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Descriptive Summary

Title: Gordon D. Shirreffs Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1950-1963
Collection number: 876
Creator: Shirreffs, Gordon D.
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Abstract: Gordon Donald Shirreffs (1914- ) was an author of westerns. He contributed 150 short stories and novelettes to
periodicals, and published novels. The collection consists of manuscripts and galley proofs, and paperback and hardbound
books by Shirreffs. Manuscripts include: Action front!, Apache Butte, Fort Vengeance, Hangin' pards, Massacre creek,
Quicktrigger, Too tough to die, Tumbleweed trigger, and The valiant bugles.

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Biography

Scope and Content
Collection consists of manuscripts and galley proofs, and paperback and hardbound books by western writer Gordon D. Shirreffs. Manuscripts include: Action front!, Apache Butte, Fort Vengeance, Hangin' pards, Massacre creek, Quicktrigger, Too tough to die, Tumbleweed trigger, and The valiant bugles.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Manuscripts arranged in alphabetical order by title (Boxes 1-14).
2. Paperback and hardbound books by Shirreffs (Box 15).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Shirreffs, Gordon D.--Archives.
Authors, American--California, Southern--Archival resources.
Manuscripts for publication.
Western fiction.

Box 1  Action front. New York. n.d.
Physical Description: 241 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Scope and Content Note
1 set of proof sheets, author's set, uncorrected.
Box 1

*Ambush on the mesa. New York. ca. 1957.*

Physical Description: 233 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book was Starvation mesa, but the typescript is noted that it was published in 1957 as *Ambush on the mesa*, by Gold Medal Books, and reprinted in 1960.

Box 1

*Apache butte. New York. ca. 1959.*

Physical Description: 189 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book was Bold butte, but the typescript is noted that it was published as *Apache butte* in an Ace Double Novel in 1959.

Box 1


Physical Description: 205 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book was Hell town, but the manuscript is noted that the work was published by Avalon in 1956, as *Arizona justice*, and by Ace Books in 1956, as *The desperate Donigans*. Included also are synopses.

Box 2

*Arizona steamboatman. California. April, 1953.*

Physical Description: 28 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The typescript is noted sold, Popular (magazine) May 11, 1953 $105.00.

Box 2


Physical Description: 30 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 2


Physical Description: 20 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 2


Physical Description: 239 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 2


Physical Description: 239 leaves. Typescript.
Scope and Content Note
This typescript has numerous ink and pencil corrections and printer's instructions, and is accompanied by a letter to Gordon Shirreffs from The New American Library of World Literature Incorporated who published the book in 1963.

Box 2

*The brave rifles. New York. ca. 1959.*

Physical Description: 273 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The typescript is noted Published Gold Medal 1959.

Box 3

*Bugles on the prairie. n.p. ca. 1957.*

Physical Description: 253 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book was Desert bugles, but the typescript is noted that the work was published as *Bugles on the prairie*, by Gold Medal Books, in 1957.
Box 3  
**Canyon bugles. California. n.d.**

Physical Description: 271 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
This is an unpublished manuscript.

Box 3  
**Code of the gun. California. 1956.**

Physical Description: 192 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book was The buscadero, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Gold Medal Books under the title *Code of the gun.*

Box 3  
**The cold seas beyond. New York. n.d.**

Physical Description: 223 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 3  
**The cold seas beyond. n.p. April 11, 1963.**

Scope and Content Note
1 set of proof sheets, author’s set, uncorrected.

Box 4  
**Colorado riverman. California. 1953.**

Physical Description: 17 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 4  
**Don't tread on me, synopsis. n.p. n.d.**

Physical Description: 28 leaves. Typescript, with many pencil corrections.

Box 4  
**Fort suicide. New York. ca. 1959.**

Physical Description: 268 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book was Frontier outpost, but it is noted on the typescript that this work was published by Avon Books in 1959 under the title of *Fort suicide.*

Box 4  
**Fort vengeance. California. n.d.**

Physical Description: 269 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 4  
**A gathering of ravens. New York. n.d.**

Physical Description: 220 leaves. Typescript, with many blue pencil corrections.

Box 4  
**Glory trail. California. December 2 and 3, 1953.**

Physical Description: 31 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Note
Probably published in 1954.

Box 5  
**The gray sea raiders. New York. 1961.**

Physical Description: 202 leaves.
Scope and Content Note
Typescript, with numerous corrections in ink, printers instructions and lay-out notes, and preliminary pages.

Box 5  
**The gray sea raiders. New York. 1961.**

Physical Description: 196 leaves.
Abstract: Typescript (carbon), with a few corrections in blue pencil.
Scope and Content Note
Noted on the first leaf is Published 1961, Chilton Company.
Box 5  
**The gun hard breed.** New York. n.d.  
Physical Description: 167 leaves. Typescript (carbon).  
Scope and Content Note  
Noted on the first leaf in blue pencil is Hidden rider of dark mountain.

