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Descriptive Summary

Title: Alan Swallow Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1936-1966
Collection number: 860
Creator: Swallow, Alan, 1915-1966
Extent: 29 boxes (14.5 linear ft.)
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: Alan Swallow (1915-1966) was a professor of English at the University of Denver where he helped to found the University of Denver Press (1947). He also created the Alan Swallow, Publisher publishing company (1954). His imprints included Big Mountain Press, Sage Books, and Swallow Paperbooks. The collection consists of Swallow's books, pamphlets, correspondence, literary manuscripts, and ephemera.

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**Biography**
Swallow was born in 1915; BA, English, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 1937; MA and Ph.D, Louisiana State University; taught at University of New Mexico and Western State College before becoming full-time professor at University of Denver; helped to found University of Denver Press, 1947; created publishing company, Alan Swallow, Publisher, in 1954; later imprints included Big Mountain Press, Sage Books, and Swallow Paperbooks; published over four hundred titles, primarily of poetry, criticism, and Western Americana; died of a heart attack in 1966.

**Scope and Content**
Collection consists of books, pamphlets, correspondence, literary manuscripts, and ephemera related to the activities of publisher Alan Swallow. Correspondence includes personal letters before 1942 and business correspondence before 1963.

**Organization and Arrangement**
Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence, 1936-63 (Boxes 1-2, 17).
2. Books, journals, poetry published by Swallow (Boxes 3-12, 14-29).
3. Miscellaneous publications not by Swallow, 4 manuscripts, and scrapbook (Box 13).

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Publishers and publishing--Archival resources.

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Journal articles by, and books and poetry published by Swallow.