James (Barr) Fugate Collection

Collection Summary

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Content Note

The James (Barr) Fugate Collection includes letters written by Fugate to Dr. Noel Cortes from January 1950 to December 1952, manuscript notebooks from the 1980s, published manuscripts for Fugate’s books Quatrefoil and Derricks, photographs and artifacts.

Biography

James Fugate (pen name James Barr), author of several gay themed novels, plays, and articles was born in Oklahoma, but came to live in Holyrood, Kansas, after World War II. It was while in Holyrood that the bulk of his literary output was produced including his groundbreaking novel Quatrefoil published in 1950. In the 1950s Fugate began a journalism career as the area feature writer for the Great Bend, Kansas, Tribune. In addition to Quatrefoil, Fugate also published the collection of short stories Derricks (1951), the play Game of Fools (1955), and his second novel The Occasional Man (1966), as well as numerous articles, commentaries, and stories for the publications One Magazine, Mattachine Review, and Der Kreis. James Fugate died in 1995 in Oklahoma.

Series Listing
Series 1  Box 1 FF 1-18  Correspondence. The series consists of seventeen letters with original envelopes written by James (Barr) Fugate to Dr. Noel Cortes from November 1950 to December 1952. Also included is a letter by an unknown author that mentions Barr.

Series 2  Box 1 FF 19-23  Notebooks. The five notebooks in this series contain handwritten manuscripts by Fugate. All but one is dated and the writings span from 1986 to 1988.

Series 3  Box 1 FF 24-26  Published Manuscripts. Included in this series are the original typescript manuscripts for *Quatrefoil* and *Derricks*. There are corrections made to the manuscripts and each are housed in black cloth clam shell boxes. Also included with this series is a hardback copy of Fugate's second book *Derricks*.

Series 4  Box 1 FF 27  Photographs. Includes photographs of Fugate and others. 1953, 1993, and unknown dates.

Series 5  Box 2  Artifacts. This series includes personal artifacts that belonged to James Fugate and includes his artificial eye, a statue, a promotional poster for an art exhibit, and an illustration.

**Box and Folder Listing**

**Series 1 -- Correspondence**

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Box 1 FF 16  James Barr to Dr. Noel Cortes, February 7, 1952
Box 1 FF 17  James Barr to Dr. Noel Cortes, December 30, 1952
Box 1 FF 18  Letter not from or to Barr. Written to "Heart" from "Your Second Soul," February 6, 1952

Series 2 -- Notebooks

Box 1 FF 19  Notebook with handwritten manuscript titled "The Dancing Man" which is the 'James Barr' section of the novel entitled 'Imperfect Portraits' and dated 11-29-1986.
Box 1 FF 20  Notebook with handwritten manuscript titled "Private Conversation between James Barr and Jean Paul Haines (the core of 'Imperfect Portraits')," dated 12-12-1986.
Box 1 FF 21  Notebook with handwritten manuscript titled "Cast of Characters for 'Imperfect Portraits.'"

Series 3 -- Published Manuscripts

Box 1 FF 24  Quatrefoil. Original typescript manuscript with corrections and additions written by Fugate. Also laid in are a typed note describing the four meanings of the title and six pages of handwritten notes by Barr detailing changes he made.
Box 1 FF 25  Derricks. Original typescript manuscript.
Box 1 FF 26  Copy of Fugate's second book Derricks

Series 4 -- Photographs
Box 1 FF 27 Photographs. Folder includes eight photographs of Fugate (1953, 1993, date unknown). Photograph of three unidentified people (August 1966), Fugate with an unidentified male and dog (date unknown), group of four people, back is labeled "My father, mother, you and Fred" (date unknown).

**Series 5 -- Artifacts**

Box 2 James Fugate’s artificial eye
Box 2 Statue
Box 2 Illustration. This illustration of a man in uniform was given to Fugate and became a treasured possession. The illustration was originally framed, but has since been removed and encapsulated for preservation purposes.
Box 2 Poster for an art exhibit sponsored by the Quatrefoil Library. The library is located in St. Paul, Minnesota and took its name from the title of Fugate's first novel.

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