Box 5  
Physical Description: 20 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 5  
**Gunslingers three.** New York. n.d.  
Physical Description: 150 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 5  
**Gunswift, synopsis.** California. September 26, 1955.  
Physical Description: 5 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 5  
**Gunswift. California.** ca. 1956.  
Physical Description: 254 leaves. Typescript (carbon).  
Scope and Content Note  
Noted on the first leaf is Published by Avalon Books 1956, Crest Books 1957, Under pen name of 'Stewart Gordon'. Included at the end of the typescript is a carbon copy of the synopsis. The entire typescript has random ink corrections.

Box 6  
**The haunted treasure of the espectros. New York.** ca. 1962.  
Physical Description: 220 leaves. Typescript with extensive ink and pencil corrections, printer instructions and notations.  
Scope and Content Note  
Included are many proof sheets of preliminary pages.

Box 6  
**The haunted treasure of the espectros. New York.** n.d.  
Physical Description: 219 leaves. Typescript (carbon).  
Scope and Content Note  
Included is 1 leaf of chapter titles.

Box 6  
**The haunted treasure of the espectros. New York.** n.d.  
Physical Description: 219 leaves. Typescript (carbon).  
Scope and Content Note  
This is another copy, but with many ink corrections.

Box 7  
**Hangin' pards.** New York. ca. 1961.  
Physical Description: 190 leaves. Typescript (carbon).  
Scope and Content Note  
The original title of this work is The long rider, but the manuscript is noted that the book was published as *Hangin' pards*, by Ace Double Novels, in 1961.

Box 7  
**A hanging at dawn.** New York. n.d.  
Physical Description: 237 leaves. Typescript (carbon).  
Scope and Content Note  
There are many ink corrections on the typescript, and a note on the first leaf Blood justice, which perhaps is an alternate title.
The hollow hero. California. April 22 and 23, 1953.
Physical Description: 29 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Note
Probably published in 1954.

The hostile beaches. New York. n.d.
Physical Description: 230 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

The hostile beaches. n.p. n.d.
Scope and Content Note
1 set of proof sheets, author's set, uncorrected.

Last man alive. New York. n.d.
Physical Description: 522 leaves. Typescript (carbon). 2 copies.

Last train from gun hill. New York. ca. 1959.
Physical Description: 205 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
Included are two versions for some of the leaves at the end of the typescript. The original title of the book is Showdown at gun hill, but it is noted on the typescript that the work was published by Signet Books in 1959 under the title Last train from gun hill.

Physical Description: 208 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of the book is Ride the lost trail, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Avon Publications in 1959 under the title The lonely gun.

The lure of the espectro mine. n.p. n.d.
Scope and Content Note
2 sets of proof sheets, 1 uncorrected, 1 corrected.

Huntress returns to Lake Mead. n.p. n.d.
Scope and Content Note
1 set of proof sheets, author's set, uncorrected.

Massacre creek. California. ca. 1957.
Physical Description: 258 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of the work is Galvanized yankee, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Popular Publications in 1958 under the title Massacre creek.

Physical Description: 222 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
Note on the first leaf reads Published 1961, Chilton Company.

The mosquito fleet. New York. n.d.
Physical Description: 224 leaves.
Scope and Content Note
Typescript, with extensive ink corrections, printer's instructions, and various other indications.
Box 10

**Mystery of lost canyon. New York. ca. 1963.**

Physical Description: 250 leaves.

Scope and Content Note
Typescript, with extensive ink corrections, instructions to the printer and many preliminary leaves.

Box 10

**Mystery of lost canyon. New York. 1963.**

Scope and Content Note
1 set of proof sheets with many corrections.

Box 10

**The Nevada gun. New York. n.d.**

Physical Description: 162 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 10

**The proud gun. New York. ca. 1961.**

Physical Description: 188 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book is Shadow at sundown, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Avon Publications in 1961 under the title *The proud gun*.

Box 10

**Powder boy of the monitor. New York. ca. 1961.**

Physical Description: 219 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Note
This work was published by Westminster Press in 1961.

Box 10

**Prowler in the dark. n.p. n.d..**

Scope and Content Note
2 sets of proof sheets, 1 set uncorrected, and the other set with a few corrections

Box 11

**Quicktrigger. New York. n.d.**

Physical Description: 165 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 11

**Range rebel. California. September, 1955.**

Physical Description: 180 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book is The outlier, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Pyramid Books in 1956 under the title *Range rebel*.

