



# Guide to the Wallace Kaufman Papers, 1959-2000

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Wallace Kaufman papers, 1959-1994

**Creator:**

Kaufman, Wallace

**Abstract:**

Author, teacher, naturalist, environmental activist, and World Bank consultant Wallace Vickers Kaufman was a 1961 graduate of Duke University's Trinity College majoring in English. Collection contains correspondence, reports, journals, and miscellaneous material relating primarily to Kaufman's environmental activism and as a real estate and entrepreneurial consultant. The collection also contains material documenting his friendship with Reynolds Price, a former instructor of Kaufman's at Duke, specifically correspondence, manuscripts, and several typescripts of Price's work.

**Extent:**

1.5 Linear Feet  
4.26 Megabytes (30 files)  
700 Items

**Language:**

Material in English

**Collection ID:**

RL.00769

**Permalink:**

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**Preferred Citation**

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## **Background**

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### **Scope and Content**

The collection contains correspondence, writings and addresses, journals, reports, clippings and assorted print matter. Materials present primarily reflect Kaufman's environmental activism while residing in rural Chatham County, North Carolina and his consulting work with the World Bank and the International City/County Management Association in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc. Correspondence mostly documents Kaufman's role with the Conservation Council of North Carolina and the organization's collaboration with other local, regional, and national environmental organizations.

The journals and reports document Kaufman's work in former Soviet nations. They describe Kaufman's day to day activities in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Kazakhstan, and Poland that include descriptions of local customs and geographic regions, the difficulties and challenges inherent in transition from collectivism to privatization, and surveys of local businesses and manufactories. Also present in the collection is material documenting Kaufman's relationship with author Reynolds Price. This material includes mostly correspondence as well as several manuscripts and typescripts. The correspondence touches upon personal matters as well as professional including the activities of mutual friends and acquaintances, travels, and current works in progress.

### **Biographical/Historical**

Wallace Vickers Kaufman was born April 10th, 1939 in Queens, New York . Kaufman came to Duke University to study English in 1957, taking his A.B. in 1961. He also studied at Merton College at Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar from 1961-1963.

Along with fellow classmates and writers Fred Chappel and Anne Tyler, Kaufman's writing was fostered under the direction of William Blackburn. Also while at Duke Kaufman developed a close student-mentor relationship with author Reynolds Price. Kaufman and Price continued to correspond well into Kaufman's own professional career. After graduating, Kaufman taught high school sciences courses, middle school English, and writing courses at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While a resident of Chatham County, Kaufman developed an interest in land development projects that included caveats for environmental protection. An extension of this interest led to involvement with, among otehr regional and national environmental organizations, the Conservation Council of North Carolina (CCNC), an organization that Kaufman eventually chaired. Kaufman also served on several local and state boards of realtors, the North Carolina Land Stewardship Council, and Conservation Fund, North Carolina. At this

time, Kaufman also travelled extensively in Latin America. During his travels Kaufman promoted indigenous writers, particularly Guatemalan writer Victor Dinoicio Montejo.

In the mid-1990s Kaufman began consulting work for the World Bank and the International City/County Management Association in nations of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc, including Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Kazakhstan, the final Soviet Republic to declare independence. This work encompassed a broad scope of work including advising local residents on land and housing reform, teaching property valuation, investigating the effectiveness of aid projects, economic surveys, and some work training local journalists. In 2001 Kaufman relocated to western Oregon where he began a career in arbitration and mediation.

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## **Administrative Information**

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Collection is restricted.

Researchers must register and agree to copyright and privacy laws before using this collection.

All or portions of this collection may be housed off-site in Duke University's Library Service Center. The library may require up to 48 hours to retrieve these materials for research use.

Please contact Research Services staff before visiting the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library to use this collection.

Some materials in this collection are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

## **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 Wallace Kaufman Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as gift in 1993-94 and as a purchase in 2008.

## **Processing Information**

Processed by Josh Larkin Rowley, October 2011

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Accessions 1994-008, 1994-089, and 2008-0047 were merged into one collection, described in this finding aid:

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Material**

Reynolds Price Papers, 1927-2010 and undated, bulk 1956-2006 David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- United States -- Foreign relations -- Guatemala
- Authors, Guatemalan
- Authors, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence
- Conservation of natural resources -- North Carolina
- Authors, American -- Southern States
- Environmentalism -- North Carolina

- Elections -- North Carolina
- Literature -- History and criticism
- Fascism -- United States
- North Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1951-
- Guatemala -- Foreign relations -- United States
- Andrews, Ike Franklin, 1925-
- Conservation Council of North Carolina
- Communist Workers Party (U.S.)
- Kaufman, Wallace
- International City/County Management Association
- Esteban, Victor Dinoicio Montejo, 1951-
- University of Oxford
- Price, Reynolds, 1933-2011
- Preyer, Richardson
- Ku Klux Klan (1915- ) -- North Carolina
- Blackburn, William, 1899-1972
- Duke University. Department of English
- World Bank. Country Dept. for Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Slovak Republic and Slovenia
- World Bank. Country Office in Kazakhstan
- World Bank. Europe and Central Asia Region
- World Bank

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## Collection Inventory

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### Wallace Kaufman Papers

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

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Correspondence, 1964-1983 (8 folders)	Box 1
Campaign Material, N.C. House, 1980	Box 1
Clippings, 1971-1980 and undated	Box 1
Conservation Council of North Carolina (CCNC) Constitution and By-laws, undated	Box 1
Board Meeting minutes, circa 1970s	Box 1
Miscellaneous, circa 1970s	Box 1

Press releases, 1972-1976 and undated	Box 1
Questionnaires, 1972	Box 1
Resolutions, 1971-1972	Box 1
Posters, circa 1970s	Box 1
Other environmental organizations, 1970-1980 and undated	Box 1
Montejo, Victor Dionicio, 1984 and undated	Box 2
Photographs	Box 2
Print Material	Box 2
Skidway Institute of Oceanography, Eroding Shorelines, 1981 and 1985	Box 2
Water Resources and Land Use Task Force, 1972	Box 2
Writings and Addresses	Box 2
Wallace Kaufman Unedited Foreign Travel Journals, 1989-2000	Digital-materials RL00769-SET-0001 Folder 1 > Optical-disc RL00769-OP-0001
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4.26 Megabytes 30 files	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Contains document files.	
International City/County Management Association and World Bank Hungarian Journal, September 1991	Box 2
Czechoslovakia Journal, World Bank survey	Box 2
Eastern European Entrepreneurs	Box 2
Alma Alta, Kazakhstan journal, August-July 1993	Box 2

Kazakhstan journal, July 1993-July 1994 (4 folders)	Box 2
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Kazakhstan Real Estate Report, 1993	Box 3
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Poland journal, April-May 1991	Box 3
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### **Reynolds Price Materials**

Correspondence, 1959-1989 and undated (8 folders)	Box 3
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Miscellaneous, undated	Box 3
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Miscellaneous manuscripts (Price and Kaufman), 1960 and undated	Box 3
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Typescripts by Price Troubled Sleep and Michale Egerton, undated	Box 3
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A Chain of Love, undated	Box 3
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Sleepwalking and The Anniversary 1963 and undated	Box 3
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Uncle Grant, undated	Box 3
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Morning Places, undated	Box 3
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The Names and Faces of Heroes, undated	Box 3
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Love and Work, undated	Box 3
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Envelopes	Box 3
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