

A Guide to the Papers of John Casey

Papers of John Casey 1939-1990

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of the papers of American writer John Dudley Casey(1939-), 7.5 linear feet, ca. 1700 items, 22 Hollinger boxes, 1939-1990, containing John Casey's juvenilia; correspondence; manuscripts of his magazine articles and book reviews; manuscripts of his short stories and novellas; manuscripts of his novels, *An American Romance*, *Everyman's Dream*, *Monticello and People's Drug Store*, *Spartina*, and *Testimony and Demeanor*; and cassette tapes of his interviews and readings.

Casey was educated at Harvard College (B.A. cum laude 1962), Harvard Law School (L.L.B. 1965), and the University of Iowa (M.F.A. 1968). He has taught at the University of Iowa Law School, the University of Rhode Island, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and the University of Virginia. Casey's awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship (1979-1980), a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship (1982), the O. Henry Award (1988), and the National Book Award (1989). Casey's published works include the books *An American Romance* (1977), *Testimony and Demeanor* (1979), and *Spartina* (1989); short stories in *The New Yorker* (1968-1988), *Chicago Magazine* (1983), *Ploughshares* (1981), *Redbook* (1972), and *Sports Illustrated* (1969); book reviews; and magazine articles.

The collection is organized into five series: topical and miscellaneous personal papers, including autobiographical materials, juvenilia, college essays and other work, teaching notes and evaluations, and students' stories; correspondence, separated by subject and correspondent, with separate folders for more widely-known writers, and including alphabetized miscellaneous letters; manuscripts of book reviews and magazine articles, short stories, and novels; sound recordings of Casey's readings and interviews; and two items, a manuscript of the story "A Political Primer" and an author's proof of the story "Avid," in oversize folders.

The organization of the collection groups the novella "A Year in Mid-Air" (*Redbook*, 1972) with the short stories, and the story collection *Testimony and Demeanor* (1979) with the novels.

Container List

Correspondence

Correspondence re Employment

Unit Date 1967-1969, n.d.

Container Box 1

Correspondence re Book Publishing

Unit Date 1967-1990

Container Box 1

Correspondence re Magazine Publishing

Unit Date 1965-1988, n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters of Congratulation

Unit Date 1968-1990

Container Box 1

Letters from Other Authors

Unit Date 1968-1990

Container Box 1

Letters from Ann Arensberg

Unit Date 1980,1986

Container Box 1

Letters from the Barnes Family

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters from Elizabeth Benedict(formerly Elizabeth Neidetz)

Unit Date 1978-1980

Container Box 1

Letter from Vance Bourjaily

Unit Date 1978

Container Box 1

Letter from T. Alan Broughton

Unit Date 1980

Container Box 1

Letters from Rosamond Pittman Casey

Unit Date 1980, n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters from Jane Barnes Caseyand Maudand Nell Casey

Unit Date 1979-1989, n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters from the Casey Family

Unit Date 1966-1989

Container Box 1

Letters from Susan Heeger

Unit Date 1978-1989

Container Box 1

Letters from John Irving

Unit Date 1968, 1977-1988

Container Box 1

Letters from Peter Janet

Unit Date 1978, n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters from Richard Jones

Unit Date 1977-1989

Container Box 1

Letters from Steve Jones

Unit Date 1977-1988

Container Box 1

Letter from Jim MacPherson

Unit Date 1980

Container Box 1

Letters from Jonathan Penner

Unit Date 1979, 1990

Container Box 1

Letters from David Plimpton

Unit Date 1968, n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters from Peter Taylor

Unit Date (1965-1968)1980, n.d.

Container Box 1

Letters from Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Unit Date 1967-1971

Container Box 2

Letters from Richard Wertime

Unit Date 1980

Container Box 2

Miscellaneous Letters

Unit Date 1966-1990, n.d.

Container Box 2

Extent (2 folders)

Topical and Miscellaneous

Autobiographical Materials

Unit Date [1988], n.d.

Container Box 2

Awards and Speech Notes

Unit Date 1964, 1989, n.d.

Container Box 2

Childhood Correspondence and Papers

Unit Date 1939-1952, n.d.

Container Box 2

College Essays

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 2

School Records and Related Correspondence

Unit Date 1947-1956

Container Box 2

Photographs and Stamps

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Poetry

Unit Date 1960, n.d.

Container Box 3

Students' Stories

Unit Date 1978, 1988, n.d.

Container Box 3

Teaching Notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Travel Diary: Russia

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Manuscripts

Manuscripts: Articles and Book Reviews

Arkansas National Bass Fishing Tournamentarticle

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Book Reviews

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Cross-Country Ski article

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

"In Praise of Womens' Muscles"

Unit Date 1978-1980

Container Box 3

Interview of Kurt Vonnegut

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Kindly Lights foreword

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 3

Memorial Essays

Unit Date 1977-1983

Container Box 3

Rowing article

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4

"The Social Life of the Long-Distance Runner"

Unit Date 1969

Container Box 4

Sports: Research Clippings

Unit Date 1973, 1976, n.d.

