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**Summary**

The papers of Peter Hillsman Taylor (1917-1994), collected by bibliographer Stuart Wright and purchased by Vanderbilt University in 1988, are an important collection of the Jean and Alexander Heard Library’s Special Collections. A native of Tennessee and a former Vanderbilt student, Taylor is acknowledged as a master of the short story form and has won several major literary awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his 1986 novel *A Summons To Memphis*. Taylor was also a student of John Crowe Ransom, Allen Tate and Robert Penn Warren, members of the Fugitive and Agrarian literary movements, as well as the lifelong friend of two other writers influenced by the Fugitives, Robert Lowell and Randall Jarrell.

**Access Restrictions**

No Restrictions

**Copyright**

Consult Head of Special Collections

**Stack Locations**

Manuscripts
1917  Peter Matthew Hillsman Taylor is born 8 January in Trenton, Tennessee, the fourth child of Matthew Hillsman Taylor and Katherine Baird (Taylor) Taylor.

1924  The family moves to Nashville.


1932  The family settles in Memphis, and Peter Taylor is enrolled at Central High School.

1935  Taylor graduates from high school with a scholarship to Columbia University, where he intends to study writing. This plan is contrary to his father’s desire that he enter Vanderbilt and prepare himself for a career in law. After graduation Taylor and a friend work their way to England on a freighter, and upon his return Taylor delays entering college.

1936  In the spring semester Taylor registers at Southwestern at Memphis. His freshman composition teacher is Allen Tate, who persuades him to go to Vanderbilt in the fall and study under John Crowe Ransom. At Vanderbilt, Taylor begins a lifelong friendship with Randall Jarrell.

1937  In March and April, Taylor publishes his first stories in River, a literary magazine in Oxford, Mississippi. Ransom leaves Vanderbilt for Kenyon College at the end of the spring term, and Taylor decides not to return to Vanderbilt. Instead he gets a job selling real estate in Memphis.

1938  Taylor enters Kenyon in the fall and forms a close friendship with Robert Lowell, who has also followed Ransom there.

1940  After graduation from Kenyon, Taylor and Lowell (now married to Jean Stafford) begin graduate study at Louisiana State University under Robert Penn Warren and Cleanth Brooks. Taylor, who has sold a poem to Kenyon Review and two stories to Southern Review, leaves the program at Thanksgiving.

1941  In June, Taylor is drafted. As a member of a company formed in Memphis, he is stationed for the next two and a half years at Fort Oglethorpe, near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1943 In April, Allen Tate introduces Taylor to Eleanor Lilly Ross of Norwood, North Carolina. A graduate of Women’s College of North Carolina at Greensboro, she is then a student at Vanderbilt. After a courtship of six weeks, they are married on 4 June at St. Andrew’s School chapel near Sewanee, Tennessee, by Father James Harold Flye. In attendance are Robert Lowell and Jean Stafford, Allen Tate and Caroline Gordon.

1944 In February, Taylor’s company is sent to Camp Tidworth in England.

1945 Taylor is discharged in December with the rank of sergeant.

1946 Allen Tate arranges a job for him at Henry Holt Publishers beginning in April, and the Taylors rent an apartment in Greenwich Village. In the fall Taylor takes a position in the English department at Woman’s College of the University of North Carolina.

1947 The Taylors and the Randall Jarrells buy a duplex in Greensboro. This is the first of nearly thirty houses that the Taylors will own.

1948 Taylor’s first collection, *A Long Fourth and Other Stories*, is published in March with an introduction by Robert Penn Warren. In the fall Taylor goes to Indiana University as assistant professor and director of the creative writing program. Katherine Baird Taylor is born 30 September. Taylor begins a long association with the *New Yorker* when his story “Middle Age” is published there in November.

1949 He returns to Woman’s College at Greensboro. *The Death of a Kinsman*, his first published play, appears in *Sewanee Review*.


1952 He is awarded a National Institute of Arts and Letters grant. For the spring term he is a visiting professor at the University of Chicago, and in the fall he goes to Kenyon College as associate professor in English and drama. Taylor serves as advisory editor for the *Kenyon Review* from 1953 to 1959.

1954 *The Widows of Thorton* (eight stories and a short play) is published in April.

1955 The Taylor’s second child, Peter Ross Taylor, is born 7 February. Taylor receives a Fulbright grant for 1955-56 to do research in Paris for a play about Southerners who settled there after the Civil War. Enroute to France, he lectures at the Fourth Conference on American Studies at Oxford University.
1956  The Taylors spend the summer at Rapello, Italy.

1957  Taylor’s play *Tennessee Day in St. Louis* is published in February. It premieres at Kenyon in April. Taylor joins the faculty of Ohio State University to teach from January to June each year.

1958  The Taylors spend the summer in Bonassola, Italy (while the Randall Jarrells and Robert Fitzgeralds are living at nearby Levanto), and the fall in Rome.

