

Hugh Chisholm Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Hugh Chisholm Papers

Span Dates: 1917-1993

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1932-1972)

ID No.: MSS82531

Creator: Chisholm, Hugh, 1913-1972

Extent: 50 items

Extent: 2 containers plus 3 oversize

Extent: 1 linear foot

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Poet, translator, and editor. Chiefly writings, including poetry, essays, articles, and book proposals, as well as correspondence and other material relating to Chisholm's literary career.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Andreson, Rolf--Correspondence.

Chisholm family.

Chisholm, Hugh, 1913-1972.

Hersey, John, 1914-1993--Correspondence.

Miller, Henry, 1891-1980--Correspondence.

Organizations

Bollingen Foundation.

Subjects

American poetry--20th century.

Editors.

Occupations

Editors.

Poets.

Provenance

The papers of Hugh Chisholm, poet, author, translator, and editor, were given to the Library of Congress in 1993 by his daughter-in-law, Jeanne Chisholm.

Processing History

The Hugh Chisholm Papers were processed in 1995. Slight revisions were made to the collection and finding aid in 2003.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Hugh Chisholm is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Hugh Chisholm are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Hugh Chisholm Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Hugh Joseph Chisholm (1913-1972), span the years 1917-1993, with the bulk of the material dated 1932-1972. Born in 1913 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City, Chisholm was educated at Yale University, where he was the class poet of 1936, and King's College of Cambridge University. His early poems were published in *Harper's Bazaar*, *Spur*, and other magazines, and included in *New Poems, 1942: An Anthology of British and American Verse*. His books of poetry include some privately printed volumes in the 1930s, and *Several Have Lived* (1942), *The Prodigal Never Returns* (1947), *Atlantic City Cantata* (1951), and a translation from the French of Saint-John Perse's *Winds* (1953). He co-edited *Hellas*, a travel book on Greece in 1944, and worked briefly as an assistant editor for the Bollingen Foundation in New York City during the late 1940s and early 1950s. Chisholm's papers focus on his literary career and include unpublished versions of poems, essays, articles, and books, along with a letter from Henry Miller and a note from John Hersey. His experience as an ambulance driver in Italy during World War II is reflected in the book proposal "Dear All: Being a Collection of Open Letters on Closed Matters." Other material relates to the Chisholm family, wealthy industrialists residing in Port Chester, New York.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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BOX 1	"The Price of Figleaves," undated
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