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Descriptive Summary

Title: Fred Wright Correspondence
Date (inclusive): 1972-1990
Collection number: MS 168
Collector: Wright, Fred
Extent: 1 half document box
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Abstract: Consists of incoming correspondence from Miriam Patchen to Fred Wright between 1972-1990, and some printed material on Kenneth Patchen post-1972, that documents activities to promote the legacy of her late husband.
Physical location: Stored offsite at NRLF: Advance notice is required for access to the papers.
Language: English.
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Acquisition Information
Fred Wright, 1991

Biographical Note
Fred N. Wright (1940-) is an author of Flight to freedom (1986), and The whorehouse: a satirical novel about the corporate structure (1977).

Scope and Contents Note
This collection consists mainly of letters and postcards from Miriam Patchen, the widow of Kenneth Patchen. Also included is some printed material, ephemera and clippings on Kenneth Patchen post-1972.

**Arrangement**

The material is divided into two series, Correspondence and Printed Material. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Wright, Fred--Archives  
Poets, American--20th century  
Authors, American--20th century

**Other Index Terms Related to this Collection**

Patchen, Miriam  
Patchen, Kenneth, 1911-1972--Kenneth Patchen archive

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**Correspondence 1972-1990**

**Physical Description:** 0.2 linear ft.

**Scope and Content Note**

Consists of one outgoing and ninety incoming letters and cards. Bulk of the correspondence, some 80 autographed letters (ALS) and postcards (APCS), are written by Miriam Patchen to Fred Wright in the 1970's. Many describe her activities to maintain and promote the legacy of her late-husband, author Kenneth Patchen. Her letters are arranged chronologically. Included also is seven other incoming letters, which content loosely relate to Kenneth Patchen.

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**Outgoing: Moe Ash, Folkways Records, a carbon n.d.**

**Incoming: Miriam Patchen 1972-1990**

**1990:**

Box-folder 1:1  
Outgoing: Moe Ash, Folkways Records, a carbon n.d.

**1980-1989:**

Box-folder 1:1  
Outgoing: Moe Ash, Folkways Records, a carbon n.d.

Box-folder 1:2  

Box-folder 1:2  
**ALS**, "In a few days you're going to receive a fine gorgeous picture..." [1 pg + clipping "Patchen festival big success" with picture of Miriam and Fred] Jun. 12, 1990

Box-folder 1:2  
**ALS**, "Well, here it is. It's your fault; you asked for it..." [1 pg + draft to circumstances behind publishing of Kenneth Patchen's 'See You in the Morning'] Feb. 6, 1990

Box-folder 1:3  
**1980-1989:**

Box-folder 1:3  
**ALS**, "The date April 27-30 Rita & I stayed at Best Western Motel...", [1 pg + promotional card of Trumbull Art Gallery] Dec. 20, 1989

Box-folder 1:3  
Season's Greeting card signed, "So -victorious Fred..." Dec. 22, 1988

Box-folder 1:3  
Season's Greeting card signed, "Inspite of parents' influx and worries..." Dec. 13, 1986

Box-folder 1:3  

Box-folder 1:3  
Season's Greeting card signed, "So - where are were you when you came back..." Dec. 16, 1985

Box-folder 1:3  
Season's Greeting card signed, "So -where are you? Not here we know..." Dec. 14, 1981

Box-folder 1:3  
**TLS**, "As far as it now appears the reading will take place on May 5..." [1 pg] Apr. 22, 1981

Box-folder 1:3  

Box-folder 1:3  
**APCS**, "Visiting Laurent's brother at Bethany Beach..." Sep. 2, 1980

Box-folder 1:4  
1979:

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| Box-folder 1:4 | Season's Greeting card signed, "Where are you these days? Don't you know..." Dec. 17, 1979 |
| Box-folder 1:4 | APCS, "I didn't cause this-honest! We're here for week..." Sep. [12], 1979 |
| Box-folder 1:4 | APCS, "Almost big enough for any politician's head L & I here for Wagner's "Ring"..." 1978 |
| Box-folder 1:5 | APCS, "It came; it is interesting. Doubt that my piece would fit..." Aug. 1978 |
| Box-folder 1:5 | APCS, "On further thought it seems as if this is a very financially wasteful way of living..." [1 pg + attached photocopy of a Miriam's draft "The Time We Rode the 20th Century Limited" [7 pp]] Aug. 10, 1978 |
| Box-folder 1:6 | APCS, "Bestest etc - mostly, really to answer Fred's questions about addresses..." [1 pg] Dec. 27, 1977 |
| Box-folder 1:6 | Season's Greetings card signed Dec. 18, 1977 |
| Box-folder 1:6 | APCS, "Whatever else one might think of your "shocking" book...", [card designed by Kenneth Patchen] Nov. 30, 1977 |
| Box-folder 1:6 | APCS, "Just got back from post office & have just opened the package -..." [1 pg] Oct. 18, 1977 |
| Box-folder 1:6 | APCS, "Look what the post brought right after your call ended!..." [1 pg] Sep. 30, 1977 |
| Box-folder 1:6 | APCS, "Your call yesterday was great. Such good news you had to impart -..." [1 pg] Aug. 5, 1977 |
| Box-folder 1:7 | APCS, "You're right, Wright! Tom Waits is tremendous;..." Dec. 1, 1976 |
| Box-folder 1:7 | APCS, "Thanks! Thanks! The records went off to either/or yesterday..." [1 pg] Nov. 30, 1976 |
| Box-folder 1:7 | APCS, "Not playing hard to get- just in a rush..." Oct. 29, 1976 |
| Box-folder 1:7 | APCS, "Willie Nelson has long been one I've liked very much indeed..." May 17, 1976 |
| Box-folder 1:7 | APCS, "You dirty drop-out! What do you mean by leaving the w-house..." [1 pg] Apr. 7, 1976 |
| Box-folder 1:8 | APCS, "This is crazy. Each time I riffle thru papers this sheet turns up with your name on it..." [1 pg] Nov. 24, 1975 |
| Box-folder 1:8 | APCS, "Golly houseboat! Sounds super..." [2 pp + annotated env.] Aug. 12, 1975 |
| Box-folder 1:8 | APCS, "At Bach Festival with Laurent. Music morning..." Jul. 24, 1975 |
| Box-folder 1:8 | APCS, "It's not been meant: This long non-response. But but..." [2 pp] Jun. 17, 1975 |
| Box-folder 1:8 | APCS, "Just a quick leaflet blown in the wind..." [+ annotated env.] May 1975 |
| Box-folder 1:8 | Mailed clipping, signed Jul. 8, 1975 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "I've not been standing still while walking..." [1974] |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "As usual I'm either behind or far past the time - " [1 pg] Dec. 11, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Do you still have the James Purdy book?..." Oct. 11, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "The mass of records is unbelievable..." Sep. 27, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Just had call from Portland - the young man ..." Sep. 10, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Going up 10,000 ft tomorrow & Friday..." Aug. 21, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Just got back from Bach Festival in Carmel..." Jul. 31, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Yeah, Spot. We're here. It's great - " May 21, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Good to hear you're still with us..." May 15, 1974 |
| Box-folder 1:9 | APCS, "Address book got buried in the mass of stuff-" Mar. 23, 1974 |
Box-folder 1:11
1973:

ALS, "There's no need for stationery to tell me to have joy..." Dec. 29, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 Season's Greeting card signed Dec. 17, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 ALS, "Tours jours Gai! Thanks for the check..." [1 pg] Dec. 7, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 Gift certificate for Intellectual Digest, from Miriam Patchen Dec. 3, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 ALS, "Spot is (even though you said it didn't cost a mint)..." [1 pg] Nov. 29, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 ALS, "As per our conversation this evening this check is being forwarded..." [1 pg] Nov. 15, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 ALS, "Okay! Now you have $25 toward the life-long debt..." [1 pg] Nov. 2, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 ALS, "Was great to hear that voice as I was tearing off to a dull doctor..." Oct. 26, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Okay you two birds, the circle won't be broken until..." Oct. 10, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "He turned out to be almost character..." Sep. 17, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Stamps and cards became impossible to get while in Helsinki..." Jul. 12, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "It's 3 am, am on the sea going from Stockholm to Helsinki..." Jun. 14, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Dumb of me - didn't take the wherehouse addresses so..." Jun. 6, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Still on this planet - but...my aunt Martta landed here..." Mar. 26, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Didn't the sun shine?..." Mar. 18, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "It's bad enough to get the sights and smells of our times..." Mar. 1, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Doesn't this look like a good enough deal?..." [+ clipping] Jan. 26, 1973
Box-folder 1:11 ALS, "Got the jacket-sleeve-material to printer..." [1 pg] Jan. 24, 1973
Box-folder 1:12 1972:
Box-folder 1:11 APCS, "Thank you - and please thank your mum and daddy, too - " Nov. 1972
Box-folder 1:12 APCS, "Thank you so much for allowing me to have so much of mother and daddy yesterday..." Oct. 13, 1972
Box-folder 1:12 Gift card signed Oct. 13, 1972
Box-folder 1:12 ALS, "Thanks for Fred's letter. Yes, the music is great..." Jul. 1, 1972
Box-folder 1:13 Undated:
Box-folder 1:13 APCS, "Salt of the earth to the salt of the earth...
Box-folder 1:13 APCS, "Thank you for checks and the fine letter..."
Box-folder 1:13 APCS, "You might have guessed those minutes to drop you..."
Box-folder 1:13 APCS, "Is the press address coming by these horses?..."
Box-folder 1:13 Season's Greeting card, "Okay - you might as well get one of these icky things..."
Box-folder 1:13 Season's Greeting card, "See you soon, and see Spot, daddy and mummy..."
Box-folder 1:13 Birthday card, "It's an 'icky' card - but it's an honest statement..."
Box-folder 1:13 APCS, "So, you dear ones, expecting you anytime on Sunday..."
Box-folder 1:13 APCS, "Obviously it will be joyous and filled with laughter -"
Box-folder 1:13 ALS, "Of course some people are impossible..."
Box-folder 1:13 Note "Twayne's United States Authors Series # 292"
Box-folder 1:13 Empty envelopes [40]
Box-folder 1:14 Incoming Other 1972-1990
Box-folder 1:14 Dunkin, Ronald: ALS + env. [in regards to a purchase of "Panels for Walls of Heaven"] Sep. 21, 1974
Box-folder 1:14 Los Angeles Times: TLS + attached book review typescript, ["Review acceptance denial letter"] [3 pp]
Box-folder 1:14 Serendipity Books, invoice for Patchen's "Sleepers Awake" n.d.
Box-folder 1:14 United States Postal Service, TLS Mar. 27, 1974

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Printed Material 1973-1978

Physical Description: 3 folders
Scope and Content Note
Consists of promotional material for "Works by Kenneth Patchen", an event held at the San Francisco Art Institute, in 1973; and seven Kenneth Patchen related clippings.

Box-folder 1:15-16 Promotional material and other ephemera 1973-1974
Box-folder 1:17 Newspaper clippings 1973-1978