

**Daniel Hoffman Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Daniel Hoffman Papers

**Span Dates:** 1918-2012

**Bulk Dates:** 1946-2012

**ID No.:** MSS86114

**Creator:** Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013

**Extent:** 43,400 items

**Extent:** 124 containers

**Extent:** 49.6 linear feet

**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel

**Extent:** 152 digital files (380.92 MB)

**Language:** Collection material in English with French and Hungarian

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2016086114>

**Summary:** Poet, literary critic, and Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. Correspondence, drafts of poems and books, reference files, and personal papers documenting Hoffman's life and work as a poet and scholar.

## 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

Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973--Correspondence.

Berryman, John, 1914-1972--Correspondence.

Bishop, Elizabeth, 1911-1979--Correspondence.

Carruth, Hayden, 1921-2008--Correspondence.

Dickey, James--Correspondence.

Eberhart, Richard, 1904-2005--Correspondence.

Foley, Jack, 1940-

Ginsberg, Allen, 1926-1997--Correspondence.

Graves, Robert, 1895-1985--Correspondence.

Hecht, Anthony, 1923-2004--Correspondence.

Hoffman family.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1890-1978.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013 Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013. Armada of thirty whales. 1954.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013. Brotherly love. 1981.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013. Hang-gliding from Helicon : new and selected poems, 1948-1988. 1988.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013. Little geste and other poems. 1960.

Hoffman, Daniel, 1923-2013. Middens of the tribe : a poem. 1995.

Hoffman, Frances Beck, 1896-1982.

Hoffman, MacFarlane, 1955-

Hughes, Ted, 1930-1998--Correspondence.

Kinnell, Galway, 1927-2014--Correspondence.

Kumin, Maxine, 1925-2014--Correspondence.

Kunitz, Stanley, 1905-2006--Correspondence.

Levertov, Denise, 1923-1997--Correspondence.

Lowell, Robert, 1917-1977--Correspondence.

McFarland, Elizabeth, 1922-2005.

Meredith, William, 1919-2007--Correspondence.

Merrill, James, 1926-1995--Correspondence.

Merwin, W. S. (William Stanley), 1927-2019--Correspondence.  
Moore, Marianne, 1887-1972--Correspondence.  
Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849--Criticism and interpretation.  
Riding, Laura, 1901-1991--Correspondence.  
Roethke, Theodore, 1908-1963--Correspondence.  
Roth, Philip--Correspondence.  
Shapiro, Karl, 1913-2000--Correspondence.  
Siddiqi, Kate Hoffman, 1952-  
Snodgrass, W. D. (William De Witt), 1926-2009--Correspondence.  
Snyder, Gary, 1930- --Correspondence.  
Updike, John--Correspondence.  
Vajda, Miklós, 1931-  
Van Doren, Mark, 1894-1972--Correspondence.  
Vas, István.  
Warren, Robert Penn, 1905-1989--Correspondence.  
Wilbur, Richard, 1921-2017--Correspondence.  
Williams, William Carlos, 1883-1963--Correspondence.  
Zalán, Tibor.

### **Organizations**

Academy of American Poets.  
Century Association (New York, N.Y.)  
Library of Congress.  
Swarthmore College--Faculty.  
University of Pennsylvania--Faculty.

### **Subjects**

American literature.  
American poetry.  
American prose literature.  
Beats (Persons)  
Criticism.  
Hungarian poetry--Translations into English.  
Literary movements.  
Literature.  
Poetry--Societies, etc.  
Poetry.

### **Places**

Cape Rosier (Me.)--Social life and customs.  
Swarthmore (Pa.)--Social life and customs.  
United States--Intellectual life.

### **Occupations**

Critics.  
Poets.

## **Acquisition Information**

The papers of Daniel Hoffman were purchased by the Library of Congress in 2016. Additional material was given to the Library by Elizabeth J. Coleman in 2020.

## Processing History

The papers of Daniel Hoffman were arranged and described by Rachel Telford with the assistance of Thomas Bigley in 2019 and additional material incorporated by Rachel Telford in 2020.

## Transfers

One nineteenth-century photograph album has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where it is identified as part of the Daniel Hoffman Papers.

## Other Repositories

Other papers of Daniel Hoffman can be found at the Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania and at the Special Collections Research Center, Temple University Libraries.

## Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the Library of Congress archives (see <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82029074>).

Related collections in the Music Division include the Claudio Spies papers (see <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.music/eadmus.mu015006>).

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Daniel Hoffman 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.

## Digital Files

Digital files were received as part of the Daniel Hoffman Papers on a variety of storage media, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files. Access to digital content is available onsite only in the Manuscript Reading Room and requires advance notice. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for more information.

## Microfilm

Microfilm on one reel was received as part of the papers of Daniel Hoffman and is listed and described in this finding aid. This microfilm is not available for interlibrary loan.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container, reel or digital ID number, Daniel Hoffman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1923, Apr.3	Born, New York, N.Y.
1943-1946	First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Forces; Officer in charge of <i>The Technical Data Digest</i> .
1947	B.A., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1948	Married Elizabeth McFarland
1949	M.A., Columbia University
1949-1951	Instructor, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.
1951-1956	Instructor, Columbia University
1952	Published <i>Paul Bunyan, Last of the Frontier Demigods</i> . Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press
1954	Published <i>An Armada of Thirty Whales</i> . New Haven: Yale University Press
1956	Ph.D., Columbia University
1956-1957	Reader's Digest Foundation Professor of American Studies, Faculte des Lettres, Universite de Dijon, France
1957	Published <i>The Poetry of Stephen Crane</i> . New York: Columbia University Press
1957-1966	Professor, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.
1960	Published <i>A Little Geste and Other Poems</i> . New York: Oxford University Press
1961	Published <i>Form and Fable in American Fiction</i> . New York: Oxford University Press
1962	Edited <i>American Poetry and Poetics: Poems and Critical Documents From the Puritans to Robert Frost</i> . Garden City, N.Y.: Anchor Books
1963	Published <i>The City of Satisfactions</i> . New York: Oxford University Press
1966-1993	Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
1967	Published <i>Barbarous Knowledge: Myth in the Poetry of Yeats, Graves, and Muir</i> . New York: Oxford University Press
1973-1974	Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
1977	Published <i>Able Was I Ere I Saw Elba: Selected Poems, 1954-74</i> . London: Hutchinson
1979	Edited <i>The Harvard Guide to Contemporary American Writing</i> . Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press
1981	Published <i>Brotherly Love</i> . New York: Random House
1988	Published <i>Hang-Gliding from Helicon: New and Selected Poems, 1948-1988</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University
1988-1999	Poet-in-Residence, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York, N.Y.
1989	Published <i>Faulkner's Country Matters: Folklore and Fable in Yoknapatawpha</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University
1991-1992	Visiting Professor, King's College, London
1993	Published <i>Words to Create a World: Interviews, Essays, and Reviews on Contemporary Poetry</i> . Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press
1995	Published <i>Middens of the Tribe: a Poem</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University
2000	Published <i>Zone of the Interior: A Memoir, 1942-1947</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University
2002	Published <i>Darkening Water: Poems</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University
2002	Published a translation of Ruth Tassoni's <i>A Play of Mirrors</i> . Stony Brook, N.Y.: Gradiva
2003	Published <i>Beyond Silence: Selected Shorter Poems, 1948-2003</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press
2005	Published <i>Makes You Stop and Think: Sonnets</i> . New York: George Braziller
2009	Published <i>The Whole Nine Yards: Longer Poems, New and Selected</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press
2013	Published <i>Next to Last Words: Poems</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press
2013, Mar. 30	Died, Haverford, Pa.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Daniel Hoffman (1923-2013) span the years 1918 to 2012, with the bulk of the material dating from 1946 to 2012. The collection documents Hoffman's career as a poet, scholar, and literary critic and his personal relationships with family members and fellow writers. The papers are primarily in English, with some French and Hungarian. The collection is organized into seven series: [Personal](#); [Published Works](#); [Professional Correspondence and Academic File](#); [Literary Correspondence](#); [Literary Reference and Research Material](#); [Working Poems](#); and [Unpublished Works](#)