1959  “Venus, Cupid, Folly and Time” wins the O. Henry first prize. *Happy Families Are All Alike*, Taylor’s third collection of stories, is published in November. It wins the Ohioana Book Award the next year.

1960  Eleanor Ross Taylor publishes *Wilderness of Ladies*, the first of her three volumes of poetry. The Taylors purchase a cottage at Monteagle, Tennessee, and establish their pattern of living there in the summers. Taylor spends the 1960-61 school year in London studying at the Royal Court Theatre on a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

1961  Taylor’s story “Reservations” is presented as “Delayed Honeymoon” on the U.S. Steel Hour in September.

1963  Taylor returns to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as Professor of English, teaching fiction writing.

1964  *Miss Leonora When Last Seen and Fifteen Other Stories* appears in February. In the fall Taylor serves as Visiting Professor at Harvard.

1965  Taylor’s father dies in Memphis on 13 November. Taylor is awarded a Rockefeller Foundation grant to devote the 1966-67 school year to writing.


1968  His play *A Stand in the Mountains* is published in *Kenyon Review*.

1969  Taylor’s mother dies on 18 May in Memphis. He is inducted into the National Institute of Arts and Letters on 21 May. *The Collected Stories of Peter Taylor* is published in August.

1970  “Two Images,” the first of Taylor’s “Ghost Plays,” appears in *Shenandoah*.

1971  *A Stand in the Mountains* is first performed on 25 May at the Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Virginia.
1973 **Presences: Seven Dramatic Pieces** is published in February. Taylor serves as Visiting Professor at Harvard for the fall semester.

1974 In the summer Taylor has a heart attack at Clover Hill, his eighteenth-century residence outside Charlottesville. “The Instruction of a Mistress,” the first of his verse-stories to be published, appears in the September issue of **The New Review**.

1975 Taylor is given a four-year appointment at Harvard. He resigns the appointment in June, and the Taylors buy a house in Key West and begin spending winters in Florida.

1977 **In The Miro District and Other Stories** is published in April. Taylor delivers the commemorative tribute to Robert Lowell at the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters in May.

1978 In May, the American Academy and Institute presents Taylor the Gold Medal for the Short Story.

1979 Taylor delivers the commemorative tribute to Jean Stafford at the American Academy and Institute in November.

1983 In May, Taylor is inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters; and in June, he retires from the University of Virginia.

1984 **A Woman of Means** is reprinted by Frederick C. Beil. The film version of Taylor’s story “The Old Forest,” produced and directed by Steven J. Ross of Memphis State University, premieres in Memphis in November.

1985 **The Old Forest and Other Stories** is published in February.

1986 **The Old Forest and Other Stories** wins the **PEN/Faulkner Award** for Fiction. **A Woman of Means** and the **Collected Stories** are reissued in paperback. Frederic C. Beil brings out a limited edition of Taylor’s revised version of **A Stand in the Mountains**. Taylor suffers a stroke on 24 July. His novel **A Summons To Memphis** is published in October. Taylor withdraws the novel from the final list of three nominees for the American Book Award.

1987 Taylor wins the Ritz Hemingway Prize for **A Summons To Memphis**. Taylor wins the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for **A Summons To Memphis**.

1989 Taylor wins the Internal Literary Prize Chianti Ruffino Antico Fattore.

1990 Kenyon review publishes **Cousin Aubrey** and **The Witch of Owl Mountain Springs** – both of which were rejected by the New Yorker.
1993  **The Oracle At Stoneleigh Court** is published.

1994  Taylor’s novel **In The Tennessee Country** is published.

       Peter Taylor passed away on November 2, 1994 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Biographical and Historical Notes are from:
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Papers of Peter Hillsman Taylor (1917-1994), writer, educator and former Vanderbilt student (1936-1937), were acquired by the Jean and Alexander Heard Library during the summer of 1988 from Collector Stuart T. Wright of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Of the eighteen boxes of this collection, six contain correspondence and another 5.5 are filled with manuscripts of Taylor’s writings. The other 3.5 boxes contain items of a biographical or personal nature, concern his career as author and educator, or involve his associates and their writings. There is one oversize box in the collection that contains galleys of Taylor’s manuscripts and a poster from the film adaptation of “The Old Forest.” The collection has thus been arranged in the following series: Correspondence, Writings, Literary Career, Academic Career, Biographical/Personal Papers, Associates, and Writings By Others.

Obviously, this collection will be of primary interest to those interested in Peter Taylor’s life and writings, but it will also be of importance to those researching such varied literary figures as Robert Fitzgerald, Carolina Gordon, Elizabeth Hardwick, Randall Jarrell, Robert Lowell, John Crowe Ransom, Eleanor Ross, Jean Stafford, Allen Tate and Robert Penn Warren. Students of American Literature, Southern Literature and the Fugitive and Agrarian Groups will also benefit from these papers.

Collector Stuart Wright’s notes indicate, “Manuscript material is arranged and grouped as it was recovered from stacks of material. Folders contain material, therefore, that was (after a fashion) together when I purchased these items.” While the writings in this collection are now arranged by genres, the order of the material within the files has not been disturbed and thus is in Taylor’s original order.

