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Summary information

Repository: University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

Title: Kelly Covin fonds

ID: SC028

Date: 1964 - 1971 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.78 m of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Kelly Covin was born in Beaumont, Texas, and died in Victoria, B.C. After graduating from high school he went to Hollywood where he worked on screen treatments. He saw action in World War II in the Pacific, winning the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He returned to California after the war to work as a salesman. In 1957, he and his family moved to Nanaimo, B.C., later moving to Victoria. Covin was a partner in office equipment sales and rental businesses in both Nanaimo and Victoria, and also owned and operated the Garden of Eden Ltd. in Victoria. He has published novels including "Hear That Train Blow: A Novel About the Scottsboro Case", "Many Broken Hammers", "Santiago", and "Strangers on the Treadmill". During the 1960s, Covin wrote television scripts for shows including Bonanza, The Big Valley and High Chaparral, as well as scripts for Canadian television and radio.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of typescripts and proofs of novels (1968-1971), television scripts (1964-1969), contracts (1966-1970) and correspondence (1963-1971) with agents and publishing and broadcasting companies.

Notes

Title notes

Finding aids

Finding aid available with file level control.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** kelly-covin-fonds-2

Access points

- American fiction--20th century (subject)
- Literature (subject)
- Motion pictures (subject)
- Screenwriters (subject)

Collection holdings

Series: SC028-1 - Hear That Train Blow!

Title: Hear That Train Blow!

ID: SC028-1

Note [generalNote]:

Working title: The thirteenth juror.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-1 - Typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-1-1

Date: 1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Parts 1-3 in mailing envelope postmarked March 4, 1968.
Part 4 in mailing envelope postmarked March 18, 1968.
Parts 5-6 in mailing envelope postmarked April 6, 1968.
Various paging, approx. 2".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-2 - Carbon typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Carbon typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-1-2

Date: 1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

[6] 677 p.
Foreword April, 1968.
Revised July 15, 1968.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-3 - Carbon typescript

Title: Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-1-3

Scope and content:

[6] 677 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-4 - Carbon typescript

Title: Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-1-4

Date: 1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

[7] 697 p.

Revised July 15, 1968.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-5 - Xerox copy and typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Xerox copy and typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-1-5

Date: 1968-1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

[8] 684 [4] p.

Plus Worksheet typescript 4 p.

Master code typescript 3 p. and holograph 8 p.

Revised July 15, 1968.

Final draft October 21, 1969.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-6 - Carbon typescript

Title: Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-1-6

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

[8] 614 p.

Final draft October 21, 1969

Revised November 24, 1969.
Plus substituted pages and holograph worksheets.
Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-7 - Typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-1-7

Scope and content:

viii, 614 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-8 - Uncorrected proof

Title: Uncorrected proof

ID: SC028-1-8

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

(sc)/PS8553/095H4/1970a.
March 24, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-1-9 - Reviews, clippings and blurbs

Title: Reviews, clippings and blurbs

ID: SC028-1-9

Scope and content:

Approx. 1/2"

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-2 - Hear That Train Blow! Screenplay

Title: Hear That Train Blow! Screenplay

ID: SC028-2

Note [generalNote]:

Working title: The thirteenth juror.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-1 - Typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-2-1

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

247 p.

First draft May 16, 1969.

Plus 2 leaves holograph worksheets.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-2 - Carbon typescript

Title: Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-2-2

Scope and content:

96 p.

Plus 51 unnumbered leaves titled "sources".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-3 - Carbon typescript

Title: Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-2-3

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

251 p.

First draft June 10, 1969.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-4 - Carbon typescript

Title: Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-2-4

Date: 1969-1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

203 p.

First draft June 10, 1969.

Revised June 17, 1970.

Revised June 23, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-5 - Carbon typescript and xerox copies

Title: Carbon typescript and xerox copies

ID: SC028-2-5

Date: 1969-1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

203 p.

Plus 43 "old pages".

First draft June 10, 1969.

