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John Beston Collection

Size
1 box

Contents
Correspondence and press cuttings relating to John Beston's research on Patrick White. Includes letters from many Australian authors, including Patrick White, Thea Astley, Gwen Harwood, Xavier Herbert, Thomas Keneally, David Malouf, David Williamson and Judith Wright.

Date range
1972 to 1990

Biography
John Beston was born in Gundagai in 1930. He completed a BA with Honours in English at Sydney University in 1949, before studying at Harvard University on a Fulbright Scholarship in 1955 and a Saltonstall Pacific Fellowship in 1960, when he completed his PhD. In 1970 he was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Queensland to write on Patrick White.

Notes
Open access
All folders contain correspondence addressed to John and/or Rose Marie Beston. The correspondence is organised alphabetically by surname of the sender, except for Folder 5 which is all correspondence from Patrick White.

Box 1
Folder 1
Astley, Thea, 19 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]
Badgery, Frank Alexander, 9 Apr 1973 [1 item with 4 attached letters from the late 1880s re: property dealings; see also Judith Wright correspondence in folder 5]
Barnard, Marjorie, 1972-1974 [8 items, some re: Patrick White and some personal]
Beaver, Bruce, 1974-1976 [5 items, re: publishing articles]
Böll, Annemarie, 23 Mar 1974 [in German]
Christesen, Clem B, 14 Sep 1972 [personal]
Clark, Manning, 2 Aug 1975 [re: Patrick White]
Curtis, Graeme, 1974-1978 [4 items, personal]
Davis, Jack, 1977 [3 items, re: Aboriginal literature, publishing]
Dawe, Bruce, 1973-1974 [6 items, re: MA thesis Dawe was completing]
Drysdale, Russell, 3 Oct 1972 [re: Patrick White]
Durack, Mary, 30 Jun 1975 [signed Mary Miller, personal]
Fitzgerald, Robert D, 12 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]

?, Gerry, 30 Oct 1973 [re: Judith Wright and Patrick White. Letter signed with first name only, from the University of Sydney English Department.]

Harwood, Gwen, 1974-1979 [2 items, re: Patrick White and some personal]

Folder 2

Hazzard, Shirley, 1971-1990 [8 items, personal, some about Patrick White]

Henderson, Moya, 1973 [5 items, mainly personal, some about Patrick White]

Herbert, Xavier, 10 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]

Hewett, Dorothy, 24 Nov 1972 [re: Patrick White]

Hope, Alec, 1972, 1975 [5 items, re: Patrick White and visit to Western Australia]

Howarth, Guy, 1972-1973 [2 poems]

Folder 3

?, Irvine 15 Oct 1975 [personal, no last name given]

Ireland, David, 14 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]

Keesing, Nancy, 20 Aug 1973 [re: anthology publication]

Keneally, Elsie, 3 Sep 1973 [re: meeting with Tom Keneally Senior]

Keneally, Judy, 1 May 1974 [personal]

Keneally, Thomas, 1972-1975 [7 items, re: Patrick White, some personal]

?, Leila, 4 Jul 1978 [mainly personal, on Aboriginal Publications Foundation letterhead, see also Jack Davis correspondence in Folder 1]

McAuley, James, 1972-1973 [4 items, re: articles submitted to Quadrant, some about Patrick White]

McGregor, Craig, 5 Jul 1972 [re: Patrick White]

Malouf, David, 6 Dec 1984 [personal]

Marr, David, 20 Jan 1986 [re: Patrick White, also some Australian history]

Moore, T Inglis, 9 Jun 1972 [re: Patrick White and advice on grant applications]

Folder 4

Perry, Grace, 1974-1975 [4 items, re: South Head Press publishing, poetry, some personal]

Porter, Hal, 2 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]

Scharen, Peter, 1976-1978 [3 items, personal]

Seymour, Alan, 20 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]

Shapcott, Thomas, 24 Nov 1972 [re: Patrick White and Randolph Stow]

Stead, Christina, 16 Apr 1976 [personal]
Stewart, Douglas, 1972, 1976 [4 items, personal, some about Patrick White]
Tennant, Kylie, 22 Sep 1972 [re: Patrick White]
Williamson, David, 1972-1973 [3 items, re: Patrick White and Williamson’s own work]
Wright, Judith, 1972-1973 [6 items, re: Patrick White, Wongwibinda property, some personal; see also Badgery correspondence in folder 1]
Zwicky, Fay, 5 Jun 1975 [re: Adelaide Festival of the Arts]

Folder 5
15 letters from Patrick White to John Beston, mainly in reply to correspondence from Beston about White’s work, 1971-1976

Folder 6
Newspaper cuttings and other material by and about Shirley Hazzard, author and wife of Francis Steegmuller [see also correspondence in Folder 2]