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Biography/History

Joseph E. Wright (1918----) was born in Memphis, Tennessee. He received his B.S. from Memphis State College in 1938; his M.A. from Northwestern University in 1946; and completed additional graduate work at Columbia University. He served in the military during World War II. During his life he produced plays for highschool and college students, adults, and military personnel. Joseph Wright began his employment with Vanderbilt University in 1946 as Assistant Professor of Dramatics and Public Speaking. In addition to his teaching duties in dramatic literature, he served as Director of the Vanderbilt University Theatre. He retired in 1986.

This collection was donated by Joseph E. Wright.

Scope and Contents

This one linear foot collection contains five series in 38 file folders: **Series I** contains ephemeral items related to George Bernard Shaw; **Series II** contains incoming correspondence from a teacher and her class who attended a production of *Hamlet*; **Series III** contains a poem written by Donald Davidson to the cast of the first *Singin Billy* production; **Series IV** contains prompt books for plays; and **Series IV** contains theatre programs.

BOX 1

Series I – George Bernard Shaw

Correspondence – Outgoing

1. February 9, 1931 re: Lowke Domestic Engineering Company
February 10, 1931 note card
February 12, 1931 re: Lowke Domestic Engineering Company

Contracts and Deeds

2. February 10, 1931 Deed of Arrangement between Harold Austin Bassett Lowke and his Creditors
3. September 20, 1932 Authority signed by Creditors for Dividend

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Series II – Correspondence - Incoming

From a Teacher and her Students

4. Lynn Hewes – teacher – March 6, 1961
5. Phil Cannady – March 7, 1961
Elaine Crockett – March 3, 1961
Betty Ann Cullipher – March 7, 1961
Brenda Estes – March 7, 1961
Anna Felts – March 6, 1961
Cheryl Finley – March 3, 1961
Mary Frye – March 6, 1961
Marcia Fly – March 7, 1961
Susan Futrell – March 7, 1961
Jerald Garnett – March 3, 1961
6. Jane Hunter - March 7, 1961
Margaret Jones – March 3, 1961
Carol Lyles – March 6, 1961
Linda McCool – March 6, 1961
Cheryl McDow – March 5, 1961
Pam Miller – March 7, 1961
Virginia Poole – March 7, 1961
Judy Saeger – March 3, 1961
Warren Schultz – March 3, 1961
Paula Singleton – March 3, 1961
7. Connie Smith – March 7, 1961
Larry Stanley - March 6, 1961
Timothy Walker – March 6, 1961
William Wall – March 6, 1961
Kitty White - March 6, 1961

Series III - Poem

8. *To the Fair and Brave*, by Donald Davidson
Sent to the cast of the first *Singin Billy*
Production, Vanderbilt Theatre, Nashville
April 23-28, 1952

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Series IV – Prompt Books

9. *Arsenic and Old Lace*
10. *The Barber of Seville*
11. *The Conversion of Buster Drumwright*
12. *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*
13. *Founders' Capers*
14. *The Ghosts*
15. *Hamlet*
16. *Julius Caesar*
17. *Juno and the Paycock*

Box II

18. *King Lear*
19. *The Love of Four Colonels*
20. *The Marching Song*
21. *Measure for Measure*
22. *The Merchant of Venice*
23. *The Miser*
24. *Much Ado About Nothing*
25. *Much Ado About Nothing [second copy]*

Box III

26. *Oedipus Rex*
27. *Othello*
28. *Othello [continued]*
29. *Playboy of the Western World*
30. *The Silver Cord*
31. *Strangers in this World*
32. *Strangers in this World [second copy]-copyright granted 1952*
33. *The Taming of the Shrew*
34. *Twelfth Night*
35. *Warn Lights*

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Oversized Materials

Series V – Theatre Programs – Ford’s Theatre

- 36. *John Brown’s Body* - February 12, 1968
- 37. *The Comedy of Errors* – February 26, 1968
- 38. *She Stoops To Conquer* – March 26, 1968