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Biography
Foley was born on May 22, 1947; wrote plays, fiction, and poetry; he died on August 16, 1984 in California.

Scope and Content
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Foley, Rudy Thomas, 1947-1984--Archives.
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Related Material
Dan Luckenbill Papers (Collection 1484). Available at the Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

Writings

General Information

Portfolio
Photographs, etc.

Box 1
1970s(?). Includes stills from and clippings about the motion picture Greek Lightning, in which Rudy T. Foley had a role, resumes and photographs, promoting Rudy T. Foley as a model.

Correspondence
Friend from Switzerland

Box 1
Late 1960s. Primarily postcards. Also photographs and souvenir books of Switzerland.

Illness
Aids

Box 1

Box 1
1984 calendar. Marked with dates for chemo treatments, etc. Bernard Galm has noted August 5, Rudy died, and August 23, burial, Trappist, Kentucky.

General Correspondence, etc.

Howard Moss
Letters to Rudy T. Foley

Box 2
August 24, 1979.

Physical Description: 2 leaves. Typed, signed.
Writings

General Correspondence, etc.

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General Correspondence

Various Family Members

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Correspondence With Rudy T. Foley

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<td>Brother Paul, Abbey Of Gethsemani, Trappist, Kentucky</td>
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Correspondence With Rudy T. Foley


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Writings

Correspondence

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<td>Agents, publishers, editors, etc. Blueboy, In Touch, St Martin’s Press, etc. primarily about his music criticism (<em>Bravo</em>) and his novel <em>Thoroughbred</em>. Includes several interesting responses including a critique by Kirby Congdon (2 leaves, photocopy), for example.</td>
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General Information

School Items

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<th>Box 3</th>
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<td>Various drafts, photographs, reviews, etc. 7 folders. Includes submission to a contest of gay plays.</td>
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<td>Programs and fliers. One program signed by cast members. One version of fliers includes quotations from reviews (Los Angeles Times, Free Press, and Drama - Logue).</td>
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<td>Rough draft and one later draft. Also filed (by Rudy T. Foley) in a later series with other writings.</td>
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<td>In: Cygnet, vol.3 no.3 [a supplement to The Daily Bruin] April 19, 1978.</td>
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## Rudy T. Foley's Files

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Rudy T. Foley’s Files

General

Miscellaneous

Box 7

Obituary, photograph of gravestone, copy of service at Gethsemani, etc.


Rudy T. Foley’s Files

Novel


Novel Revised

Versions of Thoroughbred (?).

Novella


Novel

Something Wicked, n.d. 2 copies.

Plays

Change for a Silver Dollar, Hell.

Poetry

Various. Includes letter about Adrienne Rich. Rudy T. Foley had been to a reading by Adrienne Rich and this letter describes that (to him) disappointing experience.

Play

The Cunt.

Short Stories

Various titles.

Soviet Articles

School papers.

Track and Field

Mike Tully. Newspaper clippings, autographed program.

Box 8

Letter from Mike Tully, May 10, 1979. 1 leaf. Holograph, signed. Rudy T. Foley had envisioned Mike Tully playing a role in a movie version of Thoroughbred, which Rudy T. Foley promoted.

Club 7 / 11

Newsletters, etc. Also draft for ad to be placed by Rudy T. Foley.

Miscellaneous drafts, etc

Extensive folder.

Books Collected By Rudy T. Foley

Primarily Presentation and Gift Copies

Christopher Isherwood

Box 10

Christopher and His Kind. For Thomas Foley in memory of Anais Nin, Christopher Isherwood, March 7, 1978.

Box 10

My Guru and His Disciple. Happy Birthday from Christopher I. May 25, 1980.

Howard Moss

Box 10


Box 10

Finding Them Lost and Other Poems (paperback). For Rudy, on a sunny day, from Howard, December 1970.

John Rechy

Box 10

The Fourth Angel, n.d. For Rudy and For Bernard: To Rudy, whose own beautiful books I’m looking forward to, friend. To Bernard: instant friend. Warmly, John.
Writings

Books Collected By Rudy T. Foley

Box 10

*Bodies and Souls* (paperback). For Rudy: I hope your wonderful writing continues. Sincerely, J Rechy [no date].

Tennessee Williams

Box 10


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**General**

Poster For Tricia’s Wedding (The Cockettes) And Un Chant D’Amour

First time shown in New York(?)

Box 11

n.d. Oversize Box.

Photograph [Nude] of Rudy T. Foley

Photographer Unknown

Box 11

Damaged with cracking.

Other Photographs

Marina del Rey and the Victors’ Garden

Box 11

Small photographs and negatives. Rudy T. Foley lived in a garage apartment at the Victors’ (Beverly Hills), where he did garden design and groundskeeping.

Calendar

The First Tom of Finland Calendar

Box 11

1978. Signed by Tom of Finland. Water damaged. Other reproductions of work by Tom are found throughout the papers (used as fliers, etc.).