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**Donald J. and Ellen Greiner Collection of
John Hawkes, 1963-2009
Collection: Mss. 2013:1**

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Donald J. and Ellen Greiner Collection of John Hawkes, 1963-2009

Collection Number: Mss. 2013:1

Creator: Donald Greiner

Extent: 2 archival boxes

Administrative Information

Provenance: Gift/Purchase, 2013

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Chronology of John Clendennin Talbot Burne Hawkes, Jr.

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| 1925 | Born in Stamford, Connecticut, August 17 |
| 1949 | <i>Charivari</i> and <i>The Cannibal</i> published |
| 1951 | <i>The Beetle Leg</i> |
| 1954 | <i>The Goose on the Grave</i> and <i>The Owl</i> |
| 1955-1958 | Taught in the English Department at Harvard University |
| 1958-1988 | Taught in the English Department at Brown University |

1961	<i>The Lime Twig</i>
1962 Award	Awarded the American Academy of Arts and Letters Academy
1964	<i>Second Skin</i>
1965	Nominated for the National Book Award for <i>Second Skin</i>
1966	<i>The Innocent Party</i> (plays)
1969	<i>Lunar Landscapes</i> (short stories)
1970	<i>The Blood Oranges</i>
1973	Prix du Meilleur livre étranger for <i>The Blood Oranges</i>
1974	<i>Death, Sleep, and the Traveler</i>
1976	<i>Travesty</i>
1979	<i>The Passion Artist</i>
1982	<i>Virginie Her Two Lives</i>
1984	<i>Humors of Blood & Skin: a John Hawkes reader</i>
1985	<i>Adventures in the Alaskan Skin Trade</i> and <i>Innocence in extremis</i>
1986	Prix Médicis étranger for <i>Adventures in the Alaskan Skin Trade</i>
1988	<i>Whistlejacket</i>
1990	Lannan Literary Award
1993	<i>Sweet William</i>
1996	<i>The Frog</i>
1997	<i>An Irish Eye</i>

1998

Died at age 72 in Providence, Rhode Island, May 15

Scope and Contents Note

The Donald J. and Ellen Greiner Collection of John Hawkes chronicles the professional and personal relationship between the American novelist John Hawkes and Don Greiner, English faculty member at The University of South Carolina. Dr. Greiner has written several bibliographic and commentary works on Dr. Hawkes' writings, including *Comic Terror: The Novels of John Hawkes*.

John Hawkes (1925-1998) was a prolific American novelist, writing in the postmodern tradition. His works are largely surrealist and experimental. Among his students at Brown University were Rick Moody and Jeffrey Eugenides.

This collection contains published materials from Dr. Greiner and Dr. Hawkes, as well as other published materials relating to Hawkes. Correspondence is also included in the collection, including letters between Hawkes and Greiner. Their correspondence began in October 1972 and continued until shortly before Hawkes death in 1998. Their professional and personal relationship is evident in their correspondence. A bulk of the correspondence in the collection includes a long exchange between Greiner and his editor at Memphis State University Press regarding the publication of Greiner's bibliographical work on Hawkes, *Comic Terror: The Novels of John Hawkes*.

Also included in this collection are legal and financial materials, photographs and other framed items, newspaper clippings, and AV materials.

Related Material

Donald J. and Ellen Greiner Collection of John Hawkes: The Herb Yellin Material

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Container List

Series I: Published Materials

Box 1

Subseries A: General

- Advertisements, 1974-1979, no date
- Book Catalogs, 1983-2003, no date
- Book Lists, 1976-2003, no date
- Newsletter and Magazine clippings, 1980-2009
- Newspaper clippings, 1974-2009, no date
- Press – Brochures, Pamphlets, Printed Fliers, 1999
- Press Releases and Memos, 1973-1980
- Reviews, 1974-1975, no date
- Writings by Don Greiner, 1976, no date

Subseries B: **Elegant Barbarity: An Interview with John Hawkes about *The Frog*, related materials**

- Manuscript of *The Frog*, related notes by Greiner, D., and attached correspondence, 1996
- Draft of interview questions, 1996
- Drafts of the interview, Correspondence (2 folders), 1996
- Draft of introduction to published interview, 1996
- General correspondence, 1996
- Published interview, 1996

Subseries C: Magazines

- Border Crossings, 1990
- Hawkes Scrapbook, invoice, correspondence, 1990
- New Lazarus Review, 1978

Penthouse, 1978

Series II: Correspondence

General, 1963-2002

Solicitations, 1972-2002

Don Greiner and John Hawkes, 1972-1998

Don Greiner and Nancy Lincoln Hurley (Editor at Memphis State University Press) (2 folders), 1973-1978

Series III: Legal/Financials, 1972-1975

Legal/Financials, 1972-1975

Series IV: Photographs

Subseries A: Loose Items

John Hawkes, 1976

John Hawkes, 1980

John Hawkes and James Dickey, 1980

Box 2

Subseries B: Framed Items

Series V: AV Materials

Subseries A: Cassette Tapes

John Hawkes at University of South Carolina, 1976

John Hawkes and George Garrett at Bennington, 1982

Don Greiner Elegant Barbarity: An Interview with John Hawkes about *The Frog* audio transcript, 1996

John Hawkes reads from *Adventures in the Alaskan Skin Trade* and talks about the Alaska of his youth and imagination. Hosted by Tom Vitale/Moveable Feast, no date

Subseries B: Vinyl Records

John Hawkes Reading at Stanford, 1972

Series VI: Oversize

Oversize is located in the map drawer.

Subseries A: Manuscript of *Travesty*

Publisher's manuscript of *Travesty* (1976), inscribed by Jack Hawkes, no date

Subseries B: Newspaper Clippings, 1973-1999

Subseries C: Framed Items