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Collection Overview

Title:	Henry Taylor Papers
Date range:	1960-2000
Abstract:	Manuscripts, student publications, and professional correspondence.
Creator:	Taylor, Henry, b. 1942
Extent:	2.59 cubic feet
Donor:	Henry Taylor, Deed of gift 10 January 2001; Acc# 6-2/2001
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Related Collections:

University Archives:

- Alumnus File
- Student Work: Theses—1966—Taylor, Henry S.
- Student Publications—*The Spinster* (1966) ; *Cargoes* (Winter 1965, Spring 1966) ; *Hollins Columns* (6 March 1978, 21 April 1986)
- University Publications—*The Hollins Critic* (February 1969, July 1969, December 1970, June 1974, February 1977, February 1979) ; *Hollins* (October 1986, Summer 2001).

Hollins Authors Collection—Alumni and alumnae--Taylor

Rare Book Room—Books Inscribed to Henry Taylor

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Biographical Statement

Born June 21, 1942 in Loudoun County, Virginia, Henry Taylor's father, Thomas Edward, was a farmer and teacher and his mother, Mary Splawn, was an economist and a teacher. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1965 and went to Hollins College, earning an M.A. in Creative Writing in 1966.

Poet, translator, and professor, Taylor has held teaching positions at Roanoke College (Salem, Va.), the University of Utah, and American University in Washington, D.C. He also returned to Hollins as Writer-in-Residence in 1978.

Henry Taylor has won numerous awards, including American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, 1984, and the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, 1986, for *The Flying Change: Poems*. Taylor has been described as a "skilled and demanding craftsman" and his poems have "all the ring and authority of an American Hardy, intensely aware of the darkness that move around us and in us. ...Henry Taylor has for all his poetic career been drawn inexorably to questions of time and mutability, of inevitable and painful change in even the fixed of circumstances."¹

¹ "Henry (Splawn) Taylor, 1942-," in *Contemporary Authors* [database on-line] (Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale Group, accessed 10 April 2001).

Series List:

Series I. Manuscripts & Writings, 1970-2000

- An Afternoon of Pocket Billiards (1975)
- Brief Candles (2000)
- Compulsory Figures (1992)
- The Flying Change (1985)
- The Water of Light: a Miscellany in Honor of Brewster Ghiselin, ed. by Taylor (1976)
- Writing on Computers (unpublished, 1984-1986)

Series II. Periodical Publications, 1960-1962

Series III. Professional Correspondence, 1963-1999

Series Descriptions & Arrangement:

Series I (Manuscripts & Writings, 1970-2000) includes the mechanicals, drafts, and correspondence regarding Taylor's published and unpublished works: *An Afternoon of Pocket Billiards*, *Brief Candles*, *Compulsory Figures*, *The Flying Change*, *The Water of Light*, and *Writing on Computers*.

The correspondence (312 pieces) consists of general letters regarding individual works as well as letters requesting permission to reprint works in *The Water of Light*. While much of the permissions are "form letters," a number of them are personalized by Taylor. Some replies were also personal in nature.

Arranged alphabetically by title. Within each title, drafts chronologically, followed by materials about, also chronologically.

Series II (Periodical Publications, 1960-1962) contains twenty-eight issues of *Plume & Sword*, published between 1960-1962. The *Plume & Sword* was a literary magazine edited by Henry Taylor at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.) from 1960-1961.

Arranged chronologically.

Series III (Professional Correspondence, 1963-1999) consists of 618 pieces. Most of the correspondence is incoming (i.e. written to Henry Taylor) but some files also contain clippings, manuscripts, and other miscellaneous materials.

Arranged alphabetically by author and chronologically within each folder.

Box Lists for Series I (Manuscripts/Writings, 1970-2000)

An Afternoon of Pocket Billiards (1975)

- “Mechanicals”

Brief Candles (2000)

- Draft, n.d. (1998?)
- Material About—Correspondence (1999)

Compulsory Figures (1992)

- Draft, n.d. (after 1 August 1991)
- Draft, 10 April 1992
- Draft, copy edited, n.d.
- Draft, n.d. on 3 floppy disks
- Material About—Correspondence (1991-1992)

