

Webster Aitken:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Aitken, Webster
Title:	Webster Aitken Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	20th century
Extent:	Approximately 1,575 items
Abstract:	The collection is comprised of loose prints, negatives and two photo albums related to the American classical pianist Webster Aitken (1908-1981). The albums include snapshots of family and friends, and various travel locations.
Call Number:	Photography Collection PH-02698
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research. Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials. Please note: Transparencies may be accessed but require 24 hours advance notice. Negatives cannot be accessed without curatorial approval. Light sensitive materials must be viewed under low-level lighting. Some materials may be restricted from viewing. To make an appointment or to reserve photography materials, please contact the Center's staff at photography@hrc.utexas.edu .
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Administrative Information

Acquisition: Internal transfer(s)

Processed by: HRC Staff

Repository: [Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin](#)

Scope and Contents

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Further descriptions of some items are available in a card catalog in the repository.

This collection forms a part of the Literary File Photography Collection, which is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally include portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Additional materials related to Aitken can be found in the Center's Webster Aitken Collection (MS-00048).

Accession Number: (982:0022:0013-0100) Loose prints and negatives, 20th century.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Box 1
Accession Number: (982:0022:0101-0212) Loose prints and negatives, 20th century.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Box 2
Accession Number: (982:0022:0213-0264; 982:0022:0264B; 982:0022:0265-0326) Loose prints and negatives, 20th century.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Box 3
Accession Number: (982:0022:0327-0396; 982:0022:0398-0417) Loose prints and negatives, 20th century.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Box 4
Accession Number: (982:0022:0423-0483; 982:0022:0485-0486; 982:0022:0488-0530; 982:0047:0001-0003; 997:0105:0146-0147) Loose prints and negatives, 20th century.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Box 5
Accession Number: 862 items: photographic prints of family, friends, travel locations; 1 laid in plate from a book (hand-colored portrait engraving of Henry IV); and 1 newspaper clipping, 1936-1942.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Album 1
Accession Number: 181 photographic prints: snapshots of family and friends, circa 1930s-1940s.	Location Aitken, W., Lit File Album 2

Accession Number: 24 negatives for the following snapshots: 982:0022:0418-0422, 0486-0487, 0530-0536, 0537 [3 negs.], 0538-0539, 0540 [2 negs.], 0541 [2 negs.], and 0542, 20th century.

Location

Cold
Storage
Lit File
Boxes