

Ralph Ellison

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Ralph Ellison

Span Dates: 1890-1996

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1933-1990)

ID No.: MSS83111

Creator: Ellison, Ralph

Size: 46,100 items; 231 plus 22 oversize; 110 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: African-American author and educator. General correspondence, organizational correspondence and reports, family papers, drafts, notes, and production files for novels, essays, poetry, short stories, reviews, and other writings, speeches, lectures, and interviews, reference file, and miscellany documenting Ellison's career and development as a writer. Among the many works represented are *Going to the Territory* (1985), *Invisible Man* (1952), and *Shadow and Act* (1964).

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Ellison, Ralph
Bellow, Saul--Correspondence
Brooks, Harry, 1895-1970--Correspondence
Calicutt, Harold--Correspondence
Cheever, John--Correspondence
Ciardi, John, 1916- --Correspondence
Clark, Kenneth Bancroft, 1914- --Correspondence
Davis, Henry B. O., 1911- --Correspondence
Dawson, William Levi, 1899- --Correspondence
Engle, Paul, 1908- --Correspondence
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967--Correspondence
Hyman, Stanley Edgar, 1919-1970--Correspondence
Jackson, Shirley, 1916-1965--Correspondence
Murray, Albert--Correspondence
Warren, Robert Penn, 1905- --Correspondence
Wright, Richard, 1908-1960--Correspondence
American Medical Center for Burma
Bennington College
Carnegie Commission on Educational Television
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Federal Writers' Project
Museum of the City of New York
Negro People's Theatre (Chicago, Ill.)
New School for Social Research (New York, N.Y.)
Wake Forest University
Ellison, Fanny McConnell. Papers of Fanny McConnell Ellison
Ellison, Ralph. *Going to the Territory*
Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*
Ellison, Ralph. *Shadow and Act*

Subjects:

African American authors
American literature--African American authors--Study and teaching

Occupations:

Authors
Educators

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Ralph Ellison (1914-1994), author and educator, were acquired by the Library of Congress from his widow, Fanny McConnell Ellison, through a gift, purchase, and deposit, 1995-1997.

Processing History:

A description of the Ralph Ellison Papers appears in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1994-1995*, pp. 56-60.

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1914, Mar. 1	Born, Oklahoma City, Okla.
1933-1936	Attended Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.
1938-1942	Researcher, Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration Married Rose Poindexter (divorced 1945)
1939	Published short story "Slick Gonna Learn" in <i>Direction</i>
1940	Published short story "The Birthmark" in <i>New Masses</i> Published short story "Afternoon" in <i>American Writing</i> , ed. Hans Otto Storm and others (Prairie City, Ill.: J.A. Decker)
1941	Published short story "Mister Toussan" in <i>New Masses</i>

1942 Managing editor, *Negro Quarterly*

1943-1945 Seaman, merchant marine

1944 Published short story "Flying Home" in *Cross Section*, ed. Edwin Seaver (New York: L. B. Fischer)
Published short story "King of the Bingo Game" in *Tomorrow*

1945 Received Rosenwald Fellowship

1946 Married Fanny McConnell Buford

1948 Published short story "Battle Royal" in '48, *The Magazine of the Year*

1952 Published *Invisible Man* (New York: Random House. 429 pp.)

1953 Received National Book Award for *Invisible Man*

1955-1957 Received American Academy of Arts and Letters Fellowship for study in Rome

1958-1961 Instructor, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

1960 Published short story "And Hickman Arrives" in *The Noble Savage*

1961 Alexander White Visiting Professor, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

1962-1964 Visiting Professor of Writing, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

1964 Published *Shadow and Act* (New York: Random House. 317 pp.)

1964-1965 Visiting Fellow in American Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

1966-1972 Honorary consultant in American letters, Library of Congress

1967-1977 Trustee, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.

1968-1979 Board of Directors, Educational Broadcasting Corp.

1969 Decorated chevalier Ordre des Arts et Lettres, France
Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom

1969-1982 Trustee, New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.

1970-1975 Trustee, Bennington College, Bennington, Vt.

1970-1979 Albert Schweitzer Professor of Humanities, New York University, New York, N.Y.

1970-1985 Board of Directors, Museum of the City of New York, New York, N.Y.

