Ernest Hemingway Collection

COLLECTION POLICY

The Ernest Hemingway Collection at the JFK Library and Museum collects original documents and archival materials created and/or received or collected by Ernest Hemingway during his lifetime. These include, but are not limited to, manuscripts, drafts, articles, correspondence, photographs, and objects. Alternately, the Hemingway Collection seeks to acquire copies of original documents in order to preserve and make available the informational content of such documents to researchers.

In accordance with the provisions of law (44 U.S.C. 2101-2207 and 2301-2308 and Pub. L. 98-497) and the regulations for the public use of records (41 CFR 10561), the Director is responsible for developing and carrying out a program for the acquisition of manuscript materials. In developing this program, the Director will establish priorities for solicitation of manuscript in consultation with the Ernest Hemingway Curator. Among factors to be considered in establishing these priorities are the historical value of the materials and the donor/creator's role in significant historical events.

Material created during Hemingway's lifetime by third parties, that deals with Hemingway, his life, and/or work(s) will be accepted into the collection at the discretion of the Hemingway Collection Curator on a case-by-case basis. Such material, if accepted, will be accessioned into the Hemingway Reference File, Vertical File, or Miscellaneous Accessions File.

Material created after Hemingway's lifetime will not be collected by the Hemingway Collection with the exception of scholarly monographs as well as graduate thesis and dissertations. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Hemingway Collection Curator. Contact the Hemingway Collection Curator to discuss such an exception.

Unsolicited donations accepted by the Hemingway Collection will become the sole property of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Hemingway Collection; such unsolicited donations will be dealt with at the discretion of the Hemingway Collection Curator within the guidelines of this collection policy. Unsolicited donations declined by the Hemingway Collection will be offered back to the donor. If the donor refuses the items the Hemingway Collection Curator will deal with the items at her/his discretion.

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, as a federal repository, does not purchase material for the Ernest Hemingway Collection. The Friends of the Hemingway Collection has on occasion purchased items for the collection.

Curator
Susan Wagner
Date 2/7/08

Chief Archivist
Date 2/12/08

Director of John F. Kennedy Library and Museum
Date 2/20/08

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