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## **Finding Aid for the James E. Bassett Papers, 1962**

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### **Note**

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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** James E. Bassett Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1962

**Collection number:** 823

**Creator:** Bassett, James E.

**Extent:** 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Abstract:** James E. Bassett (1912-1978) was born in Glendale, California. He authored several novels, including *Harm's Way* (1962), *The Sky Suspended* (1968), and *Commander Prince, United States Navy* (1971). *Harm's Way* was later made into a film. The collection consists of manuscript drafts, galley proofs, correspondence, and advertising material related to *Harm's Way* (1962).

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

**Language:** English.

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**Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

Gift of James E. Bassett, 1963.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Biography**

Bassett was born on October 18, 1912 in Glendale, California; graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Bowdoin College, Maine; joined the *Los Angeles Times*, 1934, and became aviation and science editor; served as political, city, and assistant managing editor at the *Mirror-News* and later returned to the Times; staffer with Vice President Nixon; reorganized and headed Republican National Committee public relations department; authored several novels, including *Harm's Way* (1962), *The Sky Suspended* (1968), and *Commander Prince, United States Navy* (1971); *Harm's Way* was later made into a film; died in Malibu, California, September 26, 1978.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of manuscript drafts, galley proofs, correspondence, and advertising material related to Bassett's novel, *Harm's Way* (1962).

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. *Harm's Way* manuscripts (Box 1).
2. Printer's manuscript and uncorrected proofs (Box 2).
3. Synopsis of chapters, correspondence, miscellaneous (Box 3).

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Bassett, James E.--Archives.

Authors, American 20th century--Archival resources.

American fiction 20th century.

World War, 1939-1945--Fiction--Archival resources.

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Box 1	<b>Two versions of the manuscript.</b>
Box 2	<b>Printer's manuscript.</b>
	<b>Scope and Content Note</b>
	Uncorrected proofs.
Box 3, Folder 1	<b>Synopsis of chapters 2-21.</b>
Folder 2	<b>Correspondence.</b>
Folder 3	<b>Reviews and advertising material.</b>
	<b>Two sets of galleys.</b>