

Roland Baughman Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Roland Baughman Papers

Dates: 1924-1967

Bulk dates: 1933-1959

Collection Call Number: 34.33.1-2

Creator: Baughman, Roland Orvil, 1902-1967.

Extent: 2 boxes

Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Manuscripts Department

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Abstract: Roland Baughman was an assistant curator at the Huntington Library's Department of Rare Books and later Head of the Department of Special Collections at Columbia University. The collection includes his professional and personal papers from his time at both insitutions.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access

Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please go to following [web site](#) .

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Biography

Roland Baughman, also called Roly, was born in 1902 and died in 1967. In 1924, Roland Baughman applied for a position at the Huntington Library. Although possessing satisfactory recommendations, the position was given to another man who was older and possessed prior experience with the Library. Baughman joined the Library later and remained for nearly twenty-two years, beginning as a general assistant and finishing as an assistant curator in the Department of Rare Books. In 1938, he was appointed a member of the Publications Committee alongside Godfrey Davies, the chair, and Edward Howland Tatum, Jr., Assistant to the Director in the Research Staff. Baughman was a noted expert on Wise-Foreman forgeries and in the history of printing. In 1946, he resigned from the Library to become the head of the Department of Special Collections at Columbia University, where he remained until his death.

Scope and Content

The bulk of the papers of Roland Baughman span his career at the Huntington Library and Columbia University. The collection is divided into two boxes. Box 1 is Baughman's personal papers and publications. These include a report on a book worm infection in the incunabula and a biography of Henry E. Huntington. Baughman's publications include poetry and three editions of Great Books in Great Editions. The 1967 volume of the Columbia Library Column includes an In Memoriam to Roland Baughman. Box 2 contains Baughman's family photograph scrapbook, dated between 1942 and 1954. The scrapbook includes undated photographs from Baughman's childhood.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged by form.

Personal Names

Baughman, Roland Orvil, 1902-1967.

Corporate Names

Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery.

Subjects

The Work of the Grabhorn Press. June - September 1945.

Rare Books.

Genre

Articles

Diaries

Journals (accounts)

Lecture notes

Letters (correspondence)

Professional papers

Scrapbooks

Box HIA 34.33.1	Papers
Folder HIA 34.33.1.1	Correspondence (1924, 1942-1943) 3 items
Folder HIA 34.33.1.2	"Early Printing" (1938)
Folder HIA 34.33.1.3	"Invention & Spread of Printing" Lectures 7-9 [undated] 3 items
Folder HIA 34.33.1.4	"The 16th Century" Lecture 11 [undated]
Folder HIA 34.33.1.5	Notes & Articles on Armorial Bookbinding (1946) 36 items.
Folder HIA 34.33.1.6	Reports for the Henry E. Huntington Library (1929-1946) 3 items.
Folder HIA 34.33.1.7	Writing for the Henry E. Huntington Library [undated]
Folder HIA 34.33.1.8	Grabhorn Exhibition (1945) 2 items.
Folder HIA 34.33.1.9	Travel Log (1946-1955)
Folder HIA 34.33.1.10	Diary Papers (approximately 1951) 2 items.
Folder HIA 34.33.1.11	Publications/Writings (approximately 1959) 30 items.
Folder HIA 34.33.1.12	Publications (1936-1967) 5 items.
Folder HIA 34.33.1.13	Certificates (1934, 1936) 2 items.

Box HIA 34.33.2

Scrapbook (approximately 1942-1954)

Scrapbook of black and white photographs (approximately 1942-1954).