Box 11

**Renegade lawman. California. 1955.**

Physical Description: 149 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book is Darkness trail, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Avon Books in 1959 under the title *Renegade lawman*.

Box 11

**Retribution. California. 1954.**

Physical Description: 19 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Scope and Content Note
This is a rewrite of the story, and is dated February 23, 1954, sold in March, 1954.
Box 11  
**Ride a lone trail. New York. ca. 1961.**
Physical Description: 188 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this work is The lobo trail, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Ace Double Novels in 1961, under the title *Ride a lone trail.*

Box 11  
**Rio bravo. California. n.d.**
Physical Description: 227 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Note
Gold Medal Books is the publisher of this work.

Box 11  
**Rio desperado. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 150 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 12  
**Roanoke raiders. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 202 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
Included are several pages of corrections added at the end of the typescript. The original title of this book is The blockaders, but the typescript is noted that the work was published by Westminster Press in 1959 under the title *Roanoke raiders.*

Box 12  
**Roy Rogers, king of the cowboys. New York. ca. 1958.**
Physical Description: 235 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note

Box 12  
**Secret of the Spanish desert. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 231 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 12  
**Shadow of a gunman. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 169 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 12  
**Showdown at gun hill. n.p. March 25, 1958.**
Physical Description: Typescript.
Scope and Content Note
This is a screenplay by James Poe that was novelized by Gordon D. Shirreffs and later retitled *Last train from gun hill.*
Note
The book was published by Signet Books, 1958 (?).

Box 12  
**Shannon's strike. California. April 1954.**
Physical Description: 46 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
Noted on the first leaf is: Apr 12, 13, 14, 1954, sold Columbia Apr 24, 1954.

Box 13  
**The silent death. California. August 17, 1953.**
Physical Description: 18 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 13  
**The snake den. California. n.d.**
Physical Description: 20 leaves. Typescript, with pencil corrections.
Box 13  
**Son of the thunder people. New York. ca. 1957.**
Physical Description: 222 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Note
This work was published by Westminster Press in 1957.

Box 13  
**Spanish skeleton. California. January 4 and 5, 1953.**
Physical Description: 15 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 13  
**Swiftwagon. n.p. ca. 1958.**
Physical Description: 186 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Note
This work was published by Westminster Press in 1958.

Box 13  
**They met danger. New York. ca. 1960. ca.**
Physical Description: 150 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this book is The medal of honor, but the typescript is noted that the work was published as *They met danger*, by Whitman in 1960.

Box 13  
**Too tough to die. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 157 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 13  
**Top gun. California. ca. 1957.**
Physical Description: 228 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
Included is a short synopsis. The original title of the book is Lawman’s brand, but the typescript is noted: Top gun, published 1957, Avalon Books, Crest Books, under pen name Gordon Donalds.

Box 14  
**Trail of vengeance. California. March 18 and 19, 1954.**
Physical Description: 32 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The first leaf is noted: Sold Columbia Apr. 24, 1954.

Box 14  
**Trail’s end. New York. February 13, 1957.**
Physical Description: 200 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Note
This work was published by Avalon Books in 1959.

Box 14  
**Tumble weed trigger. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 140 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Scope and Content Note
The original title of this work is Wind-devil, but the cover of the typescript shows this title crossed out, and the title *Tumble weed trigger* written in its place.

Box 14  
**Undercover marshal. California. n.d.**
Physical Description: 44 leaves. Typescript, with many pencil corrections.

Box 14  
**The valiant bugles. New York. n.d.**
Physical Description: 255 leaves. Typescript (carbon).
Box 14  
**Voice of the gun.** New York. n.d.  
Physical Description: 175 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 14  
**Whiplash.** California. April 26, 1955.  
Physical Description: 14 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

**Paperbacks:**
Box 15  
*The brave rifles.* Gold Medal Books 876.  
Box 15  
Box 15  
*Hangin' pards.* Ace Double Novels D-514.  
Scope and Content Note  
[With this: *Ride a lonely trail* by Gordon D. Shirreffs]

Box 15  
*The lonely gun.* Avon Books T-312.  
Box 15  
Box 15  
*Too tough to die.* Avon Books F214.  
Box 15  
*Voice of the gun.* Ace Double Novels F-152.  
Scope and Content Note  
[With this: *Rio desperado* by Gordon D. Shirreffs]

**Books:**
Box 15  

**Paperbacks:**
Box 15  
*Bugles on the prairie.* Greenwich, Connecticut, Fawcett [c. 1957].  
Physical Description: 160pp.  

Box 15  
*Fort Vengeance.* New York, Popular Library [c. 1957].  
Physical Description: [160pp.]  

Box 15  
*Massacre Creek.* New York, Popular Library [c. 1958].  
Physical Description: 160pp.