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Summary information

Repository: University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

Title: Robert Duncan collection

ID: SC038

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Robert Duncan was born in Oakland, California. He was adopted with the name Robert Symmes in 1920 and reverted to Duncan in 1941. He was educated at the University of California at Berkeley. He edited "The Experimental Review", "Phoenix", "The Berkeley Miscellany", all in Berkeley, between 1938 and 1949. He is known as a prolific poet, but also worked as a dramatist, teacher and editor. He helped establish the San Francisco Bay area as a major centre for poetry in the USA. He taught at Black Mountain College in 1956 and became known as one of the principal Black Mountain poets. After 1950, his work was closely associated with Charles Olson, Robert Creeley, and Denise Levertov. He won many honours for his work including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1963. He died in San Francisco.

Scope and content

The collection consists of corrected page proofs of "The Years as Catches" (in a proof of the cover), which was published by Oyez in 1966. Also included is a typescript of "I Am A Most Fleshly Man", with its page markings and bibliography; a typescript of "Notes On Proofs"; and some font samples.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** robert-duncan-collection

Access points

- Black Mountain school (Group of poets)
- page proofs (documentary form)
- typescripts (documentary form)
- American poetry--20th century (subject)
- American poetry--North Carolina--Black Mountain (subject)
- Duncan, Robert, 1919-1988. Years as catches (subject)
- Literature (subject)

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