Mss: Compulsory Figures—Material About—Correspondence			
Date	To	From	Notes
17 Jun 1991	HT	The Kenyon Review	
26 Aug 1991	Cunningham, Jessie C. (Mrs.)	Ohio University Press, Swallow Press/ Holly Panich	
26 Nov 1991	Clemente, Vince	HT	Smith's reply on HT's letter
26 Nov 1991	Friebert, Stuart and David Young, <i>Field</i>	HT	Smith's reply on HT's letter dated 29 Nov 1991
26 Nov 1991	Moore, John C., <i>The Hollins Critic</i>	HT	John C. Moore's reply on letter dated 2 Dec 1991
26 Nov 1991	Ruffin, Paul, <i>The Texas Review</i>	HT	Paul Ruffin's reply on letter
26 Nov 1991	University of Illinois Press	HT	Harriet P. Stockam's reply on letter dated Dec 1991
29 Nov 1991	HT	Freber, S. (?) Oberlin College, Creative Writing Program	
1 Dec 1991	Meredith, William	HT	William Meredith's reply on letter
2 Dec 1991	HT	Rochelle, Warren G., The Greensboro Review	
2 Dec 1991	HT	Goldstein, Laurence, Michigan Quarterly Review	
2 Dec 1991	HT	Blackford, Staige D. A Virginia Quarterly Review	Enclosure: copyright permission
3 Dec 1991	Athenaeum publishers	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Brooks, Gwendolyn	HT	Gwendolyn Brooks' reply enclosed dated 19 Dec 1991
3 Dec 1991	Chappell, Fred	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Dragon Gate, Inc.	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Duke University Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Farrar, Straus, & Giroux	HT	

Mss: Compulsory Figures—Material About—Correspondence			
Date	To	From	Notes
3 Dec 1991	Garrett, George	HT	George Garrett's response on letter dated 16 Dec 1991
3 Dec 1991	Greaves, Michael Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Harper & Row Publishers, Inc.	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Indiana University Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Jackson Mac Low	HT	Mac Low's reply on the letter dated 9 Dec 1991
3 Dec 1991	John	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Louisiana State University Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Maxwell-Macmillan, Inc.	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Ohio University Press, The Swallow Press	HT	Janet Winter's reply on letter dated 26 Dec 1991
3 Dec 1991	Paragon House	HT	Reply from Paragon House on letter
3 Dec 1991	St. Martin's Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Louis Simpson	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Slavitt, David R.	HT	Reply from Slavitt on letter dated 7 Dec 1991
3 Dec 1991	University of Arkansas Press	HT	Reply from George Garrett on letter dated 14 Dec 1991
3 Dec 1991	University of Michigan Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	University of North Carolina Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Univ. of SC Press	HT	
3 Dec 1991	<i>The University of Utah Press</i>	HT	
3 Dec 1991	Dragon Gate, Inc.	HT	Reply on letter from John Woods dated 17 Dec 1991 (also post-it note from Gett (?) dated 2 Feb 1992)
3 Dec 1991	W.W. Norton & Co., Inc.	HT	
4 Dec 1991	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	HT	
5 Dec 1991	HT	Heck, Evelyn M., <i>The Southern Review</i>	
9 Dec 1991	Garrett, George, The University of Arkansas Press	Sanders, David	
9 Dec 1991	HT	Fred (ole Fred)	
9 Dec 1991	Wood, Bernard, HT	Quarterly West	
9 Dec 1991	HT	The University of Michigan Press	
10 Dec 1991	Greaves, Michael, Alfred Knopf, Inc.	Harteis, Richard	
10 Dec 1991	HT	Palmer Beavans, Lucy Indiana University Press	
11 Dec 1991	HT	Edelist, Hilda Louisiana State University Press	Includes 3 Dec 1991 from HT requesting permission
11 Dec 1991	HT	Collin, Erin, St. Martin's Press Incorporated	
11 Dec 1991	HT	University of South Carolina Press	Form/contract