Revised June 17, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-6 - Carbon typescript and typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Carbon typescript and typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-2-6

Date: 1969-1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

233 p.

First draft June 10, 1969.

Revised June, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-7 - Discarded pages. Typescript

Title: Discarded pages. Typescript

ID: SC028-2-7

Scope and content:

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-8 - Discarded pages. Carbon typescript

Title: Discarded pages. Carbon typescript

ID: SC028-2-8

Scope and content:

Approx. 1/2".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-2-9 - Song by Kelly Covin and John Mitchell, ASCAP

Title: Song by Kelly Covin and John Mitchell, ASCAP

ID: SC028-2-9

Scope and content:

1 leaf holograph and typescript.

1 leaf copy.

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-3 - Many Broken Hammers

Title: Many Broken Hammers

ID: SC028-3

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-1 - Typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-3-1

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Various paging, approx. 1".

First draft Dec. 30, 1969, Jan. 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-2 - Typescript

Title: Typescript

ID: SC028-3-2

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Paged [5] v, 33 [1] ii, A-G.
January 3, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-3 - Typescript

Title: Typescript

ID: SC028-3-3

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Paged [5] v, 78 [1] ii.
February 2, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-4 - Typescript and carbon typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Typescript and carbon typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-3-4

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

[4] v, 311 p.
Jan. 3, Feb. 2, May 4, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-5 - Carbon typescript with holograph corrections

Title: Carbon typescript with holograph corrections

ID: SC028-3-5

Scope and content:

[6] vi, 316, iii p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-6 - Galley proof

Title: Galley proof

ID: SC028-3-6

Date: 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

90 p.
Postmarked May 7, 1971.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-7 - Uncorrected proof

Title: Uncorrected proof

ID: SC028-3-7

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

196 p.
October 28, 1970.
(sc)/PS8553/095M35/1971a.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-8 - Typed and holograph worksheets

Title: Typed and holograph worksheets

ID: SC028-3-8

Scope and content:

Notes to Manon [Tingue].
Two dustjackets.
Approx. 1/4".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-9 - Reviews, clippings and blurbs

Title: Reviews, clippings and blurbs

ID: SC028-3-9

Scope and content:

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-3-10 - Defective published version

Title: Defective published version

ID: SC028-3-10

Note [generalNote]:

(First gathering missing, duplicate of last gathering bound in upside down instead.)

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-4 - Santiago

Title: Santiago

ID: SC028-4

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Proposal to the Delacorte Press for a novel on the Pueblo uprising 1680.

Carbon typescript.

20.p.

Plus letter to Manon Tingue, Sept. 16, 1970.

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-5 - Strangers on the Treadmill

Title: Strangers on the Treadmill

ID: SC028-5

Date: 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Proposal to the Delacorte Press for a novel

Typescript [3] 41 p.

Plus 7 leaves synopsis of conclusion

May 1971

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-6 - Television Scripts

Title: Television Scripts

ID: SC028-6

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-1 - The Big Valley

Title: The Big Valley

ID: SC028-6-1

Date: 1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

"Nathan" Carbon TS 65 p.
Sept. 16, 1967.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-2 - Bonanza

Title: Bonanza

ID: SC028-6-2

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

"Dark enough to see the stars."
TS, 20, 22, 15 p.
In mailing envelope postmarked Feb. 26, 1966.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-3 - Bonanza

Title: Bonanza

ID: SC028-6-3

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 67 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-4 - Bonanza

Title: Bonanza

ID: SC028-6-4

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Mimeographed studies rewrite
63 p.
Dec. 9, 1966.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-5 - Bonanza

Title: Bonanza

ID: SC028-6-5

Date: 1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

"Napoleon's children," by Judith and Robert Grey Barrows.
Rewrite by Kelly Covin.
Rewrite by Thomas Thompson and Steve McNeil.
Mimeographed, 64 p. Jan. 31, 1967.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-6 - The Canadian bill of rights

Title: The Canadian bill of rights

ID: SC028-6-6

Scope and content:

TS, Carbon TS, plus "Sources", which includes TS and Carbon TS of "Civil liberties in Canada - a myth."

