

Maurer Family Correspondence
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Collection Summary

Title: Maurer Family Correspondence

Span Dates: 1945-1999

ID No.: MSS85980

Creator: Maurer family

Extent: 90 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Chiefly correspondence dated 1954-1999 by writer Philip Roth to Robert Maurer and his wife, Charlotte Maurer, regarding Roth's development as a writer, other professional work, and personal life. Also includes one letter between other Maurer family members dated 1945.

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

Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947--Correspondence.

Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947.

Cummings, E. E. (Edward Estlin), 1894-1962.

Maurer family.

Maurer, Charlotte--Correspondence.

Maurer, Robert E., 1921-1983--Correspondence.

Roth, Philip--Correspondence.

Organizations

Bucknell University--Faculty.

United States. Army.

University of Chicago--Faculty.

University of Chicago--Students.

Subjects

American literature.

Authors, American.

Literature.

Voyages and travels.

Titles

Maurer family papers

Acquisition Information

The Maurer family correspondence was purchased by the Library of Congress in 2014.

Processing History

The Maurer family correspondence was arranged and described by Andrea J. Briggs in 2019.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the papers of Philip Roth (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms006030>) and the papers of R. S. Baker (see <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2006085314>).

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Maurer family papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The correspondence of the Maurer family is 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, Maurer Family Correspondence, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Robert Maurer taught as an English instructor at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., and later accepted a faculty position at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He and his wife Charlotte Maurer had two children, Charlo Maurer and Harry Maurer.

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence of the Maurer family span the years 1945-1999 and primarily consist of correspondence written by Philip Roth to Robert and Charlotte Maurer between 1954 and 1999. Robert Maurer was Roth's English instructor at Bucknell University, and Roth remained in touch with the family throughout their lives. The letters describe Roth's thoughts on his development as a writer, including reflections on his writing style, current projects, influences, and education. They also contain descriptions of Roth's personal relationships and travels, his Army service, and his time at the University of Chicago as both a student and an instructor. Some instances recounted in the letters include Roth's meeting with poet E. E. Cummings and Roth's excitement at his early works being accepted by publishers.

Also included in the collection is a 1945 letter from Carrie Chapman Catt to "Harry," with an addition addressed to Charlotte by "Grandfather." The letter describes family matters, "Grandfather's" health and upcoming retirement, and his encouragement to Charlotte that she become friends with Catt.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically and chronologically therein.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1945
BOX 1	Roth, Philip
BOX 1	1954-1959 (6 folders)
BOX 1	1960-1969
BOX 1	1970-1979
BOX 1	1981-1988
BOX 1	1991-1999