

# Guide to the Stephen Sborge Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1124

**CREATOR:** Sbarge, Stephen

**TITLE:** Stephen Sbarge Papers

**DATES:** 1981-2000

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.46 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** There are fifteen titles by Stephen Sbarge, chiefly drafts, many in the form of photocopies of autograph manuscripts. Some writings are autobiographical, resembling journal or diary entries with reflections on daily activities and concerns, and some include copies or transcriptions of correspondence. Other papers include one journal, loose material removed from the journal, notes and notebooks, which may include drafts of writings, and photographs.

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

b.        box  
f.        folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Stephen Sbarge, 1990-circa 2000.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Stephen Sbargé Papers. 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, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

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## Biographical / Historical

Stephen Arnold Sbargé, American author and artist.

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## Scope and Contents

There are fifteen titles by Stephen Sbargé, chiefly drafts, many in the form of photocopies of autograph manuscripts. Some writings are autobiographical, resembling journal or diary entries with reflections on daily activities and concerns, and some include copies or transcriptions of correspondence. Other papers include one journal, loose material removed from the journal, notes and notebooks, which may include drafts of writings, and photographs.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Writings, 1990-2000. II. Other Papers, 1981-1990.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Writings, 1990–2000

Series I contains fifteen titles by Stephen Sbarge, chiefly drafts, many in the form of photocopies of autograph manuscripts. Some writings are autobiographical, resembling journal or diary entries with reflections on daily activities and concerns, and some include copies or transcriptions of correspondence.

Series I is arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 1, f. 1	"Aftermath of the Boiler Whistle," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	undated
b. 1, f. 2	"Arrive," computer printout	2000 March 1
b. 1, f. 3	"The Book of the Mother's Revenge," title page, autograph manuscript	undated
b. 1, f. 4	"The Crap of Dan Reiss Vindicated," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	circa 1990-1991
b. 1, f. 5	"Entrances and Exits," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	circa 1990-1991
b. 1, f. 6	"Finale," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	circa 2000
b. 5, f. 38	"In the Love of Rachel + Stephen And Exultation in Our Life," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	1981
b. 1, f. 7	"Love Is Always Best on Paper," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	circa 1990-1991
b. 1, f. 8-9	"My Name is the Messiah," draft, autograph manuscript (photocopy)	circa 1991
b. 5, f. 39	"On Merry Mercy," typescript (photocopy)	1982
b. 1, f. 10	"Raphael," computer printout	1999 July 22
b. 2, f. 11-12	"Tails and Heads in the Light," autograph manuscript (photocopy), inscribed and signed	circa 1990
b. 2, f. 13	"Upon His Befitting," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	undated
b. 2, f. 14	"Urine in the Ashes," autograph manuscript (photocopy)	circa 1990-1991
b. 5, f. 40	Untitled, typescript (photocopy)	undated
b. 2, f. 15	Unidentified, [proof?]	undated
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 33	Envelope removed from "Tails and Heads in the Light"	circa 1990

**Series II: Other Papers, 1981–1990**

Series II contains correspondence, one journal, loose material removed from the journal, notes and notebooks, which may include drafts of writings, and photographs.

Series II is arranged alphabetically by format.

b. 2, f. 16	Correspondence	1989
b. 2, f. 17	Journal	1982
b. 2, f. 18-19	Loose correspondence (photocopies) removed from journal	1982 and undated
b. 2, f. 20	Loose material removed from journal	[1981?]-1982 and undated
b. 3, f. 21	Loose notes	1989 and undated
b. 3, f. 22-31	Notebooks	1989 and undated
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 34	"Once Upon a Time in October, 1981," photograph album	1981-1982 and undated
b. 3, f. 32	Photographs	1989 and undated
b. 4 (Oversize), f. 35-37	Photographs	1989 and undated

## **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  
Artists -- United States  
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

### **Occupations**

Artists -- United States -- 20th Century  
Authors -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic prints

### **Acquired From**

Sbarge, Stephen , donor