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-7 - Civil liberties in Canada - a myth

Title: Civil liberties in Canada - a myth

ID: SC028-6-7

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 30. p.

Plus one letter and return envelope to The Maple Leaf and copy of a letter to Kelly Covin by F.R. Scott, Dean of the Faculty of Law, McGill University.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-8 - The crack of the bat, the flight of the ball

Title: The crack of the bat, the flight of the ball

ID: SC028-6-8

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 75 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-9 - The dispossessed

Title: The dispossessed

ID: SC028-6-9

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 138 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-10 - Drumbeat for a broken peace pipe. Canadian version

Title: Drumbeat for a broken peace pipe. Canadian version

ID: SC028-6-10

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 62 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-11 - Drumbeat for a broken peace pipe. American version

Title: Drumbeat for a broken peace pipe. American version

ID: SC028-6-11

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 76 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-12 - Each morn a thousand roses brings

Title: Each morn a thousand roses brings

ID: SC028-6-12

Scope and content:

TS, 35 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-13 - Go, lovely roseTitle: Go, lovely roseID: SC028-6-13Scope and content:

TS [15 p.]

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-14 - The High Chaparral - "Ortega's rebellion"Title: The High Chaparral - "Ortega's rebellion"ID: SC028-6-14Scope and content:Carbon TS, 76, 70 p.
Revised Feb. 3, 1969.Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-15 - The least of my brethrenTitle: The least of my brethrenID: SC028-6-15Scope and content:

TS, 83 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-16 - The little old revolution of Irving Compivac

Title: The little old revolution of Irving Compivac

ID: SC028-6-16

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 63 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-17 - None so blind

Title: None so blind

ID: SC028-6-17

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 62 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-18 - Odds on the probable winner - seven to one

Title: Odds on the probable winner - seven to one

ID: SC028-6-18

Scope and content:

Carbon TS, 75 p.

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-6-19 - The scar on the face of the nation. An outline for radio

Title: The scar on the face of the nation. An outline for radio

ID: SC028-6-19

Scope and content:

TS [22 p.]
January 1964.

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-7 - Correspondence Files

Title: Correspondence Files

ID: SC028-7

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-1 - Miscellaneous

Title: Miscellaneous

ID: SC028-7-1

Scope and content:

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-2 - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Title: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

ID: SC028-7-2

Scope and content:

Approx. 1/2".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-3 - Dell Publishing Company, Inc.Title: Dell Publishing Company, Inc.ID: SC028-7-3Scope and content:

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-4 - David DortortTitle: David DortortID: SC028-7-4Scope and content:

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-5 - Fitzhenty & Whiteside Ltd.Title: Fitzhenty & Whiteside Ltd.ID: SC028-7-5Scope and content:

Approx. 1/4".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-6 - Greenvine Agency

Title: Greenvine Agency

ID: SC028-7-6

Scope and content:

Approx. 1".

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-7-7 - Elizabeth Otis

Title: Elizabeth Otis

ID: SC028-7-7

Scope and content:

Approx. 1/4".

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC028-8 - Contracts

Title: Contracts

ID: SC028-8

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-8-1 - Greenvine Agency

Title: Greenvine Agency

ID: SC028-8-1

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

(August 16, 1966)

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-8-2 - National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Title: National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

ID: SC028-8-2

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

(Nov. 9, 1966)

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-8-3 - Aurora Enterprises, Inc.

Title: Aurora Enterprises, Inc.

ID: SC028-8-3

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

(May 1, 1969)

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-8-4 - Delacorte Press

Title: Delacorte Press

ID: SC028-8-4

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

(September 10, 1969)

Publication status:

Published

File: SC028-8-5 - Delacorte Press

Title: Delacorte Press

ID: SC028-8-5

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

(March 5, 1970)

Publication status:

Published