The collection documents Hoffman's work as a writer of poetry and prose, and as a professor of English, primarily at the University of Pennsylvania. Materials include working drafts of published and unpublished writings, correspondence with publishers and fellow writers, research files, and documentation of his work as a critic and professor. Hoffman was an active participant in the world of poetry and corresponded with writers from many literary movements, including W. H. Auden, John Berryman, Elizabeth Bishop, Hayden Carruth, James Dickey, Richard Eberhart, Allen Ginsberg, Robert Graves, Anthony Hecht, Ted Hughes, Galway Kinnell, Maxine Kumin, Laura Riding, Stanley Kunitz, Denise Levertov, Robert Lowell, William Meredith, James Merrill, W. S. Merwin, Marianne Moore, Theodore Roethke, Philip Roth, Karl Shapiro, W. D. Snodgrass, Gary Snyder, John Updike, Mark Van Doren, Robert Penn Warren, Richard Wilbur, and William Carlos Williams. Notable among his correspondence are letters from Snyder describing the emergence of the Beat Generation; letters and postcards from Eberhart, including several typescripts of his poems; letters from Warren, Hoffman's longtime friend, with Warren's hand-edits to a section of Hoffman's poem, *Brotherly Love*; several letters from Riding and Graves about comments Hoffman made regarding their relationship in *Shenandoah* magazine; a letter from Roethke sent to Elizabeth McFarland, as poetry editor at *Ladies' Home Journal*, with four poem typescripts; and a letter from Ginsberg written on the back of his typed speech given at a National Book Award gathering. Also included are letters from Auden confirming Hoffman's selection for the Yale Younger Poets series and recommending him for a Guggenheim Fellowship.

The collection's series are listed and briefly described below. A fuller description of each series and a list of its contents can be accessed in the series descriptions within the container list.

The [Personal](#) series contains correspondence with Hoffman's friends and family, family photographs, and Hoffman's personal journals containing notes, research and drafts of poems.

The [Published Works](#) series contains page proofs, manuscript drafts, correspondence, research files, and reviews of Hoffman's books.

The [Professional Correspondence and Academic File](#) series contains records of Hoffman's activities as a faculty member at Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania, his work as a translator of Hungarian poetry, correspondence with publishers, documentation of his involvement in various professional organizations, and writings and correspondence with students and emerging writers.

The [Literary Correspondence](#) series contains professional and personal correspondence with fellow writers from a variety of poetry movements.

The [Literary Reference and Research Material](#) series contains correspondence and subject files compiled by Hoffman containing notes and clippings relating to various writers and subjects.

The [Working Poems](#) series contains drafts of published and unpublished poems, and correspondence related to publication.

The [Unpublished Works](#) series contains drafts of unpublished poetry and prose, and correspondence related to publication.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in seven series:

- [Personal, 1919-2013](#)
- [Published Works, 1929-2011](#)
- [Professional Correspondence and Academic File, 1947-2012](#)
- [Literary Correspondence, 1932-2012](#)
- [Literary Reference and Research Material, 1913-2011](#)
- [Working Poems, 1940-2011](#)

- Unpublished Works, 1936-2012

## Description of Series

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**Series**  
**Personal, 1919-2013**

The Personal series contains correspondence with Hoffman's friends and family, family photographs, and Hoffman's personal journals. Personal correspondence includes letters from Hoffman's parents, Daniel Hoffman and Frances Hoffman, neighbors in Swarthmore, Pa., friends in Maine, where the family spent its summers, as well as fellow writers. Included with the correspondence is an audio recording of an interview with Jack Foley. As Hoffman's social circle included many writers and academics, his personal correspondence overlaps with the professional correspondence found in the Literary Correspondence series. Also included in the Personal series are correspondence to and from Hoffman's wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, Kate and MacFarlane, family photographs and Hoffman's personal journals containing notes, research and drafts of poems. Family photographs primarily document Kate Hoffman's early childhood, but also include a small number of images of the Hoffman children later in their childhood and in early adulthood, and photographs taken late in Hoffman's life. Some of the family photographs are digital. Material types include correspondence, photographs, journals, academic records, military records, clippings, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material. The file structure of the digital content has been maintained as received.

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**Published Works, 1929-2011**

The Published Works series contains page proofs, manuscript drafts, correspondence, research files, and reviews of Hoffman's books. Also included are a small number of journal articles, book reviews, and individual poems published in various periodicals, files relating to Elizabeth McFarland's posthumously published volume of poems, *Oh, Who Will Tie Your Shoe?*, and files relating to *The Philomathean Society Anthology of Poetry in Honor of Daniel Hoffman*. Material types include page proofs, manuscript drafts, correspondence, research files, and clippings. Arranged chronologically in order of publication and alphabetically by type thereunder.