1971-1984 Trustee, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

1972-1985 Board of Visitors, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

1975	Opening of Ralph Ellison Branch, Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, Okla.
1985	Awarded National Medal of Arts
1986	Published <i>Going to the Territory</i> (New York: Random House. 338 pp.)
1994, Apr. 16	Died, New York, N.Y.
1999	Posthumous publication, <i>Juneteenth</i> (New York: Random House. 368 pp.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ralph Ellison span the years 1890-1996 with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1933-1990. The collection documenting Ellison's career as author and educator includes nine series: [Family Papers](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Organizations File](#); [Writings File](#); [Speeches, Lectures, and Interviews](#); [Reference File](#); [Miscellany](#); [Closed](#); and [Oversize](#).

The [Family Papers](#) contain personal material pertaining to Ellison, his wife, Fanny McConnell Ellison, and their parents, siblings, former spouses, and other relatives. A substantial file relating to Ellison's employment includes material from his many teaching appointments. Of particular interest are the notes and reports he compiled for the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Fanny Ellison's employment papers document her work for the American Medical Center for Burma through the Harold L. Oram agency and her contribution as one of the founders of the Negro People's Theatre in Chicago. Also noteworthy are her drawings pertaining to the history of costume executed as a WPA project for the Chicago Board of Education. Household papers contain material on the Ellisons' property in New York, Key West, Florida, and Plainfield, Massachusetts. The latter includes insurance records of the fire which destroyed the first drafts of Ellison's unpublished Hickman novel. Other material in the family papers consists of biographical information, financial, legal, and medical records, school and military records, newspaper and magazine articles about Ellison, travel documents, notes, and printed matter.

The [General Correspondence](#) series contains Ralph and Fanny Ellison's incoming and outgoing letters to friends and business associates. Correspondents include institutions and businesses as well as individuals. Chief among them are Saul Bellow, John Cheever, John Ciardi, Kenneth B. Clark, William Dawson, Paul Engle, Langston Hughes, Stanley Edgar Hyman, Shirley Jackson, Albert Murray, Robert Penn Warren, and Richard Wright. Several of Ellison's letters to friends and acquaintances such as Harry Brooks, Harold Calicutt, and Henry B. O. Davis contain reminiscences of his childhood, college years, and early adulthood.

The [Organizations File](#) concerns a wide range of cultural, educational, and charitable institutions in which Ellison participated as an officer, advisor, or trustee. For example, he served on the governing boards of Bennington College, the Carnegie Commission on Educational Television, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Museum of the City of New York, the New School for Social Research, and Wake Forest University. Material in the file consists primarily of correspondence and reports.

The [Writings File](#) contains drafts, notes, and production material for Ellison's literary works. The material in an essays and essay collections file, arranged alphabetically by title, appeared as journal articles or chapters published in compilations by others. Material pertaining to Ellison's own collections, *Shadow and Act* and *Going to the Territory*, is also included in this section. Many of his essays were reworked and republished several times. Ellison also wrote poetry, reviews of books, films, and recordings, short stories, and forewords, introductions, and endorsements for literary works of others. There is evidence that Ellison wrote book reviews in the 1940s under the pseudonym David Wilson. An incomplete draft of his memoirs also contains notes and outlines. Dates in parentheses in the container list refer to the publication date; other dates refer to the creation and span of the material in the folder.

Material relating to Ellison's novels makes up the bulk of the Writings File. In order to show Ellison's approach to writing, his system of filing drafts alphabetically by title of episode rather than final story sequence has been maintained. Quotation marks are used to indicate episode titles devised by Ellison. A section relating to *Invisible Man* includes production material, publicity items, reviews, opera and film proposals, correspondence with publishers regarding various editions, foreign rights and

translations, and the comments and criticism of others. A miscellany section in the Writings File contains bibliographies and literary criticisms of Ellison's works, plot ideas, notes, royalty statements, and information regarding copyrights, permissions, and reprints.

The [Speeches, Lectures, and Interviews](#) series demonstrates Ellison's popularity as a speaker at special events, club meetings, and university seminars. His customary subjects were literary, but also included music and art. During his fellowship at the American Academy in Rome, Ellison lectured at several European seminars. Ellison also held numerous teaching positions ranging from one semester as a visiting professor to appointments lasting for several years. Courses included the contemporary American novel and Russian literature. He was frequently interviewed for radio programs, magazines, and newspapers. Among his interviewers were Michael S. Harper, Irving Howe, and Robert Penn Warren. The three sections of this series, containing texts, correspondence, notes, and printed matter, are arranged chronologically.

The [Reference File](#) includes newspaper and magazine articles and other printed matter on subjects ranging from music, art, and literature to sports, politics, and civil rights. A large biographical section includes material on individuals whom Ellison either knew or considered interesting.

