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Finding Aid

➤ W. U. McDonald Jr. Collection, 1965-2004 ◀

Bulk dates: 1976-1996

MSS-118

Size: 1 folder

Provenance: The collection was received from Mr. William U. McDonald on September 3, 1996.

Access: open

Collection Summary: Materials in this collection relate to Eudora Welty scholarship and include correspondence to and from McDonald about the *Eudora Welty Newsletter* and *Pieces of News*. The collection also includes printed material and several issues of the *Eudora Welty Newsletter*.

Subjects: [Literature](#)

Related Collections:

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Biographical Sketch

William U. McDonald was born on June 10, 1927 in Meridian, Mississippi. He attended the University of Alabama where he received his Bachelors of Arts degree in 1947 and his Masters of Arts degree in 1949. From there, he taught English at Auburn University until 1952. He continued his education Northwestern University and received his Ph.D. there in 1956. McDonald began teaching English at the University of Toledo in 1955. In 1961 he became an Associate Professor in English at UT and in 1966 he was promoted to Professor.

McDonald became an active member in many professional organizations while teaching at the University of Toledo. Since 1961 he was involved with the English Association of Ohio, the Conference on College Composition and Communication, and the English Association of Northwestern Ohio.

McDonald was the Director of Freshman English and Chairman of the Freshman English Committee. He also was the Associate Chairman of the English Department. In addition to these offices he held, McDonald was a member of the Graduate Studies Committee, the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the Library Special Collections Committee, and the Faculty Recruitment Committee.

In 1976, McDonald began publicizing, planning, and soliciting manuscripts for the Eudora Welty Newsletter, (EuWN). As the editor of this bi-annual bibliographical journal, McDonald wrote the news sections and compiled "Works by Welty: A Continuing Checklist," which appeared in each issue. The first issue was published in January 1977. McDonald served on the Coordinating Committee of the Eudora Welty Society.

In March 1985, McDonald retired from UT, returning as a Superannuate Professor. At the end of the 1992-1993 academic year, McDonald took full retirement from the university.

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Scope and Content Note

The William U. McDonald Collection contains two series. These series consist of two series: Correspondence and Printed Materials.

The Correspondence Series contains correspondence to and from McDonald relating to the *Eudora Welty Newsletter*. (Box 1) These letters contain information pertaining to responses from patrons requesting subscriptions, opinions regarding the newsletter-positive and negative reviews and bibliography notes and information to aid in the process of the newsletter. Also included in box one are *Pieces of News*, *The Welty Society Newsletter*, various periodicals, and *EuWN* transition.

The rest of the collection is composed of the series Printed Materials, which are organized by the sub-series of newsletters. (Box 2-3)

The *Eudora Welty Newsletter* encompasses the final two boxes. They were issued bi-annually and are arranged chronologically beginning the winter of 1977 through the summer of 1996. Each issue contains textual variants of a Eudora Welty piece by various authors. Also, is an article by W. U. McDonald, "Works by Welty: A Continuing Checklist", along with many other articles by various authors pertaining to Eudora Welty's works.

A special issue was published in April 1979 in honor of Miss Welty's birthday. It includes an unpublished prose sketch by Miss Welty, "Chodorov and Fields in Mississippi", and contributions by three of her close friends. (Box 2)

In the summer of 1996, the fortieth issue of the *Eudora Welty Newsletter* was published with the announcement that W. U. McDonald was retiring after twenty years as editor. (Box 3) Beginning with the Winter 1997 issue, *EuWN* will be edited by Pearl A. McHaney, who has compiled the Checklist of Welty Scholarship since 1986. The newsletter will continue as a semi-annual publication that focuses on Welty bibliography and textual study and on news about Miss Welty as a literary figure.

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Folder List

(No folder listings available for collections over 10ft.)

BOX	FOLDER	SERIES	ITEM
1	1	Correspondence	Miscellaneous 1972
	2	Correspondence	Miscellaneous 1973-1981
	3	Correspondence	Miscellaneous 1977-1986
	4	Correspondence	Miscellaneous 1982-1989
	5	Correspondence	Responses to Welty editions census
	6	Correspondence	Subscriptions requests 1963-1974
	7	Correspondence	Subscriptions requests 1975-1977
	8	Correspondence	Subscriptions requests 1978-1982
	9	Correspondence	Subscriptions requests 1983-1989
	10	Correspondence	Introduction to bibliography
	11	Correspondence	Bibliographical Correspondence
	12	Correspondence	Bibliographical Correspondence
	13	Correspondence	Bibliographical Correspondence
	14	Correspondence	Bibliographical Correspondence
	15	Correspondence	Publicity 1976-1978
	16	Correspondence	Publicity
	17	Correspondence	Publicity
	18	Correspondence	EuWN Procedures
	19	Correspondence	EuWN Procedures
	20	Printed Materials	Pieces of News 1992-1996
	21	Printed Materials	Periodicals
	22	Correspondence	EuWN Transition
2	1	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 1, no. 1, Winter 1977
	2	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 1, no. 2, Summer 1977
	3	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 2, no. 1, Winter 1978
	4	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 2, no. 2, Summer 1978
	5	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 3, no. 1-A, Winter 1979
	6	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 3, no. 1-b, April 1979
	7	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 3, no. 2, Summer 1979
	8	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 4, no. 1, Winter 1980
	9	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 4, no. 2, Summer 1980
	10	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 5, no. 1, Winter 1981
	11	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 5, no. 2, Summer 1981
	12	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 6, no. 1, Winter 1982
	13	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 6, no. 2, Summer 1982
	14	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 7, no. 1, Winter 1983
	15	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 7, no. 2, Summer 1983
	16	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 8, no. 1, Winter 1984

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	17	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 8, no. 2, Summer 1984
	18	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 9, no. 1, Winter 1985
	19	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 9, no. 10, Summer 1985
	20	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 10, no. 1, Winter 1986
	21	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 10, no. 2, Summer 1986
	22	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 11, no. 1, Winter 1987
	23	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 11, no. 2, Summer 1987
	24	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 12, no. 1, Winter 1988
3	1	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 12, no. 2, Summer 1988
	2	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 13, no. 1, Winter 1989
	3	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 13, no. 2, Summer 1989
	4	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 14, no. 1, Winter 1990
	5	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 14, no. 2, Summer 1990
	6	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 15, no. 1, Winter 1991
	7	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 15, no. 2, Summer 1991
	8	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 16, no. 1, Winter 1992
	9	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 16, no. 2, Summer 1992
	10	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 17, no. 1, Winter 1993
	11	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 17, no. 2, Summer 1993
	12	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 18, no. 1, Winter 1994
	13	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 18, no. 2, Summer 1994
	14	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 19, no. 1, Winter 1995
	15	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 19, no. 2, Summer 1995
	16	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 20, no. 1, Winter 1996
	17	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 20, no. 2, Summer 1996
	18	Printed Materials	EuWN Vol. 11-20, General index