

# William Worden papers, 1910-1982

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Worden, William L., 1910-1982
<b>Title</b>	William Worden papers
<b>Dates</b>	1910-1982 (inclusive) 1910 1982
<b>Quantity</b>	5.0 linear feet, (5 containers)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Ax 638
<b>Summary</b>	William L. Worden (1910-1982) was a journalist who settled in the Pacific Northwest and wrote about the region. The collection consists of Worden's early correspondence and manuscripts, including manuscripts and research for his history of the Matson Navigation Company.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a> UO Libraries--SPC, 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 Fax: 541-346-3485 <a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a>
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<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	Paper finding aid with additional information is available in Special Collections & University Archives.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

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## Historical Note

William L. Worden (1910-1982) was born in Koshkonong, Missouri. His family moved to Fort Scott, Kansas, where Worden attended public schools. After graduating from Drake University in 1930, he joined the staff of the *Omaha Bee-News* as a reporter. After a brief stint in Omaha, Worden worked for various papers eventually landing at the Knoxville Tennessee *Journal*, where he served on the copy-desk, as Sunday editor, and as writer of a column, "Gay Talk", clippings of which are included in the collection.

Worden settled in the Pacific Northwest in 1933, working in newspapers and advertising in Portland, Oregon. From 1934 to 1944, he was an Associated Press correspondent in their San Francisco, Tacoma, Olympia, and Seattle offices. Worden also served as a war correspondent in Alaska and the

Pacific. He covered the Pacific front for the *Saturday Evening Post* from 1944 to the conclusion of the war.

After World War II, Worden became a free lance writer, living in Tacoma and specializing in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Western Canada. He wrote both journalism and fiction about these regions.

At the outbreak of the Korean conflict, Worden again signed on with the *Saturday Evening Post* as a contract writer in Korea and Japan for two years. In 1952, he returned to free-lancing as a regular contributor to the *Post* and other major magazines. Writings from this period show a fascination with "motor-yachting" in the Puget Sound-Western Canada-Inland Passage area. In 1959, Worden joined Boeing in Seattle, serving variously as *Boeing Magazine's* supervisor, financial writer, and International Public Relations manager. Copies of two *Boeing Magazine* articles are included in the collection.

Worden died in Washington in 1982.

## Content Description

The collection is organized into two major sections, the initial collection dating to 1971, and addenda of 1982.

The 1971 materials consist of correspondence, manuscripts, tearsheets, and clippings.

Correspondence consists of outgoing and incoming letters from 1944 to 1964. Major correspondents include D. E. Barbey and Dolly Connelly, as well as Brandt & Brandt (a New York literary agency) and the *Saturday Evening Post*.

The manuscripts are mainly magazine articles, including one unpublished article titled "A quiet place to stay", as well as two short stories.

The clippings consist of two unsorted folders of Worden's columns and news stories.

The 1982 addenda consists of manuscripts of and research for Worden's book *Cargoes: Matson's First Century in the Pacific*, a history of the first hundred years of the Matson Navigation Company. The research materials include interview records, correspondence, and brochures, among other materials, related to Matson Navigation Company.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The collection is organized into two major sections, the initial collection dating to 1971, and addenda from 1982. The initial collection is organized into the following series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Tearsheets, and Clippings. The 1981 addenda is organized into Manuscripts and Research Materials.

Material within this collection has been organized by accession. This organization reflects the fact that the collection has been acquired in increments over time. This organization is also based on the decision not to merge the various accessions and organize them as a whole at this point in time, give the fact that future accruals are anticipated and/or that this organization is deemed sufficient for access.

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Researchers should also note that similar materials can be arranged differently in each accession, depending on how the material is organized upon receipt or during initial processing. For instance, correspondence in one accession may be arranged alphabetically, while correspondence in another accession is arranged chronologically.

### Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Names and Subjects

#### **Subject Terms :**

Journalism--Authorship

Journalists--Northwest, Pacific

#### **Personal Names :**

Worden, William L., 1910-1982

#### **Corporate Names :**

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Matson Navigation Company.

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Correspondence

Manuscripts for publication

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