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Biography/History

Joseph E. Wright (1918----) was born in Memphis, Tennessee. He received his B.S. from Memphis State College in 1938; his M.A. from Northwestern University in 1946; and completed additional graduate work at Columbia University. He served in the military during World War II. During his life he produced plays for high school and college students, adults, and military personnel. Joseph Wright began his employment with Vanderbilt University in 1946 as Assistant Professor of Dramatics and Public Speaking. In addition to his teaching duties in dramatic literature, he served as Director of the Vanderbilt University Theatre. He retired in 1986.

This collection was donated by Joseph E. Wright.

Scope and Contents

This one linear foot collection contains five series in 38 file folders: Series I contains ephemeral items related to George Bernard Shaw; Series II contains incoming correspondence from a teacher and her class who attended a production of Hamlet; Series III contains a poem written by Donald Davidson to the cast of the first Singin Billy production; Series IV contains prompt books for plays; and Series IV contains theatre programs.

BOX 1

Series I – George Bernard Shaw

Correspondence – Outgoing

1. February 9, 1931 re: Lowke Domestic Engineering Company
   February 10, 1931 note card
   February 12, 1931 re: Lowke Domestic Engineering Company

Contracts and Deeds

2. February 10, 1931 Deed of Arrangement between Harold Austin Bassett Lowke and his Creditors
3. September 20, 1932 Authority signed by Creditors for Dividend
Series II – Correspondence - Incoming

From a Teacher and her Students

4. Lynn Hewes – teacher – March 6, 1961

5. Phil Cannady – March 7, 1961
   Elaine Crockett – March 3, 1961
   Betty Ann Cullipher – March 7, 1961
   Brenda Estes – March 7, 1961
   Anna Felts – March 6, 1961
   Cheryl Finley – March 3, 1961
   Mary Frye – March 6, 1961
   Marcia Fly – March 7, 1961
   Susan Futrell – March 7, 1961
   Jerald Garnett – March 3, 1961

   Margaret Jones – March 3, 1961
   Carol Lyles – March 6, 1961
   Linda McCool – March 6, 1961
   Cheryl McDow – March 5, 1961
   Pam Miller – March 7, 1961
   Virginia Poole – March 7, 1961
   Judy Saeger – March 3, 1961
   Warren Schultz – March 3, 1961
   Paula Singleton – March 3, 1961

7. Connie Smith – March 7, 1961
   Larry Stanley - March 6, 1961
   Timothy Walker – March 6, 1961
   William Wall – March 6, 1961
   Kitty White - March 6, 1961

Series III - Poem

8. To the Fair and Brave, by Donald Davidson
   Sent to the cast of the first Singin Billy
   Production, Vanderbilt Theatre, Nashville
   April 23-28, 1952
Series IV – Prompt Books

9. Arsenic and Old Lace
10. The Barber of Seville
11. The Conversion of Buster Drumwright
12. The Doctor in Spite of Himself
13. Founders’ Capers
14. The Ghosts
15. Hamlet
16. Julius Caesar
17. Juno and the Paycock

Box II

18. King Lear
19. The Love of Four Colonels
20. The Marching Song
21. Measure for Measure
22. The Merchant of Venice
23. The Miser
24. Much Ado About Nothing
25. Much Ado About Nothing [second copy]

Box III

26. Oedipus Rex
27. Othello
28. Othello [continued]
29. Playboy of the Western World
30. The Silver Cord
31. Strangers in this World
32. Strangers in this World [second copy]-copyright granted 1952
33. The Taming of the Shrew
34. Twelfth Night
35. Warn Lights
Oversized Materials

Series V – Theatre Programs – Ford’s Theatre

38. *She Stoops To Conquer* – March 26, 1968