The [Miscellany](#) series contains address books, appointment calendars, invitations, programs, and ephemera. Also included are papers relating to the awards, citations, and honorary degrees awarded to Ellison. The [Closed](#) series consists primarily of correspondence, writings, and drawings which are too fragile for handling. Photocopies of each item have been placed where the original would have appeared in the collection. Material too large for the document boxes has been moved to the [Oversize](#) series.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Family Papers, 1890-1996, n.d.](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1930-1996, n.d.](#)
- [Organizations File, 1939-1994, n.d.](#)
- [Writings File, 1935-1995, n.d.](#)
- [Speeches, Lectures, and Interviews, 1945-1993, n.d.](#)
- [Reference File, 1901-1995, n.d.](#)
- [Miscellany, 1904-1994, n.d.](#)
- [Closed, 1932-1994, n.d.](#)
- [Oversize, 1923-1993, n.d.](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-34	<p><u>Family Papers, 1890-1996, n.d.</u></p> <p>Correspondence between family members, vital records, school papers, military records, household, financial, and legal papers, employment records, diaries, notes, newspaper articles, and printed ephemera relating to Ralph and Fanny Ellison and other family members.</p>
BOX 35-79	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1930-1996, n.d.</u></p> <p>Incoming and outgoing correspondence of Ralph and Fanny Ellison with friends, colleagues, and business associates.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 80-94	<p><u>Organizations File, 1939-1994, n.d.</u></p> <p>Correspondence, reports, and printed matter relating to Ellison's participation in professional and social organizations as an officer, trustee, or advisor.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of organization and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 95-169	<p><u>Writings File, 1935-1995, n.d.</u></p> <p>Drafts of essays, novels, reviews, short stories, and other material written by Ellison.</p> <p>Correspondence and material relating to the production, publicity, and reception of his works are included. Dates in parentheses in the container list refer to the publication date; other dates refer to the period covered by the material in the folder.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of work and alphabetically by title therein.</p>
BOX 170-178	<p><u>Speeches, Lectures, and Interviews, 1945-1993, n.d.</u></p> <p>Texts of speeches, lectures, and interviews along with related correspondence, notes, and printed matter.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 179-211	<p><u>Reference File, 1901-1995, n.d.</u></p> <p>Printed matter, primarily newspaper and magazine clippings, on topics of interest to Ellison, such as jazz, blues, photography, art, and prominent individuals.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by subject.</p>
BOX 211-219	<p><u>Miscellany, 1904-1994, n.d.</u></p> <p>Appointment books and calendars, awards and citations, honorary degrees, invitations to social, cultural, and charitable events, mailing addresses, notes, printed ephemera, and memorabilia.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 220-231	<p><u>Closed, 1932-1994, n.d.</u></p> <p>Fragile material, consisting mostly of correspondence, drawings, and writings, which has been removed and replaced with photocopies.</p> <p>Organized and described according to the series and folders from which the items were removed.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 22	<p><u>Oversize, 1923-1993, n.d.</u></p> <p>Oversize material consisting mostly of drawings, financial and legal records, writings, and printed material.</p> <p>Organized and described according to the series, folders, and boxes from which the items were removed.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1-34	Family Papers, 1890-1996, n.d. Correspondence between family members, vital records, school papers, military records, household, financial, and legal papers, employment records, diaries, notes, newspaper articles, and printed ephemera relating to Ralph and Fanny Ellison and other family members.
BOX 1	Bell, Ida Ellison Correspondence, 1912, 1921-1937, n.d. Miscellany, 1918-1938, n.d. Buford, Ligon Citizens' Committee for Reemployment, 1938, n.d. Miscellany, 1938-1945, n.d. Ellison, Alfred, n.d. Ellison, Fanny McConnell Correspondence Buford, James A., 1943-1944 Buford, Ligon, 1934-1945, 1963, 1980 (3 folders) General, 1930-1996, n.d. (4 folders)
BOX 2	Warren, Billy ("Willy") and George, 1932-1967, n.d. (3 folders) Warren, John, Rosanna, and Sue, 1968-1971, 1989-1992, n.d. Waugh, Eliza ("Ella"), 1952-1963, n.d. Waugh, Robert Harold and Mary, 1955-1957, 1967-1978, n.d. Employment <i>Chicago Defender</i> , 1939-1941, n.d. (2 folders) Chicago, Ill., Board of Education, Visual Education Project "Ancient Roman and Byzantine Costume," n.d. (3 folders) <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 3	Correspondence, 1938-1939, n.d. "Costume of the Eighteenth Century," n.d. (5 folders) <i>See also Oversize</i> Costume of the Middle Ages and seventeenth century, n.d. <i>See also Oversize</i> (5 folders)
BOX 4	(12 folders)
BOX 5	(1 folder) "Egyptian Costume," n.d. (7 folders) <i>See also Oversize</i> "Greek Costume," n.d. (4 folders)
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	Harold L. Oram (fund-raising agency), 1950-1970, 1980-1981, n.d. (3 folders)
	Miscellany, 1933-1955, 1967, n.d.
	National Urban League, 1943-1946, n.d. <i>See also Oversize</i>
	Negro People's Theatre, Chicago, Ill. Constitution and organization, 1939, n.d. Correspondence, 1937-1940, n.d. (4 folders)
BOX 7	Financial papers, 1938-1939, n.d. Meetings, 1938-1939, n.d. Membership and officers, 1938-1939, n.d. Miscellany, 1936-1940, n.d. (2 folders) Proposals, 1939, n.d. New York City Housing Authority, New York, N.Y., 1945-1946, n.d. Résumés, 1929-1956 United States Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks, 1941-1942, n.d. War Production Board, Traffic Section, 1937-1944
BOX 8	Works Progress Administration, 1937-1941, n.d. World Organization of the Lamp of Brotherhood, 1956-1963, n.d. Young Women's Christian Association, 1937-1941, n.d. Legal papers, 1937, 1944-1954, 1963-1981 (2 folders) Medical papers, 1938-1984, 1995, n.d. (4 folders) Miscellany, 1929, 1937-1944, 1958-1963, n.d.
BOX 9	Notes 1942-1995 (5 folders)
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BOX 12	(1 folder)
	School papers Elementary and high school, Chicago, Ill., 1921-1932, n.d. <i>See also Oversize</i> Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Creative Literature, 1933 General, 1931-1938, n.d. General, 1931, 1936-1949, n.d. (3 folders) University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa Contemporary British drama, 1933-1936, n.d. Fundamentals of speech, 1936 General, 1934-1942, n.d.
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	Stagecraft, n.d.
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	School papers, n.d.
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	Buford, Ligon, 1980
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BOX 17	Miscellaneous family members, 1937-1983, n.d.
	Diaries, 1934-1936, n.d.
	Drawings, 1932, n.d.
	Employment
	Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., 1956-1984, n.d.
	(2 folders)
	Bennington College, Bennington, Vt., 1958, 1964, 1974, 1982-1983
	City University of New York, New York, N.Y., 1959, 1965-1993
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	University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 1959-1962, n.d.
	Works Progress Administration, Federal Writers' Project
	Assignments, 1938-1941, n.d.
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	Miscellany, 1938-1942, n.d.
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	Anti-Semitism, n.d.
	"Cultural Contributions of the American Negro," 1940, n.d.
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	Folklore, ca. 1938
	(2 folders)
	History of New York, N.Y., n.d.
	"Jews in American Theatre," ca. 1939
	"The Negro and the War," ca. 1940
	(3 folders)
	"Negro Leadership," n.d.
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	Chapt. V, n.d.
	Chapt. VI, n.d.
	Chapt. VII, n.d.
	Chapt. XVII, n.d.
	Chapt. XVIII, 1940
	Notes, n.d.
	Radio, n.d.
	Religion and abolitionism, n.d.
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	Income and expenses
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	Household papers

