

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Collection of published and unpublished materials relating to Herman Melville assembled by Melville scholar M. Douglas Sackman, including books by and about Melville, original letters, journals,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.

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 SERIES I: M. Douglas Sackman papers.	
Collection list provided by donor	box 1: folder 2
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The original of Melville's "Apple-Tree Table," 1940	box 1: folder 4
<i>Herman Melville: the Pittsfield Years</i> , 1940 (masters thesis)	box 1: folder 5
<i>Herman Melville: the Pittsfield Years</i> [draft versions]	box 1: folder 6
Miscellaneous notes, etc. related to Melville	box 1: folder 7
Notes for master's thesis	box 1: folder 8
 SERIES II: Melville Society.	
General information and membership	box 1: folder 9
Newsletter/extracts	box 1: folder 10
Melville criticism	box 1: folder 11
Conferences, 1951-1976	box 1: folder 12
 SERIES III: Works of Herman Melville.	

Lists and descriptions of published work	box 2: folder 1
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, <i>Case of the Somers Mutiny</i> , 1843	box 2: folder 5
Sealts, supplementary notes to <i>Melville's Reading</i>	box 2: folder 6
<i>The Whale Fishery</i> (Penny Mag.), 1833	box 2: folder 7
Humphrey, <i>Titus Coan: Missionary and Explorer, 1801-1882</i>	box 2: folder 8

SERIES V: Melville family.

Letters: Eleanor Melville Metcalf	box 2: folder 9
Peter Gansevoort, letter, 1864	box 2: folder 10
<i>Lemuel Shaw</i> , 1885	box 2: folder 11
Pictures, I: Peter and Catherine Gansevoort	box 2: folder 12
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Museums and libraries	box 2: folder 14
Auction catalogs	box 2: folder 15
Clippings of sale notices	box 2: folder 16
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SERIES VII: Melville criticism and biography.

Bibliographies	box 3: folder 1
19 th -century publications (extracts)	box 3: folder 2
20 th -century publications (extracts)	box 3: folder 3
Newspaper clippings and reviews	box 3: folder 4
Typed manuscripts	box 3: folder 5
Rosenberg, <i>Melville and the Comic Spirit</i>	box 3: folder 6

Lawrence, <i>Studies in Classic American Literature</i>	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
<i>Moby-Dick</i> in other art forms	box 4: folder 2
London, <i>Cruise of the Snark</i> , 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 <i>Moby-Dick</i>	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