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**Erwin Ford Collection of George V. Higgins,  
1963-2007  
Collection: Mss. 2014:5**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Erwin Ford Collection of George V. Higgins, 1963-2007

**Collection Number:** Mss. 2014:5

**Creator:** George V. Higgins; Erwin Ford

**Extent:** 3 boxes

## **Administrative Information**

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

The Erwin Ford Collection of George V. Higgins contains a collection of typescripts, books, articles, reviews, recordings of interviews with national figures that knew Higgins, and correspondence from Higgins over 20 years, providing national and international scholars, faculty, and students an opportunity to discover a wealth of materials that capture Higgins' singular impact on the development of the American literary canon.

Interviews are located in the audio/video series with the corresponding notes located in a different series. Also included is an extensive collection of materials that Higgins wrote including manuscript drafts of some of his works and other published materials,

particularly newspaper columns written by Higgins at various newspapers. Additional notes are located at the beginning of each series.

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## **Related Material**

All related materials are housed in the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections.

The George V. Higgins Archive

Matthew J. Bruccoli collection of George V. Higgins, including books, periodical appearances, manuscripts, and ephemera. See library catalog.

Matthew J. Bruccoli Correspondence Collection within the Matthew J. Bruccoli Papers, includes extensive incoming correspondence with George V. Higgins.

Foreign, large print, and books-on-tape editions of George V. Higgins. See library catalog.

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## **Container List**

### **Series I: Correspondence**

Correspondence is arranged chronologically.

## **Box 1**

From Higgins

1986-1987 (2 folders)

1988-1989 (2 folders)

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1992-1993 (2 folders)

1994-1995 (2 folders)

1996 (3 folders)

1997 (2 folders)

1998 (2 folders)

1999

Re: Higgins, 1987-2007 (2 folders)

Orphan envelopes, 1988-1995

## **Series II: Audio/Video Materials**

This series contains taped interviews of Higgins and other individuals. Tapes are arranged alphabetically by interviewee/title written on tapes by Ford. Notes and summaries of some of these interviews are in a separate series. Files on the first compact disc are not readable to date.

Cassette Tapes, 1987-1996, no date (3 folders)

BBC Third Ear – George V. Higgins, Curveball, Spitball, Knuckleball, Strike;  
Presenter : Russell Davies, Producer : Noah Richler, May 21, 1991

BBC Third Ear, Presenter : Russell Davies, Producer : Noah Richler, at Towers,  
Boston Park Plaza, May 21, 1991

Blewitt, Peter, October 30, 1990

Butler, LT. John D, 1989

Butler, John D, no date

Campbell, Levin Hicks, Phone interview, Boston Mass., August 10, 1989

Finan, Ernest, [Mass. State Police Det], December 21, 1993

Hastings, Wilmot, Worthington Mass., July 6, 1989

Higgins, George V., Interview, E.H. Ford, Locke Ober's Boston, May 9, 1987

Higgins, George V., Locke Ober's, Boston, May 9, 1987

Higgins, George V., The Rat on Fire, February 9 and 16, 1988

Higgins, George V., Lectures, Cogan's Trade, The Last Hurrah, February 23 and  
March 1, 1988

Higgins, George, SUNY Buffalo, Wonderful Years, March 8 and 14, 1988

Higgins, George V., A Small Matter of Consumer Protection, Playboy, April 5,  
1988

Higgins, George V., Mother's Day, April 25, 1988

Higgins, George V., SUNY Buffalo, May 1988

Higgins, George, V., "The Connection" WBUR 90.9 Boston, June 1996

Higgins, July 1996

Higgins, George, V., Interview, Terry Gross, Philadelphia, no date

Mayo, Walter H., Interview and Coughlin, Mary, Interview, June 21 and 22, 1989

McCrae, no date

McKinley, November 12, 1993

Mills, David, Part II, July 6, 1989

Richardson, Elliot, Interview, Washington D.C., November 30, 1988

Rogovin, Prof. Charles, Temple University, Philadelphia, August, 1989

Sweeney Intro and Bomber Ad, no date

Microcassette Tapes, 2006-2007, no date

A. Green May 16, 2007

Gerry O'Neill, July 13, 2007

Jay Goodman, March 16, 2007

Jay Goodman, May 16, 2007

Judge Tauro, April 12, 2007

Liddy, [G. Gordon], May 15, 2007

Loretta phone, March 6, 2007

Mart[in] Kelly, no date

Mart[in] Nolan, August 10, 2007

Mike Mone, April 9, 2007

Tom Rosenthal, April 26, 2007

W. Just, October 30, 2006

Untitled, no date

Compact discs (2) with Higgins files, no date

## **Series III: Writings**

### **Box 2**

All writings were written by Higgins unless otherwise noted. Manuscripts and published stories/articles are organized chronologically. Newspaper columns/articles are arranged alphabetically by newspaper then chronologically.