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	Automobile papers, 1942, 1950-1991, n.d. (3 folders)
	Dog records, 1945-1951, 1960-1972, n.d.
	Domestic service, 1964-1966, 1973-1976, 1995, n.d.
	Inventories and insurance 1945, 1955-1956, 1964-1973 (3 folders) <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 25	1974-1994, n.d. (5 folders)
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	Financial papers, 1976-1984 <i>See also Oversize</i>
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	Legal papers, 1976, 1986, n.d. (2 folders) <i>See also Oversize</i>
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	Miscellany, 1979-1980, n.d.
	Plainfield, Mass. Correspondence, 1959, 1966-1970, 1976-1986, 1995, n.d. (2 folders)
	Financial papers, 1967-1993
	Inventories and insurance, 1967-1968, 1993, n.d. <i>See also Oversize</i>
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	Miscellany, 1969, 1984-1990, n.d.
	New York, N.Y. Correspondence 1940-1942, 1952, 1961-1986 (5 folders)
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	Financial papers, 1939-1944, 1950, 1969-1991, n.d. (2 folders)
	Inventories, 1959, 1978-1979, n.d.
	Legal papers, 1939, 1970-1971, 1993
	Miscellany, 1941, 1970-1990, n.d.
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BOX 28	1990-1994, n.d. (2 folders)
	Legal papers Alfred Rice (law firm), 1967-1972, 1989, n.d. General, 1937-1945, 1954-1959, 1964-1984, 1994
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	Correspondence, 1942-1945, n.d.
	Employment records and wages, 1942-1945, n.d.
	Medical records, 1944-1945, n.d.
	Miscellany, 1943-1945, n.d.
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	Seaman's certificates and classifications, 1937-1945, n.d.
	Newspaper and magazine articles
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	(2 folders)
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	(3 folders)
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	Printed matter, 1933, 1941-1946, 1955-1994, n.d.
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BOX 32	School papers
	Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1929-1935, 1953, 1975, n.d.
	Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.
	Correspondence, 1933-1936, n.d.
	Course work, 1934-1936, n.d.
	(3 folders)
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	Poetry and notes, 1934, n.d.
	Programs, 1927-1936, 1948-1953, n.d.
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	(2 folders) <i>See also Oversize</i>
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	England, France, Germany, and Switzerland, 1956-1959, n.d.
	Hong Kong, 1963
	India, Japan, and Thailand, 1957
	Italy, 1955-1957
	Miscellany, 1955-1957, 1966-1967, n.d.
	Spain, 1954
	United States, 1953-1954, 1962-1968, 1978-1984, n.d.
	Ellison, Lewis (Louis) Albert, 1912-1916, 1966, n.d.

