



Guide to the William Blackburn Papers, 1859-1985

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Summary

Collection Title:

William Blackburn papers, 1859-1985

Creator:

Blackburn, William, 1899-1972; Blackburn, Alexander; Blackburn, Elizabeth Cheney, 1898-1994

Abstract:

William Blackburn was a professor of English and creative writing at Duke University. The collection includes correspondence, writings, teaching materials and notes, biographical and family papers, printed materials, scrapbooks, audiovisual material, and photographs from William Blackburn and his family.

Extent:

20 Linear Feet
15,000 Items

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.00115

Permalink:

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Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

The William Blackburn papers are arranged in the following series: Correspondence; Writings; Teaching Material; Duke University Literary and Artistic Projects; Biographical Data and Family Papers; Printed Material; Scrapbooks; Audiovisual Material; and Photographs. Correspondence includes Blackburn family letters, letters relating to Blackburn's teaching and career

at Duke University, and typescripts of letters by and about Joseph Conrad. Writings include Blackburn's own writings and speeches as well as those of students and his son Alexander Lambert Blackburn. Clippings mostly concern Blackburn's academic work, literary events at Duke in which Blackburn was pivotal, and reviews of the work of his students (including Anne Tyler, William Styron, and Reynolds Price). The collection also includes numerous photographs of family members and some of literary figures.

Addition (2007-0129) (200 items; 0.6 lin. ft.; dated 1937-1972) contains correspondence between Blackburn and his daughter, Mary April Blackburn Hill.

Addition (2008-0071) (30 items; 0.1 lin. ft.; 1925-1973) includes correspondence between William Blackburn and his brother, Clark, as well as additional papers from Elizabeth Blackburn. Elizabeth's papers include correspondence and two literary compositions.

Addition (2010-0013) (200 items; 0.6 lin. ft.; dated 1928-1985) includes correspondence between Blackburn and his wife, Elizabeth, especially during the breakup of their marriage; notes about William Blackburn from his son, Alexander Blackburn; articles, speeches, and clippings; and materials from his students and colleagues.

Biographical/Historical

William Blackburn was an author, editor, and professor of English and literary composition at Duke University from 1926 until 1969. Born in 1899 to missionaries in Persia, Blackburn spent his childhood in Seneca, South Carolina, and completed his undergraduate studies at Furman University. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1943. His academic scholarship was on Elizabethan poetry; later in his career, he also edited the letters of Joseph Conrad.

Blackburn's influence at Duke, however, stems from his creative writing classes, where he taught and inspired many students who went on to become prominent contemporary writers. His former students include Fred Chappell, William Styron, Reynolds Price, James Applewhite, and Anne Tyler.

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Use Restrictions

The copyright interests in this collection have not been transferred to Duke University. For more information, consult the copyright section of the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Acquisition Information

The William Blackburn Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift.

Processing Information

Processed by Melissa Delbridge, Tania Roy, Dan Breem, December 2003

Encoded by Melissa J. Delbridge, December 2003

Updated by Meghan Lyon, May 2010

Accessions 2007-0129, 2008-0071, 2010-0013 were merged into one collection, described in this finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Photographic prints
- American literature -- Study and teaching
- Blackburn, William, 1899-1972
- Conrad, Joseph, 1857-1924
- Duke University. Department of English -- Faculty
- Blackburn family
- Price, Reynolds, 1933-2011
- Styron, William, 1925-2006

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1859-1974 and n.d.

Scope and Contents note

Blackburn's personal and professional correspondence; letters to his students; and correspondence of several members of his family, especially of his son, Alexander Lambert Blackburn, his brothers George and Clark Blackburn, and his first wife Elizabeth Cheney Blackburn. Also contained in the series are copies of letters written by Joseph Conrad to his publishers and much of the correspondence between Blackburn and Reynolds Price.

Access Restrictions:

Access restricted. Some materials in this series are closed by donor request.

Letters from Various Correspondents

Correspondence, 1916-1944	Box 1
Physical Description: 10 folders	
Correspondence, 1945-1956	Box 2
Physical Description: 11 folders	
Correspondence, 1957-1964	Box 3
Physical Description: 10 folders	

Correspondence, 1965-1973 and n.d. Box 4
Physical Description: 10 folders

Correspondence, 1970-1972 and n.d. Box 5
Physical Description: 5 folders

Early Extended Family Correspondence, 1859-1915 and n.d.

Correspondence, 1859-1915 and n.d. Box 5
Physical Description: 6 folders

Correspondence with Alexander Lambert Blackburn, 1938-1974 and n.d.

