

# **John Steinbeck Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** John Steinbeck Papers

**Span Dates:** 1939-1962

**Bulk Dates:** 1939-1941

**ID No.:** MSS41285

**Creator:** Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968

**Extent:** 9 items ; 3 containers ; 1.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Author. Typescripts with holograph corrections of *The Grapes of Wrath* and *Sea of Cortez*, the latter coauthored by Edward Flanders Ricketts, and a letter by Steinbeck to Cynthia and Robert Wallsten.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Ricketts, Edward Flanders, 1897-1948. *Sea of Cortez*. 1941.

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968.

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968. *Grapes of Wrath*. 1940.

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968. *Sea of Cortez*. 1941.

Wallsten, Cynthia Rogers, -1971--Correspondence.

Wallsten, Robert, 1912- --Correspondence.

### Subjects

American literature.

### Places

Capri Island (Italy)--Description and travel.

Italy--Description and travel.

### Occupations

Authors.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of John Steinbeck, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Viking Press in 1943 and transferred to the Manuscript Division from the Rare Book and Special Collections Division in 1964. Additional material was purchased in 2001.

### Processing History

The papers of John Steinbeck Papers were housed and listed circa 1965. The papers were revised and expanded in 2007.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Steinbeck is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Steinbeck are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Steinbeck Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of John Earl Steinbeck (1902-1968) span the years circa 1939-1962 with the bulk of the material dating from circa 1939 to 1941. The collection contains typescripts with holograph corrections of *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939) and *Sea of Cortez* (1941), the latter coauthored by Edward Flanders Ricketts, together with related material, and a letter by Steinbeck to Cynthia and Robert Wallsten describing his stay on Capri Island, Italy, in 1962.

### **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or title.

## Container List

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i>                         |
|------------------|---|
| BOX 1            | Books                                   |
| BOX 1            | <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>              |
| BOX 1            | Galleys, circa 1939<br>(3 folders)      |
| BOX 1            | Miscellaneous printed matter, 1940-1941 |
| BOX 1            | Typescripts, circa 1939                 |
| BOX 1            | Chapters 1-15<br>(2 folders)            |
| BOX 2            | Chapters 16-30<br>(4 folders)           |
| BOX 2            | <i>Sea of Cortez</i> , circa 1941       |
| BOX 2            | Galleys                                 |
| BOX 2            | Reference material<br>(1 folder)        |
| BOX 3            | (2 folders)                             |
| BOX 3            | Typescripts<br>(4 folders)              |
| BOX 3            | Correspondence, 1962                    |