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Jack Kerouac collection

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Summary information

Repository: University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

Title: Jack Kerouac collection

ID: SC240

Date: ca. 1959 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Kerouac, Jack (b. Jean Louis Lebris de Kerouac) (Jean-Louis, Jean Louis Incognito, John Kerouac, pen-names.) Born in Lowell, Mass. He studied at Columbia University (1940-42), and served in the Merchant Marine (1942; 1943) and the Navy (1943). Later he studied at the New School for Social Research (1948-49). He lived with his mother in Lowell, held a variety of jobs, and traveled throughout the United States and Mexico. The publication of *On the Road* (1957), an autobiographical tale of his wanderings with Neal Cassady, established his reputation as a spokesman for the Beat Generation. His last major work, *Big Sur* (1962), described the price he paid for success, and he lived out his final years back in Lowell with his mother.

Scope and content

The collection consists 4 typescript poems, signed, from "Mexico City Blues" (113th, 145th, 182nd, and 221st chorus); 4 pp on 4 leaves.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** jack-kerouac-collection

Access points

- poetry (documentary form)
 - typescripts (documentary form)
 - American literature--20th century (subject)
 - Beat generation--Poetry (subject)
 - Kerouac, Jack, 1922-1969. Mexico City blues (subject)
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Collection holdings

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