M. Douglas Sackman: Herman Melville Collection, 1833-1979

4 boxes (2 cubic ft.)
Collection number: AM-203

Abstract:
Collection of published and unpublished materials relating to Herman Melville assembled by Melville scholar M. Douglas Sackman, including books by and about Melville, original letters, journals, reviews, catalogs and bibliographies, pictures and ephemera.

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Scope and Contents of the Collection:
The bulk of the collection consists of printed and published material, with original letters and manuscripts by Melville scholars and a few Melville family letters. The collection also includes approximately 110 books, which are shelved in the Library and in the Arrowhead museum rooms.
This collection is organized into 8 series:
I: M. Douglas Sackman papers.
II: Melville Society.
III: Works of Herman Melville.
IV: Influences on Melville.
V: Melville family.
VI: Other Melville collections and publications.
VII: Melville criticism and biography.
VIII: Miscellaneous items.

Contents List:

Inventory list

SERIES I: M. Douglas Sackman papers.
Collection list provided by donor
Letters, 1938-1978
The original of Melville’s “Apple-Tree Table,” 1940
Herman Melville: the Pittsfield Years, 1940 (masters thesis)
Herman Melville: the Pittsfield Years [draft versions]
Miscellaneous notes, etc. related to Melville
Notes for master’s thesis

SERIES II: Melville Society.
General information and membership
Newsletter/extracts
Melville criticism
Conferences, 1951-1976

SERIES III: Works of Herman Melville.
Lists and descriptions of published work | box 2: folder 1
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Journal of Melville’s voyage, 1860 | box 2: folder 2
“The Town-Ho’s Story,” 1851 | box 2: folder 3
“Benito Cereno,” 1855 | box 2: folder 4

**SERIES IV: Influences on Melville.**

Mackenzie, *Case of the Somers Mutiny*, 1843 | box 2: folder 5
Sealts, supplementary notes to *Melville’s Reading* | box 2: folder 6
*The Whale Fishery* (Penny Mag.), 1833 | box 2: folder 7
Humphrey, *Titus Coan: Missionary and Explorer, 1801-1882* | box 2: folder 8

**SERIES V: Melville family.**

Letters: Eleanor Melville Metcalf | box 2: folder 9
Peter Gansevoort, letter, 1864 | box 2: folder 10
*Lemuel Shaw*, 1885 | box 2: folder 11
Pictures, I: Peter and Catherine Gansevoort | box 2: folder 12
Pictures, II | box 1: folder 13

**SERIES VI: Other Melville collections and publications.**

Museums and libraries | box 2: folder 14
Auction catalogs | box 2: folder 15
Clippings of sale notices | box 2: folder 16
Publication announcements and prospectus’ | box 2: folder 17

**SERIES VII: Melville criticism and biography.**

Bibliographies | box 3: folder 1
19th-century publications (extracts) | box 3: folder 2
20th-century publications (extracts) | box 3: folder 3
Newspaper clippings and reviews | box 3: folder 4
Typed manuscripts | box 3: folder 5
Rosenberg, *Melville and the Comic Spirit* | box 3: folder 6
Lawrence, *Studies in Classic American Literature*  
box 3: folder 7

Academic journals  
box 3: folder 8

Magazine articles and miscellaneous biographical info  
box 3: folder 9

**SERIES VIII: Miscellaneous items.**

Book dust jackets  
box 4: folder 1

*Moby-Dick* in other art forms  
box 4: folder 2

London, *Cruise of the Snark, 1913*  
box 4: folder 3

Photo: scrimshaw whale’s teeth  
box 4: folder 4

Pictures of whaling  
box 4: folder 5

Cartoons  
box 4: folder 6

Young reader editions of *Moby-Dick*  
box 4: folder 7

Comic books, I  
box 4: folder 8

Comic books, II  
box 4: folder 9

Fabric sample; stamp; menu  
box 4: folder 10

For young readers  
box 4: folder 11

**Object Categories:**

- Books
- Letters
- Essays
- Newsletters
- Periodicals
- Ephemera
- Reviews
- Biographies
- Bibliographies
- Catalogs
- Notes
- Clippings
• Masters theses
• Book reviews

Search Terms:
The following terms represent persons, organizations, and topics documented in this collection.
• Arrowhead (house)
• Pittsfield, Mass.
• Gansevoort, Peter
• Melville, Herman
• Metcalf, Eleanor Melville
• Sackman, M. Douglas
• Shaw, Lemuel