

ROBERT HARRIS CHAPMAN COLLECTION

1958 – 1975

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Biography/History

Robert Harris Chapman [1919-2000], was born in Highland Park, Illinois. He attended Princeton University and in 1941 graduated with a degree in English. He served as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy during World War II and his wartime duty was in Morocco. In 1950 he started his career at Harvard University, where he retired in 1989. His courses were popular with undergraduates and included Modern Drama, Playwriting, Theatre History, British Theatre of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, and George Bernard Shaw. He became a Professor of English Literature, was an accomplished playwright, a theatrical consultant, and Director of the Loeb Drama Center at Harvard University. He was a colleague and long-time friend of Robert Penn Warren.

This collection was purchased in 2003.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains eight items, in two file folders. There are seven letters from Robert Penn Warren to Robert Harris Chapman, and one poem by Robert Penn Warren.

Correspondence - Incoming

June 1, 1958

November 4, 1960

July 11, 1961

November 25, 1962

January 13, 1975

January 23, 1975 – postcard

April 19, 1975

Poem

Loss, Of Perhaps Love, In Our World Of Contingency
by Robert Penn Warren – [1975]