Mss: Compulsory Figures—Material About—Correspondence			
Date	To	From	Notes
12 Dec 1991	HT	Mikkelsen, Norma B., University of Utah Press	
18 Dec 1991	HT	Basmajian, Nancy, Ohio University Press, Swallow Press	
23 Dec 1991	HT	Kratz, Patricia, University Press of New England	Post-it note on original from HT dated 31 Dec 1991
26 Dec 1991	Weyr, Rhoda	HT	Reply from Rhoda on letter
2 Jan 1992	HT	Clark, Jim, The Greensboro Review	
10 Jan 1992	HT	Zelaya, Lydia, Macmillan Publishing Company	Included is a note from Robert Watson dated 17 Jan 1992
12 Jan 1992	HT	Simpson, Louis	
14 Jan 1992	HT	Bizzaro, Patrick	
20 Jan 1992	HT	Bratina, Ellen, Paragon House	Note from Bratina written on letter
30 Jan 1992	Bratina, Ellen, Pragon House	HT	
30 Jan 1992	Staniels, Lucia, Franklin Watts	HT	
31 Jan 1992	Goulet, Ellen, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.	HT	Form/Contract
3 Feb 1992	HT	Teresa Buswell, Houghton Mifflin Company	
4 Feb 1992	HT	Stafford, William (Bill)	
6 Feb 1992	HT	Ryan, Mary E., W.W. Norton & Company	
8 Feb 1992	HT	Bizzaro, Patrick	
10 Feb 1992	HT	Cunningham, Jessie C.	
11 Feb 1992	HT	Thomas, Michael, A. M. Heath	Contract/Form and photocopied pages from a book included
12 Feb 1992	Schorfheide, Julie	Head, Gwen, Dragon Gate, Inc.	Letter from HT written on 3 Dec 1992 included with comments by John Wood dated 17 Dec 1991
13 Feb 1992	HT	Kratz, Patricia, University Press of New England	
18 Feb 1992	HT	Goulet, Ellen, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.	Contract/form with letter
25 Feb 1992	HT	Zelaya, Lydia Macmillan Publishing Company	Contract/form
27 Feb 1992	HT	Zelaya, Lydia Macmillan Pub. Co.	Contract/form
27 Feb 1992	HT	Shaer, Kathy, The University of North Carolina Press	
27 Feb 1992	HT	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.	Contract/form
10 Mar 1992	Bratina, Ellen, Paragon House	HT	Note from Bratina on second page of letter, photocopies of poems

Mss: Compulsory Figures—Material About—Correspondence			
Date	To	From	Notes
10 Mar 1992	HT	HarperCollins Publishers Inc., Louisiana State University Press	Contract/form
10 Mar 1992	Michael	Harteis, Richard and William Meredith	Note on letter from “R & W”
20 Mar 1992	HT	Greaves, Michael, Alfred A. Knopf	
20 March 1992	HT	Greaves, Michael, Alfred A. Knopf	Contract/form
18 May 1992	Schorfheide, Julie	HT	Fax
18 May 1992	Schorfheide, Julie	HT	Fax
18 May 1992	Schorfheide, Julie	HT	Fax
No date	Schorfheide, Julie	HT	Fax

The Flying Change (published 1985)

- Preliminary draft, n.d.
- Preliminary draft, n.d.
- Final Copy Edited, n.d.
- Incomplete Proof, n.d.

The Water of Light: A Miscellany in Honor of Brewster Ghiselin, ed. by Taylor (1976)

- Materials about—Correspondence—General
- Materials about—Correspondence—Permissions

The Water of Light-- Material about—Correspondence—General			
Date	To	From	Notes
9 Nov 1972	Giroux, Robert, Farrar, Straus & Giroux	HT	
9 Nov 1972	Gordon, (Miss)	HT	
9 Nov 1972	Silberman, James H., Random House, Inc.	HT	
11 Nov 1972	Malcom	HT	
11 Nov 1972	McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.	HT	
12 Nov 1972	Deter, Dean, <i>The Blackbird Circle</i>	HT	
12 Nov 1972	Britton, Coburn, Prose Publishers, Inc.	HT	
12 Nov 1972	Lytle, Andrew, The Sewanee Review	HT	
12 Nov 1972	Rutgers University Press	HT	
12 Nov 1972	Slate, A.N. (Mrs.), <i>The Graduate Journal</i> , The University of Texas at Austin	HT	
16 Nov 1972	HT	Ryan, Marybel	
20 Nov 1972	Ryan, Marybel	HT	
3 Dec 1972	Bill	HT	
3 Dec 1972	Blakemore, Carolyn, J.B. Lippincott Co.	HT	
3 Dec 1972	Corn, Charles, Houghton Mifflin Company	HT	
3 Dec 1972	Giroux, Robert Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.	HT	
3 Dec 1972	Hathaway, Baxter Cornell University	HT	
3 Dec 1972	<i>The New Yorker</i>	HT	
3 Dec 1972	Taylor, (Mrs.)	HT	
7 Dec 1972	HT	Stafford, William (Bill)	
12 Dec 1972	Giroux, Robert Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.	HT	
12 Dec 1972	Karen	HT	
8 Mar 1973	Zelaya, Lydia, The Macmillan Company	HT	
13 Mar 1973	HT	Zelaya, Lydia The Macmillan Publishing Company	
24 May 1973	Lane, Helen, Harper & Row Publishers, Inc.	HT	
No Date			List of reprint acknowledgements

The Water of Light-- Material about—Correspondence—Permissions		
Correspondent	Dates	# Letters
Birney, Earle	1971-1974, n.d.	11
Cowley, Malcom	1971-1972, n.d.	8
Dickey, James (Jim) <i>Also, letter to HT from Emily M. Varkala, Doubleday & Co. Inc., photocopies of poems</i>	1971-1972	12
Eberhart, Richard (Dartmouth College) <i>Also Copy of book review</i>	1971	7
Elliot, George P.	1971-1974	4
Gold, Herbert	1972, n.d.	3
Gordon, Caroline <i>Folder 2 contains letter from Gordon & Ms.</i>	1971-1973, n.d.	11
Lattimore, Richmond (Bryn Mawr College)	1971	5
Lytle, Andrew (The Sewanee Review)	1970-1971	10
Merwin, W. S.	1971	2
Mikkelsen, Norma B. (University of Utah Press)	1972-1974	12
Nemerov, Howard (Washington University)	1971-1973	11
Fredrick Nims, John	1970-1971	4
Schorer, Mark (The University of Utah)	1970-1971	10
Scowcroft, Richard (Stanford University)	1970-1972, n.d.	7
Squires, Radcliffe	1970-1972	10
Stafford, William (Bill) <i>Incl. poems</i>	1970	6
Stanford, Ann	1972-1976	3
Spender, Stephen	1972	1
Stegner, Wallace	1970-1973	12
Tate, Allen	1970-1971	12
Taylor, Peter, (Univ. of Virginia)	1971-1972	7
The University of Utah ((Jack, Karen, and Olive) <i>Lists of past writer's conference leaders, years of conferences, etc.</i>	1971-1973, n.d.	15
Van Tilburg Clark, Walter	1970-1971	6
Vivante, Arturo	1970-1976	8
Wescott, Glenway <i>Note of phone call</i>	1971-1972	4
West, Ray B. (San Francisco State College)	1970 – 1972	6

Writing on Computers (unpublished)

- Draft, 1984
- Draft, 1986

Box Lists for Series II (Periodical Publications, 1960-1962)

Plume & Sword (literary magazine edited by Henry Taylor at UVA, 1960-1961)

- September 1960
- 10 October 1960
- 17 October 1960
- 24 October 1960
- 28 October 1960
- 4 November 1960
- 11 November 1960
- 18 November 1960
- 2 December 1960
- 9 December 1960

- 24 March 1961
- 4 April 1961 (?)
- 14 April 1961
- 28 April 1961
- 19 May 1961
- 19 October 1961
- 26 October 1961
- 2 November 1961
- 9 November 1961
- 20 November 1961
- 30 November 1961
- 14 December 1961

- 8 February 1962
- 9 March 1962
- 9 March 1962 (different issue, same date as above)

- 3 issues, n.d.

Box Lists for Series III (Professional Correspondence, 1963-1999)

Correspondent	Dates	No. of Letters
Becker, Stephen	1986-1994	18
Beyer, Thomas Lynn	1977	1
Brooks, Robert A.	1980	1
Butler, Francelia	1976	1
Carver, Raymond	1984	3
Contempora [periodical]	1970-1973	13
Cowley, Malcolm	1967-1976	12
Cunningham, J. V. (Brandeis Univ.)	1964-1983	14
Davis, A. K. (Arthur Kyle)	1969-1970 ; 1974	3
Deutsch, Babette	1967-1976	4
Dickey, James	1963-1983	7
Encounter [periodical]	1962	1
Gillespie, Louis	1966	1
Laramour, Julius B.	1963-1973	7
Lewis, Cecil Day	n.d. (Feb 19?)	1
Loucheim, Katie	1973-1980	5
Louisiana State University Press (8 files)	1964-1999	256
McGlynn, Bob	1979-1980	4
Matthews, William	1971-1992	9
Merrill, James	1967-1988	3
Meacham, Harry M.	1969-1973	9
Moss, Howard	1968	2
Meredith Press	1965-1966	7
Nemerov, Howard	1972-1978	2
Nims, John R.	1977-1979	4
Niven, Ivan	1964-1974	2
Noll, Bink	1966-1980	14
Norton, Josh	1969-1975	2
Peden, Bill	1974	5
Ramsey, Paul	1971-1972	3
Roseliep, Raymond	1967-1977	3
Sereni, Vittorio	1969-1972	4
Sexton, Anne	1972	1
Short, Clarice	1971-1977 ; 1978	10
Smith, Margoret J.	1972	2
Solo Press (Glenna Luschei)	1970-1977	47
Squires, Radcliffe	1971-1973	2
Stafford, William	1965-1989	20
Starbuck, George	1970-1981	2
University of Utah Press (2 files)	1973-1990	77
Warren, Robert Penn	1980-1987	5
White, E. B.	1978	1
Winthrop Publishers, Inc	1973-1982	28
Wright, James	1973-1979	2