#### *Manuscripts*

A New England Education, draft, typescript, 1985

“Citizen Cohn” review, typescript and photocopies, 1988

Marion Barry article, typescript, January 22, 1990

Field of Dreams, typescript, Spring 1990

Untitled computer fragment, typescript, May 29, 1993

Dances with Muses, typescript, 1995

Sixteen Questions for the Easily-Led, draft, typescript, January 25-February 12,

1996

A Note to the Copy Editor, typescript, May 1996

Food for Thought, Boston University remarks, typescript, December 2, 1997

The Agent, second draft, typescript, 1997 (4 folders)

The Man in the Old Silver Car, typescript, 1997

Whitey and the Rifleman, draft, typescript, April 4-6, 1998

Whitey and the Rifleman, draft, typescript, May 18, 1998

At End of Day, early draft “A Very Nice Arrangement”, typescript, July 6, 1999

(5 folders)

A Martini for Father McBride, typescript, no date

A Practitioner’s Theory of Fiction, typescript, no date

Boston, unpublished essay for National Geographic, typescript, no date

Many in Area Mourn Rachel Geary, typescript, no date

On Evil, unpublished computer fragment, typescript, no date

“The Choice” review, typescript, no date

Tommy Dees, computer fragments, typescript, no date

Untitled unpublished computer fragments, typescript, no date

“William Faulkner : American Writer” review, typescript, no date

#### *Newspaper Articles/Columns*

Partial bibliographies, no date

The Boston Globe, photocopy, 30 July 1979 – 9 February 1980

The Boston Globe, photocopy, 1 March – 31 August 1980

The Boston Phoenix, photocopy, 3 January – 10 February 1986

Harper’s Magazine, December 1986

The New York Times, photocopy, 14 March 1972 – 11 April 1974

Newsweek, 3 March 1975

Philadelphia Inquirer, 30 October 1988

Providence Journal, , 1 February 1963 – 23 August 1965

The Wall Street Journal, photocopy, 14 May 1984 – 8 June 1987

#### *Published Stories/Articles*

Witness : Something of A Memoir, 1969

Mass in Time of War, September 1969

Dillon explains that he was frightened, Fall 1970

The Habits of the Animals : The Progress of the Seasons, Winter 1971

Two Cautionary Tales, Fall 1973

The Judge who tried harder, April 1974

The Friends of Richard Nixon, November 1974

Two Donnelly Stories, Spring 1977

The Friends of Richard Nixon, June 10, 1977

The Dublin Coat, August 1980

Don't Fence Me In, August 20, 1982

All Day There Was All There Was, 1983

Professor Richardson et al.: A New England Education, 1985

One Good Man, Fall 1988

An Invitation to Golf, 1992

Landmark Theater May Shut Down, March/April 1997

Afterword, no date

My Say, no date

### **Series IV: Ford Research Materials**

These materials were collected by Erwin Ford while he was researching George V. Higgins and in preparation for *George V. Higgins : The Life and Writings*.

Hinesburg, VT materials, Hinesburg books, 1976-1993, no date

Hinesburg, VT materials, photocopied documents, no date

Scholarly articles on Boston, Boston Irish, and Irish Immigration

1905-1985

1991-2006, no date

### **Series V: Interview Notes/Summaries**

These notes and summaries maintain the original order kept by Ford. The taped interviews are located in the audio/video series.

1986

1989-2006

2007-2013, no date

### **Series VI: Legal Materials**

Case briefs, 1974-1987

### **Series VII: Clippings**

#### **Box 3**

General, 1965-1997, no date



## Book Reviews

6 February 1972-1975

22 February 1986-18 June 1990

30 July 1990-1993

28 January 1994-19 December 2004

Literary Criticism, no date

Obituaries, 7 November 1999 – 2000

## Magazines

Boston College Magazine, Spring 1991

Crime and Detective Stories, volume 37, May 2000

Crime and Detective Stories, volume 38, November 2000

Stylus, May 1958