John Steinbeck Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: John Steinbeck Papers
Span Dates: 1939-1962
Bulk Dates: 1939-1941
ID No.: MSS41285
Creator: Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968
Extent: 9 items
Extent: 3 containers
Extent: 1.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81041285
Summary: Author. Typescripts with holograph corrections of *The Grapes of Wrath* and *Sea of Cortez*, the latter coauthored by Edward Flanders Ricketts, and a letter by Steinbeck to Cynthia and Robert Wallsten.

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
Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968.
Wallsten, Cynthia Rogers, -1971--Correspondence.
Wallsten, Robert, 1912- --Correspondence.

Subjects
American literature.

Places
Capri Island (Italy)--Description and travel.
Italy--Description and travel.

Occupations
Authors.

Provenance

The papers of John Steinbeck, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Viking Press in 1943 and transferred to the Manuscript Division from the Rare Book and Special Collections Division in 1964. Additional material was purchased in 2001.

Processing History

The papers of John Steinbeck Papers were housed and listed circa 1965. The papers were revised and expanded in 2007.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Steinbeck is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions
The papers of John Steinbeck 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, John Steinbeck Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of John Earl Steinbeck (1902-1968) span the years circa 1939-1962 with the bulk of the material dating from circa 1939 to 1941. The collection contains typescripts with holograph corrections of *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939) and *Sea of Cortez* (1941), the latter coauthored by Edward Flanders Ricketts, together with related material, and a letter by Steinbeck to Cynthia and Robert Wallsten describing his stay on Capri Island, Italy, in 1962.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or title.
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