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Ellison, Rose Poindexter, 1911, 1939-1948, n.d.
Miscellany, 1919, 1938, 1959, n.d.
Warren, George, 1959-1968
Warren family, 1955-1968, 1975, n.d.

BOX 35-79

General Correspondence, 1930-1996, n.d.

Incoming and outgoing correspondence of Ralph and Fanny Ellison with friends, colleagues, and business associates.
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BOX 35

A. Philip Randolph Institute, New York, N.Y., 1969-1972, 1979, 1985-1986, n.d.
Adult Education Council of Greater Chicago, Ill., 1967-1970, n.d.
Aldridge, John W. and Leslie, 1955-1957, n.d.
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1948-1979, n.d.
Allen, Betty *See Container 55, Lee, Edd*
American Heritage Publishing Co., 1959, 1972-1976
American Studies Association, 1965-1966
Amsden, Arthur and Mabel, 1947-1948, n.d.
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1952-1954, 1968, 1979, n.d.
Antioch Review, 1943-1946, 1952-1954, 1964, 1976-1980, n.d. *See also Container 37, Bixler, Paul*
Arnold, Fritz and Ursula, 1950-1962, n.d.
Arter, Anne, Callye, and Paul, 1949-1992, n.d.
(2 folders)
Atheneum (New York, N.Y.), 1960-1981, n.d.
Atlantic Monthly, 1944-1945, 1952-1953, 1960, 1966-1977, n.d.

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"A" miscellaneous, 1939-1993, n.d.
(7 folders)

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Babb, Sonora, 1941-1958, n.d.
(3 folders)
Ballard, Allen B., 1983
Barton, Robert D., 1954-1956, 1964, 1977, n.d.
Bearden, Romare, 1944, 1968-1971, 1986, n.d.
Bellow, Saul, 1952-1964, 1977, 1994, n.d.
(2 folders)
Bibby, Henry Lambert, 1940-1944, n.d.
Bixler, Paul and Norma, 1958-1962, n.d. *See also Container 35, Antioch Review*
Blanchard, Daniel L. *See Container 49, Grapevine Gallery*
Blaustein, Albert P. and Lottie, 1956-1958, n.d.
Bond, Nina, 1955-1957, n.d.
(2 folders)
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- Brandel, Kuno and Elsa, 1950-1959, n.d.
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Davis, Henry B. O. ("Hoolie"), 1984-1985
Dawson, William L., 1933-1934, 1954-1988, n.d.
(2 folders)
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 Lewis, Richard W. B. and Nancy, 1954-1970, 1977-1991, n.d.
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	1969, 26 Mar., lecture on <i>Invisible Man</i> , United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., 1973-1974, n.d.
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