



## **Guide to the W. H. Amerine Papers, 1956, 1960 and undated**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

W. H. Amerine papers, 1956,1960 and undated

**Creator:**

Amerine, W. H. (William Henry), 1878-1964 ; Jones, Walter P; Gallion, MacDonald; Waller, George Platt

**Abstract:**

Collection comprises five brief essays Amerine wrote to attack advances in Civil Rights made during the 1950s, noting that members of the white race were becoming second-class citizens because of the legislative work of the federal government and the Supreme Court, along with 3 letters supporting his writing. Other topics include Christianity, Communism, and foreign aid. There are two versions of "An Essay on Crackpotism." The majority of the essays feature manuscript corrections made in ink. There are also three letters written to Amerine, dated 1960 and written by local officials who endorsed his manuscript, THE FORCES OF DARKNESS, including Judge Walter P. Jones of the 15th Judicial Circuit of Alabama; MacDonald Gallion, State Attorney General; and George Platt Waller, a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer. Copies of these three letters have been attached the longer version of "An Essay on Crackpotism." One essay has a mailing envelope attached. Several of the items have been stamped with messages such as "Remember Little Rock," or "Warning! This book should be left to our posterity. Thousands of children are even now being led astray. The Reds are back of it."

**Extent:**

0.1 Linear Feet (13 items)

**Language:**

English

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Materials in English

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

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### Biographical/Historical

William Henry Amerine was born to Miles H. and Cynthia S. Lee Amerine in 1879. He resided in Montgomery, Alabama; became a newspaper reporter; traveled to Europe to work with the Red Cross; and wrote "Alabama's Own in France," war stories of the 167th U.S. Infantry in World War I. His latter writings opposed Civil Rights and Communism. Amerine was married to Marjorie W. Amerine.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Processing Information**

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Civil rights -- United States
- Christianity.
- Communism
- Legislation -- United States

- Loans, Foreign -- Law and legislation -- United States
- Race discrimination
- United States -- History -- 1953-1961
- United States -- Politics and government
- United States -- Race relations
- Amerine, W. H. (William Henry), 1878-1964
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- Jones, Walter P
- Gallion, MacDonald
- Waller, George Platt

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## Collection Inventory

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Papers

Folder 1