For details about Taylor’s life and works, the following are recommended:


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Subseries 6. Recommendations Written
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Series V.  Biographical/Personal Papers

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Subseries 2.  Writings About Peter Taylor
Subseries 3.  Genealogical
Subseries 4.  Invitations
Subseries 5.  Photographs

Series VI.  Associates

Subseries 1.  Jarrell, Randall
Subseries 2.  Lowell, Robert

Series VII.  Writings By Others

Subseries 1.  Identified
Subseries 2.  Unidentified
SERIES AND SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1905-1988

The Correspondence Series consists of 2,510 items, 207 of which are letters written by Taylor, primarily to his family or to his close friend Robie Macauley. These outgoing letters span 1939-1987, but the bulk dates are between 1939 and 1949. In his letters, Taylor describes his feelings about such varied topics as education, teaching, writing, reading, religion, the military and wartime experiences, marriage, and relationships with family and friends. Most of the later correspondence has to do with publishing activities or teaching duties, but some are purely personal letters.

The bulk of the Correspondence Series, however, is made up of incoming letters, 2,224 of which are identified, 79 of which are unidentified as yet. These items span the years of 1905 to 1988, with the bulk dating from the 1960s to the 1980s. The letters are from editors and publishers, colleagues, family and friends, students, well-wishers and admirers. Only a relatively small amount of family correspondence (including some letters from Taylor’s maternal grandfather, Robert Love Taylor, a former governor of Tennessee) forms a part of this collection.

Prominent correspondents include:

Series II. Writings, 1939-1986

The Writings Series spans approximately 1939-1986, although most date from the 1970s and 1980s, and includes several genres: short stories (18), novels (2), plays (10), poems (2), essays (1), reviews (1), speeches (3), and tributes (1). Taylor’s plays and novels are the best represented genres among these papers. A Summons To Memphis is the most extensive manuscript in this collection and is documented from its beginning as “broken line prose” holograph and typescript drafts through revisions, setting copies, galleys and page proofs. Several of the manuscripts are evidently unpublished. A number of fragmentary manuscripts and notes complete this series.

Series III. Literary Career, dates

This series contains documents relating to Peter Taylor’s literary career. Documents relate to: awards, contracts, copyright, film adaptations, production of plays, readings, reprint permissions, reviews, and royalty statements. Miscellaneous items are also included within this series.

Series IV. Academic Career, dates

Documents that relate to Peter Taylor’s Academic Career are contained within this series. The documents relate to Kenyon College, Harvard University, University of Virginia, Writer’s Conferences, Class Lists/Grades, and Recommendations Written. Miscellaneous material is also included within this series.

Series V. Biographical/Personal Papers, dates

Anything included within this series relates to biographical or personal information about Peter Taylor. Documents relate to: biographical, writings about Peter Taylor, genealogical, invitations, photographs, and business/financial records.

Series VI. Associates, dates

The Associates Series contains documents regarding Randall Jarrell and Robert Lowell who were close friends of Peter Taylor.

Series VII. Writings By Others

This is the last series in the collection and comprise of numerous writings others have sent to Peter Taylor to read. Documents have a broad range of genres and cover many subject areas.
CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I. CORRESPONDENCE

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Outgoing Correspondence

1. June 1939 – July 1941, 15 items
2. August 1941 – Feb. 1943, 19 items
3. May – June 1943, 10 items
4. July 1943 – March 1944, 15 items
5. March – July 1944, 14 items
6. July – November 1944, 11 items
7. December 1944 – July 1945, 20 items
8. August 1945 – Feb. 1946, 12 items
9. April 1946 – March 1963, 23 items
10. April 1963 – Feb. 1968, 36 items

Incoming Correspondence

13. Abbott – Avett
14. Bader – Battestin
15. Baumbach – Berry
16. Biberman – Boatwright
17. Boccia – Bowers
18. Brackin – Browne
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20. Caldwell – Chappell

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1. Cheney – Clark
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3. Court – Cushman
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Incoming Correspondence (Continued)

13. Giroux
14. Giroux – Glick
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16. Gordon
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18. H – Hardwick
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20. Harz – Havird
21. Hayes – Hill
22. Hill – Hutchens

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2. Jackson – Jarrell, Mackie
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6. K – Kennedy
7. Kilgo – Kirby-Smith
8. Kirby-Smith – Kytle
9. La Borwit – Leary
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12. Lowell, Robert
13. Lowell, Robert

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5. McDowell – McLaughlin
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7. Mews – Michael
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9. Moore, Merrill – Murrah
10. Narasin – Norrell
11. O’Connor – Owsley
12. Page – Plath
13. Poirier – Putnam
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Incoming Correspondence (Continued)

14. Quinn
15. Rabbitt – Ransom

Box 5.

