SCOUTEN, ARTHUR HAWLEY, 1910-
Arthur Hawley Scouten collection, 1944-1987

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Scouten, Arthur Hawley, 1910-
Title: Arthur Hawley Scouten collection, 1944-1987
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 729
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Arthur Hawley Scouten, educator and author, including articles and correspondence with such figures as Robert Penn Warren, Cleanth Brooks, and John Updike.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source
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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Arthur Hawley Scouten, history educator and author, was born February 15, 1910 in Kapropita, Kenya, son of Oren and Margaret Fraser Scouten. The Scouten family moved to the United States in 1920. Scouten attended Louisiana State University (B.A., 1935; M. A., 1938; Ph.D., 1942). He began his teaching career at Texas A. and M. College (Instructor, 1942-1943), and went on to teach at the University of Texas-Austin (Instructor, 1943-1946), Auburn University (Assistant Professor, 1946-1947), the University of Pennsylvania (Assistant Professor and Professor, 1947-1980; Professor Emeritus, 1980-), University of Warwick, England (Visiting Professor, 1973), University of Delaware (Distinguished Visiting Professor, 1981), and American College in Paris (Visiting Professor, 1986).


Honors received by Scouten include fellowships from the Ford Foundation (1953-1954), the Guggenheim Foundation (1954-1955), the Folger Shakespeare Library (1955), and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Arthur H. Scouten from 1944-1987. The papers include correspondence from Robert Penn Warren, Cleanth Brooks, Thomas Hazzard Thompson, Allen Tate, and John Updike to Arthur H. Scouten, and from Scouten to Linda M. Matthews. The Warren letters, dating from 1944-1986, relate primarily to Warren's professional life as a teacher and writer, as well as to Scouten's career as a professor of English. Warren's letters contain comments upon the work of other scholars whom Scouten brought to his attention. Although Scouten's replies are not included, the letter from Scouten to Matthews helps explain the context in which Warren's letters were written. In the letters Scouten is referred to as "Joe," a nickname he received from Senator Huey Long of Louisiana. Warren signed his letters, "Red." Also included are two literary articles.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in chronological order.

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