



# **Guide to the Edwin and Terry Murray papers, 1914-2019, bulk 1960s-1970s**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Edwin and Terry Murray papers, 1914-2019, bulk 1960s-1970s

**Abstract:**

The Edwin and Terry Murray Papers include a range of materials related to the comic book collecting, comic conventions, and science fiction fandom of Edwin L. and Terry A. Murray.

**Extent:**

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Materials in English.

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The Edwin and Terry Murray Papers include a range of materials related to the comic book collecting, comic conventions, and science fiction fandom of Edwin L. and Terry A. Murray. Included are photos documenting over fifty comic conventions that the Murray brothers organized at their home in Durham, North Carolina. Also included is correspondence related to their comic book and science fiction collecting activities, as well as newspaper clippings about their extensive comic book collections. The collection includes published and unpublished writing by the Murray Brothers, as well as collectible comic

strips and science fiction ephemera. It also includes mock-ups and production materials for two fanzines, Vertigo and Trefoil, published by Edwin.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Edwin L. and Terry A. Murray, brothers living in Durham, N.C., are longtime collectors of comic books, comic strips, science fiction, and other pulp culture ephemera. Edwin was born on January 12, 1950, and Terry was born on June 11, 1953. Edwin published his own fanzines, Vertigo and Trefoil, from the late 1960s through the mid 1980s. He graduated from Duke University in 1972. Edwin was at the center of comics fandom in the 1960s and 1970s. Terry, a science fiction expert, is the author of Science Fiction Magazine Story Index, 1926-1995 (McFarland, 1999).

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## **Arrangement**

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Collection is arranged into the following series: Comic Conventions and Events; Collecting Materials; Role-Playing Games; Personal Materials; Writing and Publications.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Statement**

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## **Acquisition Information**

The Edwin and Terry Murray papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 2019.

## **Processing Information**

Processed by Elliot Mamet, January 2022

Accessions described in this collection guide: 2019-0079, 2019-0144, 2019-0175

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Material**

Additional materials from Edwin and Terry Murray can be found in the following collections in the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library:

Edwin and Terry Murray Fanzine collection

Edwin and Terry Murray collection of newsprint comic strips

Edwin and Terry Murray collection of Role-Playing Games

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## Collection Inventory

### Comic Conventions and Events, circa 1960s-2013

#### Scope and Contents

The Comic Conventions and Events series includes materials from over fifty comic conventions that the Murray brothers held at their Durham home from the late 1960s through the mid 1980s. Included are photos of numerous "Mini-Cons", including black and white photos, color photos, and photo negatives. Also included are sign-up sheets which list participants for each event. The series also includes flyers and ephemera from other comic conventions in Durham and North Carolina dating from the 1960s through 2013.

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### **Scope and Contents**

The Collecting Materials series includes records about the Murray Brothers' extensive collecting activities. Of interest is a spreadsheet noting comic runs by newspapers throughout North Carolina, a list of comic books the Murray Brothers wanted to acquire from the 1970s to 1996, and records of comic book purchases organized by title and date. Also included in the series is correspondence about the Murray Brothers' collecting activities. Correspondents in this series include Anthony Figueroa, Richard Morrissey, Richard Minter, Russ Garwood, and Fred Cook. Also included is correspondence with Duke University Libraries regarding the acquisition of the Murray Brothers' collections. The series also includes collectible materials. Included are checks made out to Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of Tarzan, as well as checks to other science fiction authors including Hubert Rogers, H.R. Van Dongen, Hannes Bok, Virgil Finlay, L. Sterne Stevens, Alexander Leydenfrost, Frank R. Paul, Leo Morey, Boris Dolgov, and Hans Waldemar Wessolowski. Also included

are comic strips including Beetle Bailey by Mort Walker, Pogo by Walt Kelly, Steven Canyon by Milton Caniff, and Tank McNamara by Bill Hinds.

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### **Scope and Contents**

This Role-Playing Games series includes gameplay material from an array of role-playing games, including Dungeons and Dragons, 2300 A.D., Call of Cthulhu, Dark Conspiracy, Megatraveller, and Space 1889, including character sheets and game notes. The series also includes Dungeons and Dragons gameplay index cards used by the Murray Brothers.

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## **Personal Materials, circa 1960s-2012**

### **Scope and Contents**

The Personal Materials series includes the Murray Brother's personal papers and effects. Included are newspaper clippings from the late 1960s and early 1970s about the Murray Brothers' collecting activities. Also included are sketches and photos of Terry and Edwin Murray as well as photos of their mother Loucile. The series includes correspondence with Bruce Coville, Erik Larsen, Gardner Fox, James Childress, Richard Hurt, and Richard Minter. It also includes a Tarzan Scrapbook, which illustrates Tarzan fandom in Durham.

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## **Writing and Publications, 1967-2019**

**Scope and Contents**

The Writing and Publications series consists of published and unpublished writing by Edwin and Terry Murray. Included are mock-ups, cover articles, drafts, and production materials for two of Edwin's fanzines, Trefoil and Vertigo. Also included are essays, articles, and original writings by Edwin, including student work from his time as a Duke undergraduate. The series also includes Encyclopedia of Science Fiction entries written by Edwin about Peter van Dresser, The American Boy, Carl H. Claudy, John W. Campbell Jr., and Sydney J. Bounds. Correspondents in this series include Edwin Vance, Erik Larsen, Robert Susor, and J. Philip Hawkins.

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