1. Rappaport – Roberts, David
2. Roberts, Jimm – Rosen
3. Ross – Ryan
4. Saal – Shannon
5. Shapard – Smart
6. Smith – Speed
7. Squires – Stafford
8. Stafford (1 of 5)
9. Stafford (2 of 5)
10. Stafford (3 of 5)
11. Stafford (4 of 5)
12. Stafford (5 of 5)
13. Starbuck – Sutton
14. Taft – Tate
15. Tate

Box 6.

2. Taylor, Robert L. – Transue
3. Underwood – Voight
4. Wager – Warren
5. Warren – Watson
6. Webb – Whelan
7. Whip – Wile
8. Wilkins – Wilson, Bob
9. Wilson, Lucy – Zucker
10. Unidentified – First Names Only (Andy – Vi) and Illegible (1 of 5)
11. Unidentified – First Names Only (Andy – Vi) and Illegible (2 of 5)
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SERIES II. WRITINGS

Box 7.

Short Stories – Published


3. “Cousin Aubrey” (titled “To The Lost State”) 4 p. holograph manuscript (also titled “Journey To The Lost State”), typescript fragment -, 1, 1-2, 1, -, 1, 1-2, 1-3, with holograph corrections.


7. “Daphne’s Lover.” 3 page holograph fragment (titled “The Age of Annie Sue”), which appears to be an early version of the story that became “Daphne’s Lover.”

8. “Daphne’s Lover.” Typescript fragment (titled “The Age of Annie Sue”), p. 1-4, with holograph corrections, also one unnumbered page with holograph notes, which appears to be an early version of the story that became “Daphne’s Lover.”

9. “Daphne’s Lover.” Typescript fragment (untitled), p.1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5-11, with holograph corrections, also one unnumbered page with holograph notes, which appears to be an early version of the story that became “Daphne’s Lover.”

10. “Daphne’s Lover.” Typescript (untitled), p. 1-27, with holograph corrections which appears to be an early version of the story that became “Daphne’s Lover.”

11. “Daphne’s Lover.” Typescript fragment (untitled), p.7-9, with holograph corrections, which appears to be part of an early version of the story that became “Daphne’s Lover.” Also a scrap of paper with the holograph note “Frank’s Mother and Father” is in the file.
Box 7. (Continued)

Short Stories – Published (Continued)


18. “The Gift of the Prodigal.” Galleys, p. 2-8, 10-18, 1, 9, 20, 19 with notes from New Yorker editors questioning words, suggesting alternatives, etc. Also questions from the Legal Department.


Box 7 (Continued)

Short Stories – Published (Continued)


29. “The Old Forest.” Photocopy of typescript, p. 1-65, apparently a copy of the manuscript in File 24 above.


Box 8


2. “A Spinster’s Tale.” Galleys (untitled), p. 1-6, 8-12 and fragments with some holograph corrections, probably from Southern Review.


4. “Two Pilgrims” (Untitled). Typescript fragment, p. 20-34, with holograph corrections. Taylor’s note in file identifies fragment as “Trip to Alabama with Uncle.”
Box 8 (Continued)

Short Stories – Unpublished


7. “Two Women.” Typescript (untitled, except for one draft with “Two Women” crossed out and replaced with “Gertrude’s [?] Serenity”), p. 3, 2, -, -, 1, 1-4, 4, 1-21, 42, 29, -, of various drafts, with holograph corrections. Note in file reads “early draft.” Last two pages (29, -) may be part of “Cousin Aubrey.”


Collections

*The Typescript for Taylor’s The Old Forest And Other Stories includes the following:

The Gift of the Prodigal
The Old Forest
Promise of Rain
Bad Dreams
A Friend and Protector
A Walled Garden
Allegiance
The Little Cousins
A Long Fourth
Rain in the Heart
Porte-Cochere
The Scoutmaster
Two Ladies in Retirement
The Death of a Kinsman

11. The Old Forest And Other Stories. Typescript, p. 1-456, of the setting copy used by Doubleday & Company, Inc. to prepare this book. (1 of 14)

12. The Old Forest And Other Stories. (2 of 14)

13. The Old Forest And Other Stories. (3 of 14)
Box 8 (Continued)

Collections (Continued)

14.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (4 of 14)
15.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (5 of 14)
16.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (6 of 14)
17.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (7 of 14)
18.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (8 of 14)
19.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (9 of 14)
20.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (10 of 14)
21.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (11 of 14)
22.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (12 of 14)
23.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (13 of 14)
24.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  (14 of 14)

25.  The Old Forest And Other Stories.  Style Sheet (3 p.) and character list (1 p.) completed by copy editor, Robert Brown.  Style sheet dated 6-13-1984.  Also 1 p. preprinted form of accented characters, symbols, etc. available in the font being used to set the copy.


