Magel and Ruth Patchen Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Magel and Ruth Patchen collection
Dates: 1910-1971
Collection number: MS 162
Collector: Patchen, Magel
Collector: Patchen, Ruth
Collection Size: 1 document box
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Abstract: This collection contains correspondence from Miriam Patchen, books, printed material and family photographs on Kenneth Patchen as collected by his sisters Magel and Ruth Patchen.

Physical location: Stored in Special Collections & Archives: Advance notice is required for access to the papers.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information
On deposit from Magel Messersmith and Ruth Gilmore [1987].

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains correspondence from Miriam Patchen, books, printed material and family photographs on Kenneth Patchen as collected by his sisters Magel and Ruth Patchen.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Patchen, Magel--Archives
Patchen, Ruth--Archives
Patchen, Miriam
Patchen, Wayne
Authors, American--20th century
Poets, American--20th century
Patchen, Kenneth, 1911-1972--Kenneth Patchen archive

Related Material
The Kenneth Patchen Archive at UCSC includes the following collections:

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 160
**Title:** Kenneth Patchen papers,
**Date:** 1929-1989

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 161
**Title:** Miriam Patchen papers,
**Date:** 1930-2000

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 162
**Title:** Magel and Ruth Patchen papers,
**Date:** 1910-1971

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 163
**Title:** Kathryn Winslow collection,
**Date:** 1950-1988

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 164
**Title:** Alan and Beatrice Parker collection,
**Date:** 1922-1969

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 165
**Title:** James Boyer May correspondence,
**Date:** 1956-1972

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 166
**Title:** Kenneth Patchen Festival records,
**Date:** 1927-1991

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 167
**Title:** Chester Kessler papers,
**Date:** 1951-1952

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 168
**Title:** Fred Wright correspondence,
**Date:** 1972-1990

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 169
**Title:** Charles and Barbara Paine collection,
**Date:** 1957-1983

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS 170
**Title:** William M. Roth correspondence,
**Date:** 1941-1965
box-folder 1:1  Series 1 Correspondence 1967 undated
   Physical Description: 1 folder, 2 letters
   Series Scope and Content Summary
   Contains 2 letters from Miriam Patchen to Wayne Patchen and "People of Warren, Ohio
box-folder 1:1  ALS, Miriam to Wayne Patchen; " It has been such a long time..." [3 pp + env.] Apr
   25, 1967
box-folder 1:1  TLS, Miriam to "People in Warren" n.d., "The 'phone call was most exciting..." undated
box-folder 1:2  Series 2 Photographs 1900-1978
   Physical Description: 1 folder
   31 photographs 5 x 7
   Series Scope and Content Summary
   Contains black & white photographs of the Patchen family and friends. The descriptions are
   mainly provided by family.

Photo 1  Kenneth's mother Eva, father Wayne, sister Eunice, brother Hugh ca. 1900-1920
Photo 2  Kenneth's mother and family friend Molly Klingensmith undated
Photo 3  Kenneth's father Wayne undated
Photo 4  Kenneth and Miriam's New Mexico home undated
Photo 5  Kenneth's and Miriam's Arizona home undated
Photo 6  Kenneth's birth home at 3rd St. Niles, Ohio ca. 1910-1911
Photo 7  Kenneth and Miriam's house in Old Lyme, CT ca. 1939
Photo 8  Kenneth's mother Eva at house on Patchen Drive, Warren, Ohio undated
Photo 9  Kenneth and his Mother Eva at the vegetable garden undated
Photo 10  Kenneth and classmates, University of Wisconsin ca. 1929-1930
Photo 11-12 Miriam and her mother with dogs undated
Photo 13  Kenneth and Miriam's mother with 2 dogs - Kenneth holding a cat undated
Photo 14  Kenneth and his sister Ruth's son Danny on a San Francisco cable car ca. 1950-1960
Photo 15  Kenneth's High School band - detail ca. 1925-1929
Photo 16  Kenneth's High School band, Warren G. Harding, Warren, Ohio 1929
Photo 17  Kenneth and Miriam, San Francisco ca. 1950-1960
Photo 18  Miriam in Arizona undated
Photo 19  Kenneth in University of Wisconsin [detail] ca. 1929-1930
Photo 20  Miriam [thought to be taken in New Mexico] undated
Photo 21  Kenneth holding oboe in High School Orchestra photograph 1929
Photo 22  Kenneth holding saxophone in High School Band photograph 1929
Photo 23  Untitled - house front [Palo Alto residence] ca. 1953-1978
Photo 24  Kenneth's sister undated
Photo 25  Kenneth's sister Magel - baby photo ca. 1910-1915
Photo 26  Kenneth's mother Eve, father Wayne, sister Eunice, brother Hugh - formal portrait ca. 1900-1925
Photo 27  Kenneth's sister Kathleen and sister Magel as children ca. 1900-1920
Photo 28  Kenneth's mom during visit to her brother-in-law Fred's homestead in Wyoming undated
Photo 29  Kenneth's mom at brother-in-law's homestead in Wyoming undated
Photo 30  Sisters Magel and Kathleen as children ca. 1910-1925
Photo 31  Sister Ruth as child ca. 1910-1925

Box 1  Series 3 Books 1929-1971

Physical Description: 6 items
Series Scope and Content Summary
Contains five books written by and inscribed by Kenneth Patchen to family members, one book from Kenneth Patchen's library, signed by him and one issue of Motive with Patchen's poem "A Mercy filled and defiant Christmas".

Box 1  The Memoirs of a Shy Pornographer. New Direction Books, NY - inscribed "my love to all of you - Kenneth, Aug. 1945" 1945
Scope and Content Note
Note:Hard cover edition, flyleaves taped

Box 1  CCCLXXIV Poems, Kenneth Patchen, Padell, NY, inscribed "for mother & father with the love of their son Kenneth [Patchen]" 1948
Scope and Content Note
Note:Colophon copy no. 38 [hardcover edition]

Box 1  Selected Poems. A New Directions Paperbook - inscribed "for Pop with love from Miriam & Kenneth April 1967" 1957
Scope and Content Note
Note:Soft cover edition

Box 1  Tell you that I love you: three love poems. Hallmarks Inc. - unsigned 1971
Box 1  Enough Rope Dorothy Parker. Boni & Liveright, NY - signed "Kenneth Fred Patchen" 1929
Scope and Content Note
Note:From Kenneth Patchen's personal library.

Box 1  Motive, v.25:3 Dec 1964
Scope and Content Note
Note:KP's poem "A Mercy filled and defiant Christmas" pg. 43