Correspondence, 1938-1946 Box 6
Physical Description: 9 folders

Correspondence, 1947-1952 Box 7
Physical Description: 9 folders

Correspondence, 1952-1964 Box 8
Physical Description: 13 folders

Correspondence, 1965-1974 and n.d. Box 9
Physical Description: 9 folders

Correspondence with Clark and George Blackburn, 1918-1972 and n.d.

Correspondence, 1918-1972 and n.d. Box 9
Physical Description: 2 folders

Correspondence with Elizabeth Cheney Blackburn, 1926-1972

Correspondence, 1926-1972 Box 10
Physical Description: 8 folders

Letters by and about Joseph Conrad, 1898-1924

Letters by and about Conrad, 1898-1924 Box 11
Physical Description: 8 folders

Correspondence with Reynolds Price, 1953-1962

Access Restrictions:

Access restricted. Correspondence with Reynolds Price is closed by donor request until 2031.

Correspondence, 1953-1962 Box 12

Physical Description: 1 folder

Access Restrictions:

Access restricted. Correspondence with Reynolds Price is closed by donor request until 2031.

Correspondence with William Styron

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Writings, 1921-1978 and n.d.

Writings by Blackburn

Yale University Dissertation

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"Matthew Arnold's Literature and Dogma: An Essay Towards a Better Apprehension of the Bible," 1943 Box 13

Monographs and Edited Books

Letters of Joseph Conrad to William Blackwood and David S. Meldrum, TS Drafts of Blackburn's apparatus, 1958 Box 13

[Houghton-Mifflin Anthology of English Literature], Correspondence and Questionnaire, 1947 Box 13

[Houghton-Mifflin Anthology of English Literature], TS copies of selected poems, 1947 Box 13

[Houghton-Mifflin Anthology of English Literature], TS copies of selected works, 1947 Box 13

Essays

Academic essays, 1930-1948 and n.d. Box 13

Academic essays: "Lady Magdalen Herbert and her Son George," Proof TS drafts, publication correspondence and notes, 1947-1951 and n.d. Box 13

Non-academic essays and articles, 1928-1945 and n.d. Box 13

"An Awareness of the Arts: An Essay in Retrospect," Duke Alumni Register, April 1963 Box 14

Addresses and Lectures

Addresses and lectures, 1921; 1942 and n.d. Box 14

Book Reviews

Book reviews by Blackburn, 1946-1962 Box 14

Book review of Blackburn's Letters of Joseph Conrad to William Blackwood and Devid S. Meldrum, 1959 Box 14

Blackburn's Appearance on ABC's Meet the Professor, 1963

ABC press release, 1963 (2 copies) Box 14

Partial transcript, published in Mississippi Quarterly 31, 1978 Box 14

Notes and Fragments, n.d.

Box 14

Duke University Research Council

Correspondence and grants, 1946-1955 and n.d. Box 14

Writings by Others

Alexander Lambert Blackburn, "Diary of a Blackburn at Camp Desert Rock Operation," October 1957 Box 14

Alexander Lambert Blackburn, TS draft, "The Earthly Comedy," 1971 (2 copies)	Box 14
Alexander Lambert Blackburn, ed., Sight 1, June 1953	Box 14
Alexander Lambert Blackburn, ed., Writers Forum 5, 1978	Box 14
Fred Chappell, Six Propositions about Literature and History, New Literary History 1, 1970	Box 14
Guy Davenport, "The Aeroplanes at Brescia," The Hudson Review, n.d.	Box 14
Mac Hyman, ed., William Blackburn, TS draft, Love, Boy, n.d. (1), no apparatus	Box 14
Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (2), Hyman to Angelo and Jo Bettoya, 1956-1962 and n.d.	Box 14
Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (3), Hyman to Blackburn, 1947-1963	Box 14
Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (4), Hyman to James Oliver Brown, 1953-1963	Box 14
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Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (6), Hyman to his parents, 1943-1950	Box 15
Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (7), Hyman to his wife, 1952-1962 and n.d.	Box 15
Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (8), Hyman to Alvin G. Manuel, 1957-1961 and n.d.	Box 15
Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (9), Hyman to Random House, Inc., 1954-1960	Box 15

Mac Hyman, ed., Blackburn, Love, Boy (10), Hyman to Henry Maxwell Steele, 1954-1962 and n.d.	Box 15
Harry R. Jackson, TS draft, "Report on Allen Building Takeover," 1969	Box 15
Diane Kelekyan, TS draft, "William Styron: The Child in the Writer," 1972	Box 15
Kathryn Vale, "A Grain, Perhaps of Wheat," 1964	Box 15

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Course Material

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Lectures, Notes, and Research Clippings