Box 9

Novels

1.  A Summons To Memphis.  Typescript notes, 2 p. (1 a photocopy).


**Box 9 (Continued)**

Novels (Continued)

4. **A Summons To Memphis.** Parts of various drafts (includes variant titles listed below), most in broken line prose and heavily annotated, detailed as follows:

   Typescript, p. -, 2-4, - (“Old Enemies”), 3-5, 5, 4a, 7, 6, 2-5, 9, 4-6, 8-11, 6, 6, - (“Old Enemies”), 2-3, 6, 2-3, 2-5, - (“The Dueling Ground”), 2, 5, 3, 2, - (“The One That Got Away”), 2, 6-8, - (“O, Blue-Eyed Banditti!”), 2-14, 3, 2, 2, 2, - (“The Garden District”), - (“The Blue-Eyed Banditti”), - (“A Modest House In Memphis Proper” crossed out and “The Fatality” written over it), 15, 2; Holograph notes (5 p.); Typescript, p. 1-2.

5. **A Summons To Memphis.** Typescript fragment (untitled), p. 78-103, in broken line prose with holograph corrections.

6. **A Summons To Memphis.** Typescript fragment (titled “The Notebooks” – also has “The Father Figure” and “The Father Image” written at head), p.1-12, holograph corrections.


9-20. **A Summons To Memphis.** Various typescript fragments (includes variant titles listed below), in part photocopies, in both broken line prose and traditional prose, with holograph corrections.

   p. 78-103, 15-19, 78-103, 36-37, 39-52, 54, 53a, 53, 55-57, 20-24, 1-14, 9-13, 29-48, 18, 23-24, 49, 74a, 74c, 1-180 (title “The Trail of Tears” has been crossed out and above it appears “A Summons Home” and “A Summons to Memphis.” Another title at the left is “The Removal.” There are also subtitles “Being the Notebooks of an Old Bachelor Son & Brother” and “Notebooks of an Unmarried Son.”)
Box 9 (Continued)

Novels (Continued)

21-31. **A Summons To Memphis.** Various typescript fragments, in part photocopies, in both broken line prose and traditional prose, with holograph corrections, detailed as follows:


Box 10

1-2. **A Summons To Memphis.** Various typescript fragments, in part photocopies, in both broken line prose and traditional prose, with holograph corrections, detailed as follows:

1-53 [“The Trail of Tears” and “A Summons To Memphis” crossed out and replaced with “A Summons Home”, other titles, subtitles difficult to read], 55-71, 74, 72, 73, 75-89, 102-177.

3. **A Summons To Memphis.** Photocopy of typescript fragment, p. 4-30, some holograph corrections.

4. **A Summons To Memphis.** Photocopy of typescript fragment, p. 56, 56a, 56b, some holograph corrections.

5. **A Summons To Memphis.** Photocopy of typescript fragment, p. 103.

6. **A Summons To Memphis.** Holograph notes, 7 p., typescript fragment p. 1777a-180, “Charlottesville October 14, 1985” at end of manuscript.


12. **A Summons To Memphis.** Page proofs, p. 1-209, marked “Set 2, Untouched.” Also 2 other loose pages.
**Box 10 (Continued)**

Novels (Continued)


16. **A Summons To Memphis.** Page proofs, p. 1-209, in 7 gatherings of 16 leaves each, with further setting notes.

17. **A Summons To Memphis.** Photocopy of design for dust jacket.

18. **A Summons To Memphis.** List of persons to whom *A Summons To Memphis* was sent.

**Box 11**


Plays – Published


3. **Arson.** Typescript, p. 1-17, with holograph corrections. Marked “duplicate.”

4. **Arson.** Photocopy of typescript, p. 1-2, 4-33.

5. **A Father And A Son.** Photocopy of typescript, p.1-10, with holograph corrections. Probably an early version.

6. **A Father And A Son.** Photocopy of typescript, p.1-14, with holograph corrections. Signed by Peter Taylor. Also 1 page typescript describing opening of play.

7. **A Father And A Son.** Photocopy of typescript (untitled), p.3-14, same version as in File 10 above.

8. **A Stand In The Mountains.** Typescript fragment (untitled), p. 1-4, 1-4, also 1 p. holograph, partially broken line prose, with holograph annotations. Possibly an early version of what became a play.

9. **A Stand In The Mountains.** Typescript fragment (untitled), p. 1-2, 3-4, 3-5, 5-9, with holograph corrections, also 2 holograph pages. Possibly an early version of what became a play.
A Stand In The Mountains. Typescript fragment, p. 1-2 with holograph corrections, also 1 holograph page. An early broken line prose version.

A Stand In The Mountains. Typescript fragment (also titled “The Girl From Forked Deer”), p. 1, 1, 2, 1 in broken line prose with holograph corrections.

A Stand In The Mountains. 8 holograph pages, typescript fragment p. 1-2 in play format with holograph corrections.

A Stand In The Mountains. 3 holograph pages of Scene 3.

A Stand In The Mountains. Typescript fragment, p. 3-15, from Scene 3, with holograph corrections.

A Stand In The Mountains. Typescript fragment, p. 2-6 (marked “insert page 239”), p. 241 (marked “new ending to Scene IV”).


Two Images. Photocopy of typescript, p. 2-13, with holograph corrections.

