

# Guide to the Walter Beinecke Papers

GEN MSS 846



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 846

**CREATOR:** Beinecke, Walter, Jr., 1918-2004

**TITLE:** Walter Beinecke papers

**DATES:** circa 1900-2004

**BULK DATES:** 1930-1990

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 21.47 linear feet (36 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Walter Beinecke Papers consist of subject files containing correspondence, personal papers, autobiographical writings, and documents concerning the Beinecke family, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, and Beinecke's business investments, book collecting, and work in Nantucket historic preservation; other correspondence, including correspondence with book vendor Howard S. Mott and family letters; other personal papers, such as financial and legal records, address books, and diaries; scrapbooks of clippings and other printed material; photographs, photograph albums, slides, and negatives relating to Beinecke's travels, the Beinecke family, and Nantucket; audiocassettes, videocassettes, and films, including interviews with Beinecke about Nantucket; and computer disks. Research strengths include the Beinecke family, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, Beinecke's Barrie collection and other book collecting, and Beinecke's work in Nantucket investment and restoration.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.beineckew>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to [beinecke.images@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.images@yale.edu).

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

b.            box  
        item barcode

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Bridgette Beinecke, 2006-2008.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Boxes 10-11 and 36 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Box 28 (motion picture film and computer disks): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies of electronic files are available. Reference copies of motion picture film may be requested. For further information consult Access Services.

Boxes 33-34: Restricted until 2036. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Use

The Walter Beinecke Papers 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

Walter Beinecke Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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### Processing Information

This collection consists of materials formerly classed as Uncat Mss 915 and Uncat Mss 1007. In 2012, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including partial rehousing and minimal organization. The collection was reclassified under one call number, materials were organized by acquisition, and containers were renumbered in a single sequence. Most folder titles were based on information provided by the donor, while some were assigned by Library staff. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

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## Walter Beinecke (1918-2004)

Walter Beinecke, Jr., businessman and collector of J. M. Barrie books and manuscripts. Beinecke was a son of Walter Beinecke (Yale 1910) and a nephew of Edwin J. Beinecke (Yale 1907) and Frederick W. Beinecke (Yale 1909S), donors of the Beinecke Library building and endowment. His sister, Betsy Beinecke Shirley, was the donor of the Library's Shirley Collection of American Children