Container Box 4

Sports Writings

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4

The Stories of Breece D'J Pancake afterword

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4

"Tom Brown, Tracker"

Unit Date 1982-1983

Container Box 4

"The Watch that Ends the Night"

Unit Date 1969

Container Box 4

Extent (2 folders)

Manuscripts: Short Stories**"Avid," with autograph revisions by the author**

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4

Extent AMs

"Avid"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4

Extent Ams, Tms

"Avid," notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 4

Extent AMs

"Avid" (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent TMs

"Avid: Revised Version"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent TMs

"Avid," with comments by others (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent TMs

"Avid," with publication copy

Unit Date 1988

Container Box 5

Extent galley proofs

"Bobbie Booth"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent AMs, TMs

"Connaissance des Arts" (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent AMs

"Connaissance des Arts," originally titled "Lapses"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent TMs

"Connaissance des Arts"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 5

Extent TMs

"Connaissance des Arts"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent AMs, TMs

"Connaissance des Arts"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent TMs

"Connaissance des Arts," notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent AMs

"Conspirators," with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent AMs

"Conspirators" (3 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent TMs

"The Fisherman and His Wife"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent AMs, TMs

"Home Again, Home Again"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 6

Extent AMs, TMs

"Mandarins in a Farther Field," with published copy

Unit Date 1969

Container Box 6

Extent AMs

"A More Complete Cross-Section"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs, TMs

"My Last Captain"

Unit Date 1965

Container Box 7

Extent TMs

"Peter Downing"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs

"Rapunzel"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs, TMs

Rhode Island cycle (Volume I) notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs

"Sleeping Beauty"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs

"Sleeping Beauty"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent TMs

"Smythe"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs, TMs

"Smythe," notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs

"Snow White"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent AMs, TMs

"Snow White"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent TMs

"Snow White," with publication copy

Unit Date 1983, n.d.

Container Box 7

Extent galley proofs

"Starry Night"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs, TMS

"Starry Night" (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent TMs

"Supper at the Black Pearl"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs

"Supper at the Black Pearl"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent TMs

"Testimony and Demeanor"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs

"Testimony and Demeanor," with publication copy

Unit Date 1971

Container Box 8

Extent galley proofs

"The Use of Her Estate"

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs, TMs

"A Year in Mid-Air," under earlier title

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs

"A Year in Mid-Air," with galley proofs and publication copy

Unit Date 1972, n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs, TMs

"A Year in Mid-Air," draft as notes for a screenplay based on the author's novella

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 8

Extent AMs, TMs

untitled story

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 9

Extent TMs

Washington story notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 9

Extent AMs

Washington story fragments (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 9

Extent AMs

Miscellaneous untitled stories

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 9

Extent AMs, TMs

Story fragments (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 9

Extent AMs

Story fragments in Harvard notebook

Unit Date 1964

Container Box 10

Extent AMs

Story fragments in notebooks

Unit Date 1964, n.d.

Container Box 10

Extent AMs

Notebooks and inserts (3 folders)

Unit Date 1960, 1962, n.d.

Container Box 10

Extent AMs

Manuscripts: Novels

An American Romance , early draft (partially incomplete) with autograph revisions by the author (5 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 11

Extent AMs

An American Romance , draft with extensive autograph revisions by the author (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 11

Extent TMs

An American Romance , draft with extensive autograph revisions by the author (3 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 12

Extent TMs

An American Romance draft (5 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 12

Extent TMs

An American Romance draft (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 13

Extent TMs

An American Romance publication copy (3 folders)

Unit Date [1970's]

Container Box 13

Extent TMs (EC)

An American Romance publication copy

Unit Date [1970's]

Container Box 14

Extent TMs (EC)

An American Romance , proofs with holograph corrections by the editor

Unit Date 1977

Container Box 14

Extent galley proofs

An American Romance

Unit Date 1977

Container Box 14

Extent galley proofs

An American Romance

Unit Date 1977

Container Box 14

Extent page proofs

An American Romance , synopsis for a film version of the author's novel

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 14

Extent AMs, TMs

An American Romance , loose notes and text excerpts marked "throwaway pages" by the author

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 14

Extent AMs, TMs

An American Romance , notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 15

Extent AMs, TMs

An American Romance , notes and text fragments in notebook pads

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 15

Extent AMs

An American Romance , editor's comments and author's synopses

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 15

Extent AMs, TMs

An American Romance

Unit Date 1977-1979

Container Box 15

Extent reviews

Everyman's Dream , early draft with extensive autograph revisions by the author (2 folders)