A Voice Through The Door. Typescript (also titled “A Voice At The Door” and “An Old Woman’s Dream”), p. 1-14, with holograph corrections, dated “January 18, 1971.”


Box 11 (Continued)

Plays – Published (Continued)


Plays – Unpublished

27. “From Five To Eight.” Typescript fragment, p. 1-5, 7-9, 1-6, with holograph corrections.

Poems – Published


Poems – Unpublished


Essays


Reviews


Speeches


34. Untitled. First lines “What is a novel? What is a story? What is a poem? What even is a play?” Typescript, p. 1-3, 1-5, with holograph corrections.
Box 11 (Continued)

Speeches (Continued)

35. Untitled. First lines “What is a novel? What is a story? What is a poem? What even is a play?” Typescript, p. 1-9, with holograph corrections.

36. Untitled. Introduces a reading by Allen Tate, 1 page typescript with holograph corrections.

Tributes


“Charlottesville, November 25, 1977” at end of manuscript.

“Charlottesville, November 25, 1977” at end of manuscript.

Box 12

Notes & Fragments

1. Holograph fragments on notebook paper, 43 p., appear to be beginnings of stories, plays, etc. Not all pieces are titled, but some are titled as follows:

   “A Winter Wedding”   “A Scene From Modern Life”
   “The Money”          “Merrypoint Drive”
   “You’re In Love”     “A Man Of Imagination”
   “By Appointment”    “Tears”
   “The Brothers Harrison”  “The End of Something”
   “Three Friends”     “Words, Words, Words…”
   “A Midnight Soliloquy”  “At Bonassola”
   “How To Come Home And Like It”  “Sailing From Genoa”
   “The Partisans”      “The Professor’s Son”
   “Emmaline”
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Notes & Fragments (Continued)


“Radicalized” or “The Incorruptible”, another title illegible (appears to be early draft of the play “Arson”, dated February 10, 1971.)

Untitled fragment, appears to be part of “A Stand In The Mountains”

“Truth”

“The Party”

“Family Style” or “The Thousand Years”

“The Quick And The Dead” or “Jehovah’s Daughter” (appears to be an early draft of the play “A Voice Through The Door”, dated January 16, 1971.)

3. Holograph and typescript drafts and fragments, 19 pages, including the following titles:

“The Death of Conway Thompson”

“The Hand of Emma Sue”

“A Nashville Lady Living at Rapallo”

“A Lady Living at Rapallo”

4. 1 p. holograph draft in spiral notebook, untitled.

5. 1 p. typescript draft with holograph notes titled “The Piedmontese”

6. 1 p. holograph draft titled “Washington”

7. 1 p. holograph draft titled “Apres Moi”
8. 4 p. typescript drafts, titled:
   “A Rope from Hell”
   “At The Market”
   “In An Unnamed City”

9. 16 p. holograph drafts and fragments, including the following titles:
   “Growth”
   “A Success Story”
   “The Age of Annie Sue”

10. 5 p. holograph notes, appear to be autobiographical, possibly concerning Robert Lowell. Partially in the form of a journal.

11. Spiral bound notebook titled “Generations” on the cover. 75 p. holograph drafts (among which are scattered drafts of letters), including the following titles:
   “The Young Poet”
   “The Girl From Forked Deer” (possibly an early version of “A Stand In The Mountains”)
   “Generations”, “New Friends & Old Enemies”, “Two Sisters” (possibly an early version of A Summons To Memphis)
   “Grandfather”
   “The Other Women in Washington”
   “The Best of the Worst” or “That Summer” (possibly an early version of A Summons To Memphis)
   “A Family Cortege” or “Man Power, Woman Power”
   “Old Enemies” (possibly an early version of A Summons To Memphis)
   “The World Didn’t End, After All, At Appomatox (sic)”
Box 12 (Continued)

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“In Office”

“Life in the Same House”

“The Garden District” (possibly an early version of *A Summons To Memphis*)

“Vengeance”

“A Conversation Between My Father & Grandfather In Heaven” -(?)

“The Gift of the Prodigal and Other Stories” (list of titles for collection)

“Youth”

“The Old Enemy” or “The One That Got Away” (possibly an early version of *A Summons To Memphis*)

12. 6 p. holograph and typescript drafts with note labeled “miscellaneous episodes and paragraphs” in Taylor’s hand. One title “Impressions” included.

13. Spiral bound notebook, 7 p. holograph drafts of “A Stand In The Mountains” and “The Girl From Forked Deer.” Also includes draft of a letter.

14. 8 p. holograph notes.


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20. Spiral bound notebook of holograph drafts, 50p., with various titles “Isn’t It Wonderful?”, “Receipt, Price Paid”, “Five Miles From Home”, “Journal”, “Parting of the Ways.” Appears to include parts of both “The Old Forest” and A Summons To Memphis.

21. 1 p. typescript with holograph corrections, numbered as page 12.

22. 1 p. typescript with holograph corrections re: “the artist”.

