



Guide to the Joe Schaumburger Papers, 1954-1986 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Joe Schaumburger papers, 1954-1986 and undated

Abstract:

Joe Schaumburger's collection of correspondence and early writings by Lin Carter.

Extent:

0.2 Linear Feet

Language:

English

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Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.11379

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Background

Scope and Content

This archive mostly shows Carter's humorous side and includes 18 different original drawings that most likely date to the late 1950s. Includes Carter's illustrated creation of the "Genito-Urinary Book Club" that mocks get-rich-quick schemes and self-help books. It involves becoming a member of the "Royal Order of the Purple Bladder" and buying books such as "How to Cash in on Your Kidney Stones".

Other highlights include a number of inscribed greeting cards and invitations, apparently unpublished book reviews and humor essays, original handwritten

poetry and a rare issue of Carter's fanzine, *The Saturday Evening Toad*, issued with Schaumburger in 1957.

There are also several letters between Schaumburger and Carter, including a moving letter from Carter in his final years where he describes his dire financial straits and inability to get medical care because he cannot afford it.

Biographical/Historical

This collection from the estate of science fiction author and editor Joe Schaumburger (1930-2011) sheds light on the personal life of prolific science fiction writer Lin Carter. Schaumburger became close to Carter in 1948, about a year after Carter's letters and poems began appearing in science fiction magazines. They bonded over their shared passion for science fiction, ultimately working together as writers at Prentice-Hall. Schaumburger finished his career at Daw Books where he was managing editor.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Joe Schaumburger Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as purchase in 2017.

Processing Information

Processed by Ben Saalfeld, Feb. 2017.

Accessions described in this collection guide: 2017-0011

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Related Materials

Related Material

Rubenstein Library also holds the Lin Carter Papers.

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Collection Inventory

Books for the Schaumb, undated	Box 1
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Lin Carter's book recommendations for Schaumburger

Correspondence: Holiday cards and postcards with Lin Carter, 1970-1986, undated	Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Holiday cards and general correspondence between Lin Carter and Schaumburger

Correspondence: Letters to/from Lin Carter, 1962-1983	Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Personal correspondence and science fiction correspondence, where Carter and Schaumburger write as characters

Correspondence: Letter from William Brady, M.D. Box 1

Scope and Contents

Letter trying to sell health book

Drawings of "Schomb" Box 1

Scope and Contents

Drawings that mainly portray "Schomb", but also other related characters and events

Genito-Urinary Inc., undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Satirical series of letters from "Genito-Urinary inc." trying to sell books, dynamics

Halloween at Cartermanse Invitations, 1970-1973 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Invitations to themed halloween parties at Lin Carter's house

Letters to the Editor, undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

From the files of FATE Magazine. Fictional correspondence between editor and writer

Lin Carter's Writing Secrets, 1977 Box 1

Linzifos Sweepstakes, undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Letters from "Howard D. Fubble" about the Linzifos Sweepstakes

The Lorelei, 1957 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Translated from the German of Heinrich Heine by Carter and Schaumburger

Miscellaneous Lin Carter drafts, 1954, undated Box 1

Route Marchin', undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Poem

The Royal Order of the Purple Bladder, undated Box 1

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Fictional letter from "Oscar Overunder" about joining the Royal Order of the Purple Bladder

The Saturday Evening Toad, 1957 Aug. Box 1

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no. 2 of Lin Carter's magazine

Science Fiction Membership Cards, 1954 and 1965 Box 1