frederik
Peacock, Doug
Peterson, Roger Tory
Porter, John Edward
Rafelson, Bob
Rattray, David
Rattray, Everett
Reid, Robert
Remnick, David
Rogers, Pattiann
Roth, Philip
Roy, Arundhati
Rushdie, Salman
St. John, David
Salter, James
Schainberg, Larry
Schaller, George
Sefina, Carl
Shaw, Adam
Shawn, William
Sheed, Wilfrid
Sifton, Elizabeth
Silko, Leslie Marmon
Simic, Charles
Snyder, Gary

_Snow Leopard_  
So-Sz, including

Southern, Terry
Sproul, Barbara C.
Stanton, Doug
Steele, Max
Stegner, Lynn
Steinberg, Saul
Stern, Richard
Stone, Robert
Straus, Roger W. Jr.
Strete, Craig
Styron, Tom
Styron, William
Sullivan, Phil
T-Z, including

Terkel, Studs
Theroux, Paul
Turner, Frederick
Turner, Jack
Turner, Kay
Vonnegut, Kurt
Warren, Robert Penn
Wenning, Bobby and Claire
White, Randy Wayne
Williams, Joy
Williams, Terry Tempest
Winter, Evelyn
Winter, Paul
Woiwode, Carole and Larry
Wright, Charles
Young, Nancy
Zen Studies Society
Zinn, Howard

Unidentified
Series III. Personal and Career-Related, ca. 1950s-2003

Articles about Matthiessen [*oversize removed to box 28]

Awards

Cooper Prize, Society of American Historians, 2001

Heinz Award, Heinz Foundation, 1999

Lannan Lifetime Achievement Award, Lannan Foundation, 2002

Various awards, including Distinguished Service Award (Society for Conservation Biology, 1999), Edith Wharton Citation of Merit for State Author (N.Y. State, 1995), John Hay Award (Orion Society, 1999)

Interviews

"The Art of Fiction CLVI," typescript draft

"The Art of Fiction CLVII" in Paris Review, #150, Spring 1999

Miscellaneous material, articles on others, Royal Opera Program "Sophie's Choice"

Photographs and slides

1950s, from "Paris Review...Early Chapters," Checkerboard Film Foundation documentary (2001)

1995, Matthiessen at his desk in Sagaponack, in Jill Krementz's "The Writer's Desk 2000 Calendar" [*removed to oversize box 28]

1999-2000, American Academy of Arts and Letters, Photographs of Members, photocopied booklet

1999 and 2001, expeditions

2000, Texas Book Festival
Undated, Cincinnati Zoo

Public appearances

Benefits, conferences, lectures, memorials, readings, seminars

"An Evening with William Styron," The Library of Virginia, 2000

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Works of others

Miles, Hugh and Houseman, Chip. "Spirit of the Snow Leopard," proposed film

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Pizzey. "Birds of Australia"

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Folder 8
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**Box 28** Oversize