SERIES III. LITERARY CAREER

Awards


Contracts

Box 12 (Continued)

Copyright


Film Adaptations

26. “The Old Forest” clipping

Production of Plays

27. “A Stand In The Mountains”
   Announcements, director’s notes, stage design, clippings, schedule of events, invitation, ticket order blanks, programs, box office statements, 1968, 1971.

“The Tennessee Day In St. Louis”
   Clipping, 1958.

“Three Ghost Plays”
   Rehearsal schedule, ticket order blanks, program, tickets, clippings, 1971.

Robert Porterfield and the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia
   Brochure, Annual Barter Award, Congressional Record, regarding the death of Robert Porterfield, 1971.

Box 13

1. “A Stand In The Mountains”
   Script #2 – Peter Taylor’s copy with his notes
   Script #10 – Actor’s copy with notes

Readings

Box 13 (Continued)

Reprint Permissions

   “Fiction: A Conversation With John Updike and Peter Taylor”

Reviews

4. The Collected Stories of Peter Taylor

5. Happy Families Are All Alike

6. In The Miro District

7. A Long Fourth

Reviews (Continued)

8. Miss Leonora When Last Seen

9. The Old Forest And Other Stories

10. Presences

11. A Summons To Memphis

12. The Widows of Thornton

13. A Woman of Means

Royalty Statements

   Harcourt, Brace & World (Long Fourth), 1962.
   Harcourt, Brace & World (Long Fourth, Widows of Thorton, Woman of
   Means), 1962.
   Ivan Obolensky, Inc. (Happy Families), 1963.
   Ivan Obolensky, Inc. (Happy Families), 1963.
   Ivan Obolensky, Inc. (Happy Families), 1964.
   Farrar, Straus & Giroux (Collected Stories), 1970.
   Farrar, Straus & Co. (“The Pilgrim Sons”), undated.
Box 13 (Continued)

Miscellaneous

15. Lists of short stories for collection; notes; list of names and addresses of friends; directory of publishers.

SERIES IV. ACADEMIC CAREER

Kenyon College

16. Tuition bills (1939/40), copy of grade list for English 2B including Taylor’s grade.

Harvard University

17. Maps and hotel brochures for Cambridge and Boston
   Bank I.D. card
   Exam schedules (1964/65)
   Medical insurance information
   New faculty information, 1964/65
   Schedule of English classes
   President’s Report, 1967/68
   Strike memo
   Visiting Committee brochures and reports

University of Virginia

18. Class admission card, change of grade forms, information for writers of recommendation letters

Writers Conferences

19. Writers’ Conference, University of Utah, 1952. - Brochure
    Writers’ Conference, University of Utah, 1963. - Brochures
    South Carolina Fiction and Poetry Conference, 1969. - Prospectus
    Florida Writers’ Conference, University of Florida, 1970. - Announcement & Schedule
    Unidentified Workshop, 1970. - Schedules
    Tennessee Writers’ Conference, Vanderbilt University, 1970. - Press Release
    Virginia, 1971. - Brochure
    Boatwright Literary Festival, undated. - Announcement, Schedule, and Itinerary

Class Lists/Grades

20. Drafts of recommendations for students.
Box 13 (Continued)

Recommendations Written

21. Drafts of recommendations for students.

Miscellaneous

22. List of English classes and instructors, Spring 1952 (possibly University of Chicago)
   English Club Faculty Questionnaire
   Draft, re: creative writing degree requirements
   Draft, re: “Department’s Balch lecture series”
   Bibliography of folk songs
   Bibliography of contemporary Japanese authors
   List of short stories

SERIES V. BIOGRAPHICAL/PERSONAL PAPERS

Biographical

23. Biographical questionnaire completed by Taylor in 1952.
    Copy from Who’s Who (1986/87, 1988/89) for updating.
    List of works written (1937-1963).


25. Interview by Barbara Davis, with Taylor’s holograph corrections, typescript draft, 1981[?]


27. Interview, Paris Review, with Taylor’s holograph corrections, 1987[?]

Box 14

1. Military Papers, 1941

Writings About Peter Taylor


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Writings About Peter Taylor (Continued)


Genealogical


Invitations

10. 13 Invitations.

Photographs

11. 23 Photographs

Business and Financial Records

12. Check register, 1980/81
    List of expenses, n.d.
    Receipts, 1976, 1982
    Land ownership and sale records, 1976, 1982.
    Mortgage papers, 1982.
    Lists of letters (Elizabeth Hardwick and Robert Lowell) which were offered to Harvard, 1976.
SERIES VI. ASSOCIATES

Box 14 (Continued)

Jarrell, Randall

13. Autograph
   Articles contributed to Randall Jarrell, 1915-1965 by Robert Fitzgerald, Mary Jarrell, Bernetta Quinn, Robert Phelps, Peter Taylor (first page only), typescripts.
   Clippings and copies or reviews, articles and criticism by Sylvia Angus, Suzanne Ferguson, Harry Gilroy, Seymour Krim, C.E. Maguire, Delmore Schwartz, Parker Tyler, Erik Wensenberg, and Reed Whittemore.