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 15

Extent AMs

Everyman's Dream , early draft with autograoph revisions by the author

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 15

Extent AMs

Everyman's Dream , marked "Novel-in-Progress," written while at Iowa Creative Writing Workshop

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 15

Extent TMs (mimeo)

Everyman's Dream

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 16

Extent TMs

Everyman's Dream , draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 16

Extent AMs

Everyman's Dream , draft of AMs in previous folder

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 16

Extent TMs

Everyman's Dream

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 16

Extent TMs

Everyman's Dream (3 folders)

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 16

Extent TMs

Everyman's Dream , draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 16

Extent TMs

Everyman's Dream , draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 17

Extent TMs

Everyman's Dream , narrative fragments

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 17

Extent AMs, TMs

Everyman's Dream , notes

Unit Date [1960's]

Container Box 17

Extent AMs

Monticello and People's Drug Store , notes and narrative fragments

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 17

Extent AMs

Monticello and People's Drug Store , draft in spiral- bound notebook tablets

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 17

Extent AMs

Spartina , draft segments in notepads (4 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 18

Extent AMs

Spartina , draft of opening chapters, with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 18

Extent AMs, TMs

Spartina , draft segments with autograph revisions by the author (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 18

Extent AMs

Spartina , draft with autograph revisions by the author and others

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 18

Extent TMs

Spartina , draft with autograph revisions by the author and others (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 19

Extent TMs

Spartina (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 19

Extent TMs

Spartina , setting copy with printer's notes (2 folders)

Unit Date 1989

Container Box 19

Extent TMs

Spartina , setting copy with printer's notes (3 folders)

Unit Date 1989

Container Box 20

Extent TMs

Spartina , final draft (2 folders)

Unit Date 1989

Container Box 20

Extent TMs(ec)

Spartina , research materials: clippings, notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 20

Spartina , revision notes

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 20

Extent AMs, TMs

Spartina , loose pages from a draft

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 20

Extent TMs

Spartina , notes and text fragments

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 20

Extent AMs

Spartina , notes and text fragments

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 21

Extent AMs

Spartina , advertisements and posters

Unit Date 1989

Container Box 21

Spartina , notes and itineraries for the author's post-publication book tour

Unit Date 1989, 1990

Container Box 21

Spartina

Unit Date 1989, 1990

Container Box 21

Extent reviews

Volume III/ Elsie's Novel

Unit Date [1980s]

Container Box 21

Extent AMs

Volume III/ Elsie's Novel , draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date [1980s]

Container Box 21

Extent AMs

Volume III/ Elsie's Novel , draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date [1980s]

Container Box 21

Extent TMs

Volume III/ Elsie's Novel (2 folders)

Unit Date [1980s]

Container Box 22

Extent TMs

Testimony and Demeanor , draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 22

Extent TMs

Testimony and Demeanor (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 22

Extent TMs

Testimony and Demeanor, loose pages

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 22

Extent TMs

Testimony and Demeanor

Unit Date 1980

Container Box 22

Extent Galley Proofs

Testimony and Demeanor

Unit Date 1979, n.d.

Container Box 22

Extent reviews

Sound Recordings

Interview with Kurt Vonnegut

Unit ID T-907

Unit Date [1960s]

Extent (3 cassettes: a,b,c)

"Nightscope" with Barry Burnsen, episode on Iowa Citybarhopping which includes a recording of John Casey(masquerading as an Irishman) telling fictitious drinking stories

Unit ID T-908

Unit Date [1960s]

Extent (1 reel-to-reel tape)

"FM Insights: John Casey's 'The Fisherman and his wife'": Casey reads the title story for a WTJU(University of Virginia student radio) reading series

Unit ID T-909

Unit Date 1981

Extent (1 cassette)

"N. Adams w/ John Casey": interview with John Casey about Breece D'J Pancake

Unit ID T-910

Unit Date 1983

Extent (1 cassette)

"Virginia Writers II / Program #7: Walter Norris": Ben Clearyinterviews Walter Norris, an author from Virginia's Northern Neck, for a public radio series

Unit ID T-911

Unit Date n.d.

Extent (1 cassette)

"Virginia Writers II / Program #11: John Casey": Ben Clearyinterviews John Casey for a public radio series

Unit ID T-912

Unit Date n.d.

Extent (1 cassette)

Oversize Materials

"Avid," proof with inserts and autograph revisions by the author and a reader

Unit Date 1987

Container Oversize (Box)

Extent author's proof

"A Political Primer," draft with autograph revisions by the author

Unit Date n.d.

Container Oversize (Box)

Extent AMs