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**Professional Correspondence and Academic File, 1947-2012**

The Professional Correspondence and Academic File series contains records of Hoffman's activities as a faculty member at Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania, his work as a translator of Hungarian poetry, correspondence with publishers, documentation of his involvement in various professional organizations, and correspondence with and writings from students and emerging writers. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type.

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**Academic and Teaching File, 1947-2010**

The Academic and Teaching File documents Hoffman's work as an English professor and includes material related to his teaching and administrative duties. Material types include correspondence, research files, printed matter and course materials. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type.

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**Hungarian Poets, 1948-2012**

The Hungarian Poets subseries documents Hoffman's work as a translator of Hungarian poetry. Poets include Miklós Vajda, István Vas and Tibor Zalan. Material types include correspondence, manuscripts, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by topic.



- BOX 56-66**                    **Publishing Correspondence, 1948-2012**  
The Publishing Correspondence subseries includes material related to publication of poems and books, including contracts, royalty statements, correspondence and printed matter. Material types include contracts, royalty statements, correspondence and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by topic or chronologically.
- BOX 66-69**                    **Students and Young Writers, 1969-2009**  
The Students and Young Writers subseries documents Hoffman's relationship with students and young writers. Material types include correspondence and writings from Hoffman's students and other emerging writers. Arranged alphabetically by name or topic.
- BOX 69-73**                    **Professional Organizations, 1961-2012**  
The Professional Organizations subseries documents Hoffman's participation in or interaction with various organizations relating to literature and the humanities, including the American Academy of Poets, The Century Association, and the Library of Congress. Included are photographs of Hoffman, Elizabeth McFarland and Marianne Moore, taken by Werner Wolff of the Black Star agency. Material types include correspondence, printed matter and photographs. Arranged alphabetically by topic.
- BOX 73-89**                    **Literary Correspondence, 1932-2012**  
The Literary Correspondence series contains professional and personal correspondence with fellow writers from a variety of poetry movements. Material types include correspondence and related enclosures. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or chronologically.
- BOX 89-106**                    **Literary Reference and Research, 1913-2011**  
The Literary Reference and Research series contains correspondence and a subject file compiled by Hoffman containing notes and clippings relating to various writers and subjects. Material types include correspondence, clippings, printed matter, journal articles and research notes. Arranged alphabetically by topic.
- BOX 106-119**                    **Working Poems, 1940-2011**  
The Working Poems series contains drafts of published and unpublished poems and correspondence related to publication. Included in this series are drafts of work included in *An Armada of Thirty Whales*, *A Little Geste and Other Poems*, and *Middens of the Tribe*, as well as sonnets, ballads, and long form poetry. Material types include correspondence, manuscripts, and notes. Arranged in Hoffman's original order, which is roughly chronological, with some material grouped by topic thereunder.
- BOX 119-124**                    **Unpublished Works, 1936-2012**  
The Unpublished Works series contains drafts of unpublished poetry and prose and correspondence related to publication. This series primarily consists of drafts and material relating to Hoffman's unpublished memoir, "Lives of the Poets." Some drafts of the memoir are in digital format as word-processed documents. Also included is poetry and

prose written by Hoffman as a student, and drafts of “With Walt Whitman in Russia” and related material.  
Material types include correspondence, notes, manuscripts and photographs.  
Arranged alphabetically by type or topic. The file structure of the digital content has been maintained as received.

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Material types include page proofs, manuscript drafts, correspondence, research files, and clippings.

Arranged chronologically in order of publication and alphabetically by type thereunder.

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Galley, circa 1952

Final manuscript, circa 1952

(2 folders)

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BOX 14

Printers copy, circa 1952

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*An Armada of Thirty Whales*

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Material types include correspondence, clippings, printed matter, journal articles and research notes

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The Unpublished Works series contains drafts of unpublished poetry and prose and correspondence related to publication. This series primarily consists of drafts and material relating to Hoffman's unpublished memoir, "Lives of the Poets." Some drafts of the memoir are in digital format as word-processed documents. Also included is poetry and prose written by Hoffman as a student, and drafts of "With Walt Whitman in Russia" and related material.

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