

**KENNERSON, PAUL.**  
**Paul Kennerson collection of Harper**  
**Lee material, circa 1947-1980s**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Kennerson, Paul.  
**Title:** Paul Kennerson collection of Harper Lee material, circa 1947-1980s  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1433  
**Extent:** .25 linear feet (1 box) and 1 oversized papers folder (OP)  
**Abstract:** Material by or about American author Harper Lee, including six letters to her friends, Harold Caulfield and Michael and Joy Brown, as well as photographs, poems, and printed material.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

Unrestricted access.

#### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.

#### **Separated Material**

The books and periodicals included in this acquisition (including an inscribed copy of the 30th Anniversary edition of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and a comprehensive set of periodicals containing Lee's writing) can be located in the Emory University online catalog by searching for Kennerson, Paul, collector.

#### **Source**

Purchased from Paul Kennerson, 2018

#### **Custodial History**

The Harper Lee letters, photographs, and poems were in Harold Caulfield's possession until his death, at which time they passed on to his adopted son Richard Barry. Barry sold them to rare

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book and manuscript dealer Erik DuRon. DuRon, in turn, sold them to Paul Kennerson in 2011. The additional printed material was collected and assembled by Paul Kennerson.

**Citation**

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**Appraisal Note**

Acquired by Director of the Rose Library, Rosemary Magee, as part of the Rose Library's holdings in Southern literature. The Rose Library has retained all material that formed part of the acquisition.

**Processing**

Arranged and described at the file level by Carrie Hintz, March 2018.

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

Nelle Harper Lee (April 28, 1926-February 19, 2016) was born in Monroeville, Alabama, to Frances Cunningham and Amasa Coleman (A.C.) Lee. Lee was an American novelist, best known for the 1961 novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. She died in her sleep in 2016.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of material by or related to American author, Harper Lee, from circa 1947-1980s, including correspondence, printed material, photographs, and manuscripts. It includes six letters written by Lee to her friend, architect Harold (Hal) Caulfield, and friends and patrons, Michael and Joy Brown. Also included are two poems by Lee; photographs of Caulfield, Lee, and friends at Caulfield's 75th birthday party; and printed material by or related to Harper Lee.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically by record type.

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## Container List

| Box | Folder | Content   |
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| 1   | 1      | Correspondence, Lee to Harold Caulfield, circa 1956-1961  |
| 1   | 2      | Correspondence, Lee to Michael and Joy Brown, undated   |
| 1   | 3      | Correspondence, Lee to Harold Caulfield and Michael and Joy Brown, undated  |
| 1   | 4      | Photographs, Harold Caulfield's 75th birthday party, circa 1980s<br>(subjects include Caulfield, Richard Barry, Mike Brown, Joy Brown, Mike Brown, Jr., Harper Lee, Albert Hadley, and Geraldine Stutz) |
| 1   | 5      | Poetry manuscripts, undated   |
| OP1 | -      | Poetry manuscripts, undated   |
| 1   | 6      | Printed material, review of <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by R.P. Blackmur, 1960   |
| 1   | 7      | Printed material, University of Alabama yearbook, <i>Corolla</i> , 1947   |

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