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Walter Tevis Collection
MSS# 58

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

- Author:** Walter Tevis
- Title:** Walter Tevis Collection
- Date:** 1955-1975
- Abstract:** Manuscripts, letters, photographs, memorabilia, printed matter, publications, class materials, and ledgers
- Quantity:** .7 cu. ft.
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BIOGRAPHY OF

Walter Tevis was born in San Francisco, California on February 28, 1928. He married a teacher, Jamie Griggs, in 1952, and had two children, William Thomas and Julia Ann (McGory). He received his A.B. degree in 1949 and M.A. degree in 1954 (both in English) from the University of Kentucky. In 1960, he received his M.F.A. (in English - Creative Writing) degree from the State University of Iowa. On August 9, 1984, he died of lung cancer in New York City.

Tevis had been a writer-teacher since 1949. He taught in rural Kentucky high schools, at the University of Kentucky, at Southern Connecticut State College, and at Ohio University. He was named University Professor at Ohio University and was given the Screen Writers' Annual Award in 1961 for the screenplay adaptation of *The Hustler*. He also received the Little Green Man Citation for his novel, *The Man Who Fell to Earth*.

Walter Tevis is the author of numerous magazine pieces and novels. *The Hustler* and *The Man Who Fell to Earth* are his most notable novels. Others include *Mockingbird*, *Far From Home*, *The Queen's Gambit*, *The Steps of the Sun*, and *The Color of Money*. His magazine pieces have appeared in *Playboy*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, and *Omni*.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is contains 33 volumes of books, most inscribed and some annotated by Tevis from his period at Ohio University. The collection also contains materials such as manuscripts, letters, photographs, memorabilia, publications, class materials, a ledger, miscellaneous items, and 56 volumes of books (many annotated), which belonged to Tevis.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

Series I: 1 Manuscripts by Tevis

Series I: 2 Manuscripts by others

Series II: LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Series II: 1 Letters

Series II: 2 Correspondence

Series III: PHOTOGRAPHS

Series IV: MEMORABILIA

Series V: PUBLICATIONS

Series V: 1 Publications by Tevis

Series V: 2 Printed Matter about Tevis

Series VI: MATERIALS

Series VI: 1 Class Materials

Series VI: 2 English Department Materials

Series VI: 3 Miscellaneous Materials

Series VII: LEDGER

Abbreviations with in content list:

ALS - Handwritten letter, signed

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TLS - Typed letter, signed

TL - Typed letter

RELATED MATERIALS

Websites

- o wiredforbooks.org/waltertevis
- o www.english.eku.edu/SERVICES/KYLIT/tevis.htm

See ALICE and OhioLINK under Tevis, Walter for more works

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

Accession Number: #85-42

Provenance: The Ohio University Archives received the collection as a gift from Jack Matthews, who purchased it from Jamie Tevis (wife) .

Property Rights: Ohio University retains all property rights to the collection.

Copyrights: Ohio University retains all copyrights unless retained by the donor, other correspondents, or other artists.

Photoduplication: Ohio University will entertain requests to photocopy reasonable amounts of material from the collection for the convenience of individual researchers.

Processing: Charles Rotunno processed the collection in August 1986.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

CONTAINER LIST

Box/Folder Description

Series 1: MANUSCRIPTS

Series I: 1 Manuscripts by Tevis

1 / 1 "The Weather is Uncertain," typescript with holograph revisions, 32 pgs.

"Nip Sci-Fi Flick," typescript with holo rev, 4 pgs.

"The Girl in the Cellophane Suit," typescript with holo rev, 15 pgs.

"A List of Publications by Walter Tevis," typescript, 3 pgs.

"A List of Publications by Walter Tevis," typescript with holo rev, 5 pgs.

"A List of Publications by Walter Tevis," typescript with holo rev, 4 pgs.

"A List of Publications by Walter Tevis," typescript with holo rev, 3 pgs.

Series I: 2 Manuscripts by others

2 Bullock, Marcus. "In the Teeth of the Infallible Whale," typescript, 45 pgs.

3 Fagan, Thomas. "The Scammer," typescript, 131 pgs.

4 Novesky, Gerald. "Jaw," typescript, 46 pgs.
Novesky, Gerald. "Jaw," typescript, 46 pgs.

5 Summers, Hollis. "Brother Clark," typescript with holo rev, 11 pgs.
Unknown manuscripts, typescript with holo rev, 46 pgs.

Series II: LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Series II: 1 Letters

6 Letters, 1965-1968, 15 in ALS and 41 in TLS

Series II: 2 Correspondence

7 Correspondence, 1966-1975, 6 in TL and 1 in AL

Series III: PHOTOGRAPHS

8 Photos, 10 items

Series IV: MEMORABILIA

9 Memorabilia, 12 items

Series V: PUBLICATIONS

Series V: 1 Publications by Tevis

10 "Some Recent Fiction," *The Hustler*

"Chess," *Courier-Journal*, May 19, 1974

"Input Your Move," *Courier-Journal*, May 19, 1974

"The Man From Chicago," *Bluebook*, January 1955,
p.11

Series V: 2 Printed Matter about Tevis

11 Three newspapers and one pamphlet

Series VI: MATERIALS

Series VI: 1 Class Materials

12 Syllabi, course descriptions, tests, assignments,
etc.

13 Assignments

2 / 14 Student Papers, Poems

15 Student Papers, Poems

16 Student Papers, Poems

17 Course evaluations

Series VI: 2 English Department Materials

20 Policies, rosters, descriptions, curriculum (14
items)

Series VI: 3 Miscellaneous Materials

21 45 items

Series VII: LEDGER

22 Ledger, 1959-1963, literary income