Guide to the William M. Roth Correspondence

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Descriptive Summary

Title: William M. Roth correspondence,
Date (inclusive): 1941-1965
Collection number: MS 170
Creator: Roth, William M. (William Matson), 1916-
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Abstract: This collection contains outgoing and incoming correspondence (letters from William Roth, Kenneth Patchen, Miriam Patchen, Jonathan Williams, J. B. de C. H. Sanders and Josephine Miles) documenting professional and personal relationship between William M. Roth and Kenneth Patchen.
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Gift of William M. Roth, August 1993, to The Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley. Correspondence with reference to Kenneth Patchen transferred to Special Collection and Archives, UC Santa Cruz, November 1994.

Biographical Note
William Matson Roth, along with Jane Grabhorn, was one of the acting managers of the Colt Press of San Francisco in the 1940's. The Colt Press published writers such as Ann Stanford, Edmund Wilson, Henry Miller, J. V. Cunningham. Through the association with the press William M. Roth, later to be U.S. Ambassador, businessman, and a negotiator, established a friendship with novelist and poet Kenneth Patchen.

Scope and Contents Note
A set of correspondence by William Roth, Kenneth Patchen, Miriam Patchen, Jonathan Williams, J. B. de C. H. Sanders and Josephine Miles documenting Kenneth Patchen's early publishing history (1941-1942), and his financial and medical plight in the 1960's. Material is organized into three series; Outgoing, Incoming, and Other Related Letters.

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

Subjects
Roth, William M.
Printers--California
Poets, American - 20th century x Correspondence

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Patchen, Kenneth, 1911-1972. Kenneth Patchen archive
Patchen, Miriam
Williams, Jonathan, d 1929
Sanders, J. B. de C. H
Miles, Josephine, d 1911-
Colt Press
Grabhorn Press

Title: William M. (William Matson) Roth Papers.
Date (bulk): 1914-1973, 1950-1973
Identifier/Call Number: M0333
Contributing Institution: Dept. of Special Collections, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford

Title: Colt Press Records,
Date (inclusive): 1920-1973
Identifier/Call Number: M0240
Contributing Institution: Dept. of Special Collections, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford

Title: Colt Press Records,
Date (inclusive): 1938-1958
Contributing Institution: The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

Title: Colt Press Records,
Date (inclusive): ca. 1941-1942
Contributing Institution: The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

Title: The Colt Press: Oral history transcript and related material,
Date (inclusive): 1965-1966
Contributing Institution: The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

Title: Grabhorn Press Records,
Date (inclusive): 1917-1973
Identifier/Call Number: BANC MSS 73/109 c
Contributing Institution: The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley
Outgoing correspondence, 1964-1965,

Physical Description: 8 letters

Scope and Content Note

Letters written to Kenneth Patchen, Jonathan Williams and Josephine Miles as a response to Kenneth Patchen's financial and medical circumstance.

Box-folder 1:1


Box-folder 1:2

Jonathan Williams, carbon [1 pg], Mar. 30, 1964

Box-folder 1:3

Josephine Miles, carbon [2 pp], Jul. 17, 1964

Incoming correspondence, 1941-1942, 1963-1965

Physical Description: 20 folders

Scope and Content Note

Kenneth Patchen correspondence contains details about his writing and publishing activity in the 1940's, and later shifting to intimate descriptions of financial and medical troubles both by him and his wife Miriam. Also included are two responses from Jonathan Williams to William Roth about the Patchen situation, four letters from the Kenneth Patchen's physicians Saunders and Lucas, and a letter from Josephine Miles in regards to Kenneth Patchen's employment at UCLA.

Key to acronyms: TLS = typed letter signed, ALS = autographed letter signed, APCS = autographed postcard signed.

Box-folder 1:4-14

Patchen, Kenneth, 1941-1942, 1964-1965

Box-folder 1:4

ALS, "The two enclosures - a sample exhibit of bills..." [2 pp], Feb. 24, 1965

Box-folder 1:5

ALS, "I went into U.C. Medical Center in early July..." [2 pp], Nov. 10, 1964

Box-folder 1:6

ALS, "Perhaps you can help me ..." [3 pp], Feb. 4, 1964

Box-folder 1:7

APCS, "My new address: 'The Water Gypsy'...", May 21, 1942

Box-folder 1:8

ALS, "Needless to say I am sorry that The Colt is..." [1 pg], Apr. 20, 1942

Box-folder 1:9

ALS, "I have heard that The Colt is having rather..." [1 pg], Apr. 3, [1942]

Box-folder 1:10

TLS, "Yes, that will be fine: drawing up the contract..." [1 pg], Dec. 29, 1941

Box-folder 1:11

TLS, "I've finally settled a few things in connection..." [1 pg], Nov. 3, 1941

Box-folder 1:12

ALS, "I am having steps taken to sever relations..." [1 pg], Oct. 1, 1941

Box-folder 1:13

ALS, "How soon are you coming to New York..." [1 pg], Jul. 13, 1941

Box-folder 1:14

Attached canceled checks (4), and pharmacy receipts (9), 1964-1965

Box-folder 1:15-17

Patchen, Miriam, 1964-1965

Box-folder 1:15

ALS, "Each day suspicions get strengthened..." [6 pp], Oct. 21, 1965

Box-folder 1:16

ALS, "These just arrived late yesterday ..." [1 pg], Dec. 1964

Box-folder 1:17

TLS, "Thousands of thanks for your wire..." [3 pp], Feb. 25, 1964

Box-folder 1:18-19

Williams, Jonathan, 1964

Box-folder 1:18

TLS [5 pp], Feb. 24, 1964

Box-folder 1:18

TLS [1 pg], Apr. 28, 1964

Box-folder 1:19

Forwarded TLS from Miriam Patchen, [2 pp], (enclosed with Apr. 28, 1964 letter).

[1964]

Box-folder 1:20

Miles, Josephine 1964

Box-folder 1:20

TLS [1 pg], Jun. 30, 1964

Box-folder 1:20

Forwarded TLS from Hugh G. Dirk [1 pg], Jun. 18, 1964

Box-folder 1:21

Sanders, J. B. de C. H. (M.D.), 1963-1964

Box-folder 1:21

TLS [1 pg], Mar. 10, 1964

Box-folder 1:21

Plus attached carbon [1 pg] from Dr. Lucas to Kenneth Patchen, Mar. 10, 1964

Box-folder 1:21

TLS [1 pg],

Dec. 20, 1963

Sep. 6, 1963

Other Related Letters, 1965,

Physical Description: 1 letter

Scope and Content Note

An invitation from Donald Sutherland to Kenneth Patchen to lecture at University of Colorado, Jan. 27, 1965 [see Box/folder 1:22]