Lowell, Robert


SERIES VII. WRITINGS BY OTHERS

Identified

15. Babb, Howard
    Reprint “Setting and Theme in Far From The Madding Crowd.”

16. Boeckman, Dan
    Untitled typescript

17. Coffey, Shelby
    Untitled typescript

18. Dew, Robb Forman
    Typescript, “A Satisfactory Life”

19. Goodwin, Stephen
    Typescript, “The Man Who Melted” and “Evening Rain”

20. Gwin, William
    Typescript, “In A Fair Fall, Smiling”
1. Hamilton, Ian
   Typescript, “Robert Lowell: A Biography”

2. Hannabury, James F.
   Typescript, “Isolation”

3. Havird, David
   Typescript, “Habit of the Heart”

4. Jarrell, Randall
   Carbon typescript, “The Lonely Man” [1963]

5. Kelso, E.L.
   Typescript, “Stones In The Stream,” “Diamond Horse Shoe,” “Loch Ness Monster,” “Satan Complex”

6. Lowell, Robert
   Typescript and holograph
   “1974 (To Peter Taylor after his sickness)”
   “Afterlife (For Peter Taylor after his sickness)”
   The Afterlife (For Peter Taylor), two drafts
   “The Banker’s Daughter”
   “The Civil War Monument At Steubenville”
   “The Epigraph” (title “Verdancy” struck through)
   “Ford Madox Ford”
   “Hawthorne”
   “A Manichean Looks at the Civil War Monument at Steubenville”
   “The Maturing Time” (holograph draft, has football plays drawn on the reverse)
   “Of Man’s Last Disobedience”
   “Pro Patria Semper Sanguis”
   “To Peter Taylor on the Feast of the Epiphany”
   Untitled essay about Ford Madox Ford, two drafts

7. McAlexander, Hubert H.
   Reprint, “Flush Times in Holly Springs”
Box 15 (Continued)

Identified (Continued)

8. McLallen, Lyman
   Typescript
   “Miz Sue’s Final Tragedy”
   “Legacies of the ‘Old South’”
   “One of the Big Shots In Town”
   “The Caddy”
   “Taps”
   “Sunday: Bellevue Baptist Church”
   “Salvation”
   “Adam & Eve”

9. O’Connor, Harrison
   Typescript
   “Missionaries”
   “In The Bahamas”
   “Borrowed Away”
   “The Day We Ate Ber-stew”
   “Diary of Virginia Miller”
   Untitled

10. Pinkham, Marjorie Stafford
    “Jean,” a 35 page typescript reminiscence of her sister, Jean Stafford.

11. Quinn, Bernetta
    Typescript
    “Thoughts after Hearing Songs For Eve in a Massachusetts Church”
    “Reverie in the Claremont Rose Garden”
    “The First Allens at Claremont”

12. Ransom, John Crowe
    Typescript
    “Master’s In The Garden Again”
    “Prelude to an Evening”
Box 15 (Continued)

Identified (Continued)

13. Rhoden, Kerney
   Typescript
   “Annunciation”
   “Platforms”
   “The Scenario”
   “Three Elements of Movement From Eisenstein”
   “Focus”
   “Primavera”
   “Archilochus And His Spear”

14. Ross, Eleanor
    Notes; Contract for Welcome Eumenides; Poems for Welcome Eumenides, typescript.

15. Shreve, Susan Richards
    Typescript, “Dear Beverly”

16. Smith, Young
    Typescript, “The Stupid Bastards”

17. Stafford, Jean
    Typescript
    “Wu at the Democratic Convention”
    “My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is” (found with Stafford’s correspondence, but possibly by Robert Lowell, 1944)

18. Stevens, Rodney
    Typescript, “Opponentless”

19. Thompson, Jack
    Typescript
    “Ending on Paumonok”
    Untitled
    “To Absent Friends”

20. Warren, Robert Penn [?]
    Photocopy of untitled verse found together with letters from Warren

21. Wilkinson, Charles
    Typescript, “Fool’s Mate”
Box 15 (Continued)

Identified (Continued)

22. Williamson, Alan
   Typescript
   “Paris, the Shortening Days”
   “Presence” (for Peter Taylor)
   “Heaven”
   “Good Dreams Are Shown In Nightmare Theaters”
   “Robert Lowell: A Reminiscence”

23. Winters, Anne
   Typescript
   “Night Wash”
   “To New York”

Unidentified


26. Unidentified, “Prohibition,” “Unrhymed Hooey,” “No ‘News” is good news,”
    Latin notes.

Oversize Box 1

1. “The Gift of the Prodigal.” Galleys, p. 1-20, with notes from New Yorker editors questioning words, suggesting alternatives, etc. Also questions from the Legal Department. [Removed from Series II. Writings].


7. Film Adaptations: “The Old Forest” Poster. [Removed from Series III. Literary Career].

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