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Scope and Content

There are fourteen items, 1942-1959, chiefly letters from William Faulkner (1897-1962), from the areas of Burbank, California, New York, New York, and Charlottesville, Virginia, to his step-son, Malcolm Argyle Franklin, in Oxford, Mississippi. These letters have been published in *BITTERWEEDS Life with William Faulkner at Rowan Oak by Malcolm A. Franklin* (The Society for the Study of Traditional Culture: Irving, Texas, 1977) [Rare Books Faulkner PS 3511.A86Z4.F7B5 1977]

Item Listing

LETTERS

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], Warner Bros. Studio, Burbank, California, to "Buddy" [Malcolm Franklin], Oxford, Mississippi.

Unit Date [1942 Dec 6]

Extent

TLS
2 p. on 2 l.

Scope and Content

w/env. [reports on effects of the war on daily life --meat and butter shortage, rationing, no lights at night, barrage balloons along the coast, searchlights through the city, and expectations of a bombing; discusses at length peoples' attitudes toward gasoline rationing, especially those whose work "is not essential to winning a war or anything else"; comments on Hollywood being one of the richest towns in the country; and, supports his step-son's decision to join the service and comments that he has "aptitude for being a regimented soldier" even though he has "no avocation for it"]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], Warner Bros., Burbank, California, to "Buddy" [Malcolm Franklin], Oxford, Mississippi.

Unit Date [1943 May 24]

Extent

TLS
1 p.

Scope and Content

w/env. [comments on war: "War is bad, of course, unnecessary among civilised peoples. We are fighting, as always, the long battalions of old wrongs and shames that each generation of us both inherits and creates. We will win this one, then we must, we must, clean the world's house so that man can live in peace in it. I believe we will. I envy you being young enough to have a part in it."]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], Warner Bros. Studio, Burbank, California, to "Buddy" [M[alcolm] A. Franklin], Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Unit Date [1943 July 9]

Extent

TLS
1 p.

Scope and Content

w/env. [writes about Robert Haas, the vice-president of Random House, and the wartime activities of Haas' son as a Navypilot and daughter in the Women's Ferry Squadron; discusses the squadron of African-American pilots that "finally got congress to allow them to learn how to risk their lives in the air"; and, comments that "a change will come out of this war"]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], Beverly Hills, California, to "Mac" [Malcolm Franklin], Oxford, Mississippi.

Unit Date [1951 Feb 24]

Extent

ALS
1 p.

Scope and Content

w/env. [refers to his sloop [Ring Dove], Hal [Harrison] Smith, a recently purchased Irish pipe (with a drawing), and paying mechanic Wade [Ward]for a gear job]

Saxe Commins, Random House, New York, New York, to "Malcolm and Gloria" [Malcolm Franklin], Oxford, Mississippi.

Unit Date 1953 Feb 16

Extent

ALS

2 p. on 1 l.

Scope and Content

w/env. [reassures family that William Faulkner is working steadily in his office everyday and falling back into his normal stride; feels that he should stay in New York now that he is working in earnest; shares in their concern for Faulkner]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], "Mr Saxe's office," Random House, New York, New York, to "Mac" [Malcolm Franklin], Oxford, Mississippi.

Unit Date [1953 Feb 16]

Extent

TLS

1 p.

Scope and Content

[distressed over having caused his family so much worry because of his "spells of complete forgetting"; mentions an accident the previous March with Tempy and Sunny, the horses; writes that he is getting started on Missy's [Jill Faulkner] commencement address [for Pine Manor Junior College in June]; mentions that he is earning money again]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], New York, New York, to "Mac" [Malcolm Franklin], [Oxford, Mississippi].

Unit Date [1953 Oct]

Extent

TLS

1 p.

Scope and Content

[advises him on the steam-heating system at Rowan Oak and mentions the work suggested by plumber Willie Reynolds; writes that he is working on his manuscript [A Fable] again and that he will talk to [Howard Winchester] Hawks about going to Europe [to work on the script for Land of the Pharaohs]; mentions work on his manuscript, editing the Book of the Month manuscript, and having the play [of his novel Requiem for a Nun] go into production in the fall]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], New York, New York, to "Buddy" [Malcolm Franklin], [Oxford, Mississippi].

Unit Date [1953 Oct]

Extent

TLS

2 p. on 1 l.

Scope and Content

[concerns his plans after contacting [Howard Winchester] Hawks in Paris, France, which involves staying in New York until December to finish and edit his book and edit the Book of the Month club volume; requests that a wallet with the name of a Stockholm bank be sent, along with some other items; mentions Bill Harmon, who owns a men's clothing store in Oxford]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], to "Buddy" [Malcolm Franklin], [Oxford, Mississippi].

Unit Date [1953 Oct]

Extent

TLS

1 p.

Scope and Content

[mentions spending time at [Robert] Linscott's farm; concerns locating several items in his room at home]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], to "Ria and Buddy" [Gloria Franklinand Malcolm Franklin], [Oxford, Mississippi]

Unit Date [post 1954 Sep]

Extent

TLS

1 p.

Scope and Content

[congratulations on the birth of their son Mark Franklin; mentions earning money on television writing and a hunting story for the Saturday Evening Post]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], [New York, New York] to "Ria and Buddy" [Gloria Franklinand Malcolm Franklin], [Oxford, Mississippi].

Unit Date [1954 Dec]

Extent

TLS

1 p.

Scope and Content

[plans to go to Washington, D. C.for Christmas to see Jill (Faulkner)and Paul Summers; sends money for the purchase of gifts for their African-American staff and friends; mentions the birth of Saxe Commins' daughter Fran Bennett's child]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner], Charlottesville, Virginia, to "Buddy" [Malcolm Franklin], Oxford, Mississippi.

Unit Date [1957 Feb 26]

Extent

TLS

1 p.

Scope and Content

w/env. [informs that the State Departmentis sending him to Greecefor two weeks on March 15th; mentions little Paul [Summers]and Mark [Franklin]]

"Pappy" [William Faulkner] to [Malcolm Argyle Franklin].

Unit Date 1957 Dec 3

Extent

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Scope and Content

["Happy birthday"]

William Faulkner, Oxford, Mississippi, to Malcolm Franklin, University of Mississippi Medical School, Jackson, Mississippi

Unit Date [1959 Aug 24]

Extent

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