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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains the papers of Carol Montgomery Newman, Jr., a graduate of Virginia Tech (BS in biology, 1931), writer and editor for *The New Yorker* (1949-1972), and Virginia Tech Department of English faculty member (1934-1949, 1972-1975). Includes correspondence relating to *The New Yorker*, including letters and notes from Charles Addams, Louis Auchincloss, S.J. Perelman, J. D. Salinger, and William Shawn; other materials relating to the magazine, including a manuscript poem by John Updike, drawings by Frank Modell, and newspaper clippings relating to various staff members; a selection of Newman's writings; correspondence relating to Virginia Tech; and materials relating to Virginia Tech's 1931 commencement.

Creator

Newman, Carol M., Jr. (Carol Montgomery), 1910-1997

Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 1 box; 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Carol Montgomery Newman, Jr., the son of Carol and Caroline Fain Newman, was born in Bristol, Virginia on September 1, 1910. Reared in Blacksburg, Virginia, he attended Virginia Tech and served as editor of the school newspaper during his senior year. After graduating in 1931 as class valedictorian with a BS degree in biology, Newman held a number of writing jobs at public relations firms and newspapers in Washington, DC; New York; Richmond; and New Brunswick, New Jersey. He also served as an English instructor at Virginia Tech from 1934 to 1942, joining the department in which his father (1879-1941) had served as head for many years. Newman married Jean Mills (1913-1994) in 1942, and the couple would have two children.

During World War II, Newman served in the US Navy. Following his discharge as a lieutenant commander in 1945, Newman obtained an MA in English from the University of Virginia and resumed his position at Virginia Tech. He was hired by *The New Yorker* as a reporter (writing under the name "Montgomery Newman") and later served as a fiction editor for the magazine. After retiring from the *The New Yorker* in 1972, Newman again returned to Blacksburg and rejoined the university's English department before finally retiring. Carol M. Newman died on June 2, 1997, and was buried in Blacksburg's Westview Cemetery.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of Carol M. Newman, Jr., a 1931 graduate of Virginia Tech (BS, biology), writer and editor for *The New Yorker* (1949-1972), and faculty member of Virginia Tech's Department of English (1934-1949, 1972-1975). The collection contains such materials as correspondence, printed materials, drawings, and certificates. Many of the materials in the collection are accompanied by explanatory notes written by Newman.

The collection includes letters and notes from people associated with *The New Yorker*, including founder Harold Ross; editor William Shawn; writers Louis Auchincloss, Joyce Cary, Emily Hahn, Dan Jacobson, J. D. Salinger, and E. B. White; and cartoonists Charles Addams and Frank Modell. Also related to *The New Yorker*, the collection contains a file of general materials collected by Newman, including a manuscript poem ("B.W.I.") by John Updike, original drawings by Frank Modell, and newspaper clippings about people associated with the magazine. Of Newman's writings, the collection contains examples from *The New Yorker*, Virginia Tech's *Context*, and various newspapers and magazines.

The collection also contains a small assortment of correspondence relating to Virginia Tech. The file includes a 1930 letter from Will Grove ("Uncle Bill") Witt, a popular campus personality of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Also included are letters from H. S. Grenoble, of the Department of Industrial Engineering;

President Julian A. Burruss; Director of Athletics C. P. Miles; and English professors Clifford Harrison and Dayton Kohler. Transcriptions of letters written by Newman to English Professor Edward L. Tucker in the 1980s are included as well. An assortment of materials relating to Virginia Tech's 1931 commencement completes the collection and includes such materials as Newman's diploma, the commencement program, a letter of congratulations from President Julian A. Burruss, Newman's valedictory address, and a Phi Kappa Phi certificate.

Separated Materials

A 1906 European travel diary maintained by Newman's father was transferred to the Carol M. Newman Papers, Ms1978-003, in 2012.

Related Archival Materials

See the Carol M. Newman Papers, Ms1978-003, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

Authors, American -- 20th century

Faculty and staff

Students and alumni

University History

New Yorker (New York, N.Y.: 1925)

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject matter.

Description of Subordinate Components

New Yorker Correspondence

Unit Date 1949-1987, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Addams, Charles

Unit Date 1972, n.d.

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Auchincloss, Louis

Unit Date 1969

Cary, Joyce

Unit Date 1954-1956

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Geraghty, James A.

Unit Date 1968

[Hahn, Emily]

Unit Date 1965

Henderson, Robert

Unit Date 1970

Jacobson, Dan

Unit Date 1962-1966

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

McGahern, John

Unit Date 1963

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Macken, Walter

Unit Date 1963

MacKenzie, Rachel

Unit Date [1970]

Modell, Frank

Unit Date 1958, n.d.

Physical Characteristics [4 items]

Perelman, S. J.

Unit Date 1955

Ross, Harold

Unit Date [1949]-1950

Physical Characteristics [2 items]

Salinger, J. D.

Unit Date [1950]

Shawn, William

Unit Date 1960-1987

Physical Characteristics [5 items]

White, E. B.

Unit Date n.d.

Physical Characteristics [3 items]

White, Katharine

Unit Date 1961

New Yorker Subject File

Unit Date 1946-1969, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [see also Oversize Materials]

New Yorker Articles

Unit Date 1944-1971

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Context Articles

Unit Date 1968-1977

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Other Writings

Unit Date 1931-1981, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Virginia Tech Correspondence

Unit Date 1930-1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Virginia Tech Commencement

Unit Date 1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Physical Characteristics [see also Oversize Materials]

Oversize Materials

Unit Date 1931-1934, n.d.

oversize 1 (folder)

Virginia Tech Diploma

Unit Date 1931

Photograph of W. N. McAnge Jr. Dinner of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association New York Chapter

Unit Date 1934

Frank Modell Drawings

Unit Date n.d.

Physical Characteristics [2 items]