

# **John Steinbeck**

## **A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of John Steinbeck

**Span Dates:** 1939-1962

**Bulk Dates:** 1939-1941

**ID No.:** MSS41285

**Creator:** Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968

**Extent:** 9 items; 3 containers; 1.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Abstract:** Author. Typescripts with holograph corrections of *The Grapes of Wrath* and *Sea of Cortez*, the latter coauthored by Edward Flanders Ricketts, and a letter by Steinbeck to Cynthia and Robert Wallsten.

## 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:

Wallsten, Cynthia Rogers, d. 1971--Correspondence

Wallsten, Robert, 1912- --Correspondence

Ricketts, Edward Flanders, 1897-1948. *Sea of Cortez* (1941)

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968. *Grapes of Wrath* (1939)

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968. *Sea of Cortez* (1941)

### Subjects:

American literature

Capri Island (Italy)--Description and travel

Italy--Description and travel

### Occupations:

Authors

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of John Steinbeck, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Viking Press in 1943 and transferred to the Manuscript Division from the Rare Book and Special Collections Division in 1964. Additional material was purchased in 2001.

### Processing History:

The papers of John Steinbeck Papers were housed and listed ca. 1965. The papers were revised and expanded in 2007.

### Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Steinbeck is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Steinbeck Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of John Earl Steinbeck (1902-1968) span the years ca.1939-1962 with the bulk of the material dating from ca. 1939 to 1941. The collection contains typescripts with holograph corrections of *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939) and *Sea of Cortez* (1941), the latter coauthored by Edward Flanders Ricketts, together with related material, and a letter by Steinbeck to Cynthia and Robert Wallsten describing his stay on Capri Island, Italy, in 1962.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or title.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Books
BOX 1	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>
BOX 1	Galleys, ca. 1939 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellaneous printed matter, 1940-1941
BOX 1	Typescripts, ca. 1939
BOX 1	Chapters 1-15 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Chapters 16-30 (4 folders)
BOX 2	<i>Sea of Cortez</i> , ca. 1941
BOX 2	Galleys
BOX 2	Reference material (1 folder)
BOX 3	(2 folders)
BOX 3	Typescripts (4 folders)
BOX 3	Correspondence, 1962