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Matthew Arnold and Baruch Spinoza	Box 15
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Miscellaneous	Box 21
Miscellaneous: "Religious Essays"	Box 21
Michel de Montaigne	Box 21
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Thomas Nashe	Box 21
Margaret Lucas, Daughter of Newcastle	Box 21
Sir Thomas North	Box 21
Sean O'Casey, Juno and the Paycock	Box 21
Charles Osgood, The Voice of England	Box 21
Sir Thomas Overbury	Box 21
Pearl and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	Box 21
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C.F. Tucker Brooke and Shakespeare	Box 24
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Victorian England	Box 24
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Horace Walpole, Letters	Box 24
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Blackburn's federal and North Carolina state income tax returns, 1959-1965	Box 26
Wachovia trust agreement, 1963-1964	Box 26
Life insurance premium contribution notice, n.d.	Box 26

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Access Restrictions:

Grade reports are restricted.

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Alexander Lambert Blackburn

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Access Restrictions:

Grade reports are restricted.

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Charles Stanley Blackburn and Amy Waring Blackburn--Biography, 1896	Box 27
Charles Stanley and Amy Waring Blackburn, records of missionary work in Persia, 1897-1902 and n.d.	Box 27
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Blackburn memorial service, 1972

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Historical Bulletin of Huron College, Pierre University, and Scotland Academy, 1920 (2 copies, 1 without a cover)	Box 29
Huron College Bulletin, May 24, 1920	Box 29
Modern Fiction Studies, February 1955	Box 29
St. Andrew's Review, 1972	Box 29
Sight, June 1953	Box 29
Periodicals published by Duke University	
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Duke Alumni Register, April 1963 (2 copies)	Box 29
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Photographs

Physical Description: 3 boxes

Scope and Contents note

Includes unsorted and unarranged photographs of family members, travels, student portraits, and other events from Blackburn and his family's life.

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Restricted Series

Physical Description: 1 box

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Blackburn's grade books, 1927-1969 and n.d.	Box 39
Academic records: Blackburn family grades and grade reports, 1920-1955	Box 39

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Volumes

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Scope and Contents note

These volumes were from Blackburn's personal library and include his annotations and notes.

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Shakespeare: Five Plays, ed. by Kittredge. 1941.	Box 40
Understanding Fiction, ed. by Brooks and Warren. 1959.	Box 40
Seventeenth Century Prose and Poetry, 1st edition, ed. by Coggin and Witherspoon.	Box 41
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Accession (2007-0129), 1937-1972

Physical Description: 6 folders

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Accession (2010-0013)

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence between William and Elizabeth Blackburn written during the breakup of their marriage. Also included are articles, clippings, genealogical materials, a speech, interviews, and miscellaneous printed materials from students and colleagues.

Notes relating to William Blackburn from Alexander Blackburn's Meeting the Professor Box 43

Letters of William Blackburn and Elizabeth Blackburn, as well as some letters from Alexander Blackburn, Mary April Blackburn, Clark Blackburn, lawyers, et al. Box 43

Clippings Box 43

Family history materials, including genealogy Box 43

Articles and a speech Box 43

Printed materials from about about students and colleagues Box 43

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Physical Description: 4 boxes.

Scope and Contents

Contains the correspondence of the Blackburn family from the 1920s-1980s.

Correspondence

Scope and Contents

Arranged chronologically whenever possible.

Amy Blackburn Correspondence, 1920-1968, undated Box 46
Box 45

Physical Description: 11 folders

Scope and Contents

Mostly letters from Amy Blackburn written to George and Libby Blackburn, the brother and sister-in-law of William Blackburn.

William Blackburn Correspondence

Scope and Contents

Correspondence from William Blackburn to his brother George Blackburn, his sister Mallie Robertson, his nephew Brooke Blackburn, and his mother Amy Blackburn, as well as a few miscellaneous letters and fragments.

William Blackburn to George Blackburn,
1920s-1972 Box 46
Box 47

Physical Description: 6 folders

William Blackburn to Mallie Blackburn
Robertson, 1920s-1960s Box 47

William Blackburn to Brooke Blackburn,
1948-1970 Box 47

William Blackburn to Amy Blackburn,
1922-1960s Box 47

William Blackburn: Miscellaneous Family
Correspondence, 1945-1967 Box 47

Fragments, undated Box 47

Charles Blackburn Correspondence,
1920-1943 Box 48

Scope and Contents

Letters from Charles Blackburn, the father of William Blackburn.

Mallie Blackburn Robertson Correspondence,
1921-1980 Box 48

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Contents

Letters from Malvina (Mallie) Blackburn Robertson to her brother, George Blackburn, and her mother, Amy Blackburn.

Miscellaneous Correspondence Box 48

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