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Collection Summary

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| Repository: | Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries |
| Creator: | Gifford, William |
| Title: | William Gifford Papers |
| Dates: | approximately 1955-2015 |
| Quantity: | 1.0 cubic feet (1 box) |
| Abstract: | The William Gifford Papers include correspondence between Gifford and former students and colleagues, including several poets and writers, such as Elizabeth Spires, Thomas Beller, Erica Funkhouser, and Curtis Sittenfeld. |

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Biographical Note

William Gifford (born 1928, Plainfield N.J.) taught in the English Department at Vassar from 1955-1996. A novelist and scholar of John Donne, Gifford taught Senior Composition and was a favorite among his students.

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Chronology

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| 1928 | Gifford born in Plainfield, N.J. |
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| 1950 | B.A. Swarthmore College |
| 1952 | M.A. University of California |
| 1955 | Ph.D. University of California |
| 1955 | Joined Vassar College Faculty, Department of English |
| 1976 | Appointed Full Professor, Vassar College Department of English |
| 1996 | Retired from Vassar College |

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Beller, Thomas
- Funkhouser, Erica
- Sittenfeld, Curtis
- Spires, Elizabeth

Subjects:

- College teachers
- Novelists
- Teacher-student relationships

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Faculty

VCL Categories

- Literature and Writing
- Vassar College

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Encoding Information

Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 20 Feb 2009.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

William Gifford Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Collection processed by The Archives and Special Collections Library Staff, 20 July 2006.

Collection's contents updated, 2019.

Acquisition Information

Collection assembled and acquired through the efforts of William Gifford and The Archives and Special Collections Library, who petitioned materials from correspondents. The first accession was in 2003.

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Correspondent List

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| | Amon, Eileen McDonald |
| | Beller, Thomas |
| | Blackorby, Melinda Clemmons |
| | Bussan, Mimi |
| | Callahan, Tara |
| | Davey, Eve Jenkins |
| | Elisofon, Marguerite Karter |
| | Engstrom, Katrena |
| | Franks, Lucinda |
| | Freund, Charles |
| | Funkhouser, Erika, 1993-2003 (2 Folders) |
| | Jacabs, Sherry |
| | Katri, Cindy Lenorowitz |
| | Kennison, Cynthia, 1975-1994 (2 Folders) |
| | Kilgore, Kathryn, 1970-2003 (2 Folders) |

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| Kinnison, Karen |
| Kosek, Raphael |
| Li, Mei Sun |
| Lobl, Rebecca |
| McAlden, Susan Rosenberg |
| Moldow, Erika |
| Newell, Bonnie |
| Nurnberger, Alissa |
| Passer, Richard |
| Pearson, Amy Hethcoat |
| Price, Roberta |
| Reynolds, Nancy |
| Schoenbrod, Kathryn |
| Scranton, Risa Scherer |
| Sheffield, Anne |
| Silverman, Taije |
| Sinder-Brown, Vivian |
| Sittenfeld, Curtis |
| Socolow, Elizabeth Anne Sussman |
| Spiller, Jill |
| Spires, Elizabeth, 1974-2008 (12 Folders) |
| — <i>Includes poems written by Spires at Vassar, annotated by William Gifford</i> |
| Sutton-Mattocks, Alison, 1976-2003 (3 Folders) |
| Vag, Anna-Maria |
| Wallach, Jeffrey |
| Warden, Sarah |
| Zimmerman, Miriam |

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