

# **Guide to the Robert M. Furniss Collection of Ezra Pound**

**YCAL MSS 633**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 633

**CREATOR:** Furniss, Robert M., Jr., collector

**TITLE:** Robert M. Furniss collection of Ezra Pound

**DATES:** 1941-1959

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.42 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection is comprised of materials from the estate of Robert M. Furniss, Jr., who served as Ezra Pound's attorney from 1953-1958, when Pound was hospitalized at St. Elizabeth's psychiatric hospital in Washington, D.C. Materials in the collection include correspondence, financial records, printed materials, and other papers relating to Ezra and Dorothy Pound and Furniss's administration of their affairs. It also includes records of dental expenses for Sherri Martinelli.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, Inc. on the Ezra Pound Archive Fund, 2012.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

The Robert M. Furniss Collection of Ezra Pound is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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## Preferred Citation

Robert M. Furniss Collection of Ezra Pound. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections as they are acquired, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Robert M. Furniss

Robert M. Furniss, Jr. (1923-1977) was an American attorney whose clients included the poet, Ezra Pound.

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## Ezra Pound

Ezra Pound (1885-1972), American poet.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1946-1959

b. 1	Arthur V. Moore of Shakespear & Parkyn	1947-1956
b. 1	Dorothy Pound's correspondence with Shakespear and Parkyn, London <i>7 Folders</i>	1947-1958
b. 1	Berryman to Pound <i>1 Folder</i>	1958
b. 1	Letters re congratulations on release from St. Liz - pictures	1958
b. 1	Robert M. Furniss, Jr. <i>2 Folders</i>	1953-1959

**Series II: Robert Furniss material, 1945-1956**

b. 1	Articles, letters (some in multiple copies) in defense of Pound urging his release, case law citations <i>2 Folders</i>	1950s
	Ezra and Dorothy Pound's financial records	1952-1956
b. 1	Stock and bank statements <i>1 Folder</i>	1956
b. 1	EP and DP 1952 Fedl Returns and Comm-Acct and supporting material <i>4 Folders</i>	1952
b. 1	Ezra and Dorothy Pound 1953 Federal Income Tax Returns and Committee Account, supporting material <i>5 Folders</i>	1953
b. 1	E and D Pound 1954 Fedl Tax Returns and Committee Acct and supporting material <i>2 Folders</i>	1954
b. 1	E and D Pound 1955 Federal Tax Returns and Comm. Acct and support material	1955
b. 1	Royalty and financial statements <i>2 Folders</i>	1955-1956
b. 1	Ezra and Dorothy Pound 1956 Federal Income Tax Returns and Committee Account - supporting material <i>2 Folders</i>	1956
	Notebook 1	1941-1955
b. 1	District Court documents re financial arrangements for EP and DP while in St. Elizabeth's	1946-1954
b. 1	Harvard College phonograph recordings	1950
b. 1	Investments for DP from her mother's estate	1941-1946
b. 1	DP's notes (no date) re EP's work to continue while in hospital	
b. 1	1954/1955 income tax returns	1954-1955
b. 1	1951 income tax returns <i>1 Folder</i>	1951
b. 1	1950 income tax returns <i>1 Folder</i>	1950
b. 1	1949 income tax returns and correspondence	1949-1950
b. 1	1948 tax returns <i>1 Folder</i>	1948
b. 1	1947 tax returns <i>1 Folder</i>	1947

## Ezra and Dorothy Pound's financial records (continued)

b. 1	Notebook 2 - tax information <i>4 Folders</i>	1949-1957
b. 1	Notebook 3 <i>7 Folders</i> Contains financial information, primarily regarding Jenkintown Bank in Pennsylvania. Also contains cancelled checks.	1951-1953
b. 2	Notebook 3 <i>2 Folders</i>	1948-1950
b. 2	Notebook 4 <i>2 Folders</i> Contains miscellaneous correspondence between Dorothy Pound and Shakespear and Parkyn.	1951-1954
b. 2	Notebook 5 <i>7 Folders</i> Contains correspondence between Dorothy Pound and A.V. Moore of Shakespear and Parkyn, London.	1946-1951

**Series III: Additional materials, 1941-1957**

b. 2	Articles and documents regarding Pound's legal case and economic and political theory <i>1 Folder</i>	1945-1957
b. 2	Papers concerning Ezra Pound's economic and political views	circa 1955
b. 2	Grand jury indictment	1945-1953
b. 2	Transcript of radio broadcasts <i>7 Folders</i>	1941-1943
b. 2	Articles from LIFE magazine about Joyce Cary, Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost	1949
b. 2	News clippings and book reviews	1955
b. 2	Program for production of Pound's <i>Women of Trachis</i> , Yale	circa 1955
b. 2	Sheri Martinelli dentistry costs	1955



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

American literature -- 20th Century  
Poets, American -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

Poets -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Furniss, Robert M., Jr.  
Martinelli, Sheri  
Pound, Dorothy  
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972

### **Contributors**

Furniss, Robert M., Jr., collector  
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972, author