CASSITY, TURNER.
Turner Cassity papers, 1948-2009

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Cassity, Turner.
Title: Turner Cassity papers, 1948-2009
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 642
Extent: 6 linear feet (8 boxes), 1 oversized papers folder (OP), and 10 MB of born digital materials (696 files)
Abstract: Papers of poet and Emory University librarian Turner Cassity including correspondence, writings, photographs, printed material, and born digital materials.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source

Custodial History
Turner Cassity donated his original manuscript and finished work to the Rose Library. Later, materials were added to the collection by Turner Cassity, his friend Richard Cruce, and Emory professor, Robert Barth, who published a bibliography of Cassity's works.

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Appraisal Note
Linda Mathews and Ginger Cain, Directors of the Rose Library, acquired this collection and its additions for the Rose Library's holdings in Literature and Poetry.

Processing
Processed by Susan Potts McDonald, June 2005.
Born digital materials processed by Dorothy Waugh, March 2014. The born digital materials currently available to researchers are taken from Turner Cassity’s computer, a Compaq Presario SR1222NX. A logical image of Cassity’s files was created using FTK Imager imaging software. A master copy of this image was ingested into a Fedora instance at Emory University for long-term preservation. Individual files were extracted from the disk image using FTK Imager and were scanned for viruses using McAfee’s anti-virus software. Following this, the extracted files—which consisted primarily of Microsoft Works files—were migrated to PDF using File Conversion Wizard for Word and Excel and Adobe Acrobat Pro. Files are stored alphabetically by file name in a single directory.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Turner Cassity (1929-2009), poet and librarian at Emory University, was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and graduated from Millsaps College.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of papers of Turner Cassity from 1948-2009. The papers include materials relating to his years at Millsaps College (1948-1951), including photocopies of poems and articles published by the student newspaper; correspondence mainly pertaining to the writing, publishing, and reading of his poetry (ca. 1972-1989); and typescripts of an unpublished autobiography (1988) and of several of his published works. The collection also includes collected poetry of others, photographs, clippings, and miscellaneous printed materials by and about Cassity. Born digital materials date from 2004 to 2009 and largely include drafts of poems and correspondence.

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.
### Container List

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#### Writings by Cassity

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**Printed material**

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**Other**

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**Unprocessed additions**

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