



Guide to the Frank G. Slaughter papers, 1930-2001

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Summary

Collection Title:

Frank G. Slaughter papers, 1930-2001

Creator:

Slaughter, Frank G. (Frank Gill), 1908-2001

Source:

Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Collections (Duke University)

Abstract:

Frank Slaughter was a white surgeon and author who published 65 novels mostly focused on medicine, historical fiction and biblical history. The collection includes personal and professional correspondence and writings, primarily manuscript drafts and some published works of Frank Slaughter as well as some manuscript drafts of Jane Slaughter, Frank Slaughter's wife and a children's book author. Also included are research and publicity materials. Acquired as part of the History of Medicine Collection.

Extent:

9.5 Linear Feet (9 record cartons and 1 document box)

Language:

Materials in English.

Collection ID:

RL.13090

Permalink:

<https://idn.duke.edu/ark:/87924/m1516f>

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Frank G. Slaughter papers, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

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Background

Scope and Content

This collection includes materials that document the literary career of surgeon, turned novelist Frank G. Slaughter. The bulk of the material consists of drafts of Frank Slaughter's manuscripts as well as correspondence with publishers and other professional correspondence. It also includes personal correspondence, some manuscripts of Jane Slaughter, research materials and publicity materials for Frank Slaughter's novels.

Biographical/Historical

Frank Gill Slaughter was born February 25, 1908 in Washington, D.C. to Stephen and Sallie Slaughter and raised in North Carolina. He graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 1926 with a degree in chemistry and graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1930. He completed a surgical residency in 1934 at Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. In 1933, Slaughter married Jane Mundy, an operating room nurse from Virginia who later also published children's books. They moved to Jacksonville, Florida, when Frank joined a surgical practice. He became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1938 and was certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1940. His first published novel, a semi-autobiographical novel *That None Should Die* was published in 1941. During World War II, he served as a surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Following the war, he became a full-time writer. He wrote 65 books with several optioned for film and television. He also wrote under the pseudonym C.V. Terry. William Dubois, author and New York Times Book Review editor, was a silent contributor on several novels.

Frank and Jane had two sons, Randolph and Frank Slaughter Jr. Jane died December 30, 1990 and Frank died May 17, 2001.

Source cited: Trotter, Michael C. "Frank G. Slaughter, M.D., FACS: Medical Novelist and Surgeon Writer." *The American Surgeon* 84, no. 12 (2018): 1841-46. <https://doi.org/10.1177/000313481808401225>. Accessed June 28, 2024.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into 2 series: Correspondence, Writings.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Frank G. Slaughter papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 1966-1969, 2022 and 2024.

Processing Information

Processed by Lisa Duncan, July 2024

Accessions described in this collection guide: 2022-0110, 2024-0003 and unknown accessions from 1966-1969.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Frank G. Slaughter Papers, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

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Names and Subjects

- Authors, American -- 20th century
- Authors and publishers -- Correspondence
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Fiction
- Medical fiction
- Physicians -- Fiction
- Surgeons -- Fiction
- Bible -- History of Biblical events -- Fiction
- Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Collections (Duke University)
- Slaughter, Jane M., 1906-1990
- Duke University -- Alumni and alumnae
- Slaughter, Frank G. (Frank Gill), 1908-2001

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1946-1986

Scope and Contents

This series contains personal and professional correspondence of Frank Slaughter. It primarily consists of correspondence with publishers and agents related to the publication of Slaughter's books. It also includes personal correspondence with friends and family. It is arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by correspondant. Slaughter used several different organizations for correspondence and the original organziation has been maintained.

1946 January-July	Box 1
1946 August-December	Box 1

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1947 January-June	Box 1
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1950	Box 1
1950 January-June	Box 1
1950 July-December	Box 1
1951	Box 1
1951 January-August	Box 1
1951 September-December	Box 1
1952	Box 1
1952 January-August	Box 1
1952 September-December	Box 1
1953	Box 1
1953 January-June	Box 2
1953 July-December	Box 2
1954	Box 1
1954 January-June	Box 2
1954 July-December	Box 2
1955	Box 2
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American, 1964	Box 3
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Foreign, 1965	Box 3
American, 1966	Box 3
Foreign, 1966	Box 3
American, 1967	Box 3
Foreign, 1967	Box 3
American, 1968	Box 3
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Publication agreements and royalties, 1971-1985	Box 10
1973	Box 4
1973, 1976-1977	Box 4
1975	Box 4
A-B, 1976	Box 4
C-D, 1976	Box 4
Physical Description: 2 folders	
E-F, 1976	Box 4
G-H, 1976	Box 4
I-J, 1976	Box 4
K-L, 1976	Box 4
M-N, 1976	Box 4
O-P, 1976	Box 4
Q-R, 1976	Box 4
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Doubleday, 1976-1982	Box 4
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C1979	Box 4

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M1979	Box 4
N1979	Box 4
O1979	Box 4
P1979	Box 4
S1979	Box 4
U-V, 1979	Box 4
W1979	Box 4
XYZ, 1979	Box 4
B1980	Box 4
F1980	Box 4
G1980	Box 4
H1980	Box 4
I-J, 1980	Box 4
K1980	Box 4
L1980	Box 4
M1980	Box 4
N1980	Box 4
D1983	Box 4
F1983	Box 4
G1983	Box 4

I-J, 1983	Box 4
M1983	Box 4
N1983	Box 4
P1983	Box 4
R1983	Box 4
S1983	Box 4
U-V, 1983	Box 4
W1983	Box 4
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B1984-1985	Box 4
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S1984-1985	Box 4
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Writings, 1930-2001

Scope and Contents

This series contains the writings of Frank and Jane Slaughter. The bulk of the materials are drafts of Frank Slaughter's works, primarily novels and screenplays and copies of a few published works. Also included are drafts of works by Jane Slaughter. Some publicity materials like published biographical information and news clippings from interviews and advertisements are included. There are also notes and research materials for the novel *Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross*.

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Some materials in this series are electronic records that may need to be reformatted. Access copies of electronic records require special equipment. Contact Research Services for access.

Frank Slaughter, 1930-2001

Scope and Contents

This subseries includes drafts of Frank Slaughter's novels and screenplays. Also included are some published works.

Access Restrictions:

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Barracuda, undated	Box 5
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Barracuda, manuscript proposal, undated	Box 5
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The Beloved Physician, 1954	Box 5
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Scope and Contents

Reprint from: Slaughter, Frank G. "The Beloved Physician." Quarterly of Phi Beta Pi LI, no. 1 (March 1954).

The Case of the Migrant Mosquito, undated	Box 5
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Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, carbon, 1965	Box 5
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Physical Description: 2 folders

Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, final draft edited for printer, 1965	Box 5
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Physical Description: 4 folders

Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, final typed copy, approximately 1965	Box 5
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Physical Description: 4 folders

Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, first typed draft, approximately 1965	Box 5
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Physical Description: 3 folders

Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, galley, 1965	Box 6
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, handwritten draft, approximately 1960s	Box 6
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, original prospectus, 1964	Box 6
Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, published copy, 1965	Box 6
Scope and Contents	
Slaughter, Frank G. Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross [1st ed.]. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1965.	
Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross, reviewers galley proof, 1965	Box 6
The Curse of the Karakorum, manuscript synopsis, undated	Box 6
The Doctor from W.H.O., prospectus, undated	Box 6
Doctor Pygmalion, old pages, undated	Box 6
God's Warrior, approximately 1960s	Box 6
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Gospel Fever, approximately 1970s-1980s	Box 6
The Greeks had a Yen for it, undated	Box 6
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Ladies in Hades, undated	Box 6 Box 7
Physical Description: 4 folders 1 folder in box 3 and 3 folders in box 4	
"Lincoln's Doctor's Dog", 1968	Box 7
Scope and Contents	
Slaughter, Frank G. "Lincoln's Doctor's Dog." Abbottempo, 1968.	

Moment of Glory, undated Physical Description: 4 folders	Box 7
No Greater Love, approximately 1980s Physical Description: 5 folders	Box 7
Peril by Night, undated Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 7
Plague Ship, manuscript synopsis, 1974	Box 7
Rebels Unconquered, 1974	Box 7
The Rum Runner, 1972	Box 7
The Stonewall Brigade, 1974 Physical Description: 4 folders 1 folder in box 7 and 3 folders in box 8	Box 7 Box 8
The Stonewall Brigade, final galley, approximately 1975 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 8
The Stonewall Brigade, foundry proof, approximately 1975 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 8
The Stonewall Brigade, manuscript synopsis, 1974	Box 8
Stories of Florida, approximately 1970s	Box 8
Target: Terror, corrections, 1998	Box 8
Target: Terror, early version, approximately 1990s	Box 8
Target: Terror, not most recent edits, approximately 1998-2000	Box 8
Target: Terror, RGS edits, 2000	Box 8
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Access Restrictions:

As of September 2024, the carrier RL13090-FL3-0001 is damaged and its contents cannot be accessed. Contact Research Services with questions.

Target: Terror, revised, 2000	Box 8
Target: Terror, xeroxed not most recent, 1998	Box 8
That None Shall Die, approximately 1930s-1940s	Box 9
Physical Description: 2 folders	
This Mine Oath, undated	Box 9
The Titular Role, undated	Box 9
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Transplant, undated	Box 9
Untitled manuscript, undated	Box 9
"When the Scalpel Sharpens the Pen", 1967	Box 9

Scope and Contents

Reprint from: Slaughter, Frank G. "When the Scalpel Sharpens the Pen." Journal of the American Medical Association 200 (April 3 1967): 19-22.

Jane Slaughter, 1970-1979

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains manuscript drafts of children's novels by Jane Slaughter.

Espy and the Catnappers, draft, 1975	Box 9
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Espy and the Catnappers, foundry proof, 1975	Box 9
Espy and the Catnappers, galley, 1975	Box 9
Espy and the Catnappers, original manuscript, 1975	Box 9
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Tess of the Shenandoah, approximately 1970s	Box 9

Tess of the Shenandoah, draft, 1977	Box 9
Tess of the Shenandoah, final revised copy, 1978	Box 9
Tess of the Shenandoah, multiple drafts, approximately 1970s	Box 9

Physical Description: 2 folders

Publicity, 1959-1991

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains biographical information about Frank and Jane Slaughter such as alumni articles and profiles as well as news clippings about Slaughter and his novels.

Biographical information, 1959-1991	Box 10
News clippings, 1968-1980	Box 10

Research materials, approximately 1960s

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains notes and research materials consulted for the writing of *Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross*.

Notes and reference materials for <i>Constantine: The Miracle of the Flaming Cross</i> , approximately 1960s	Box 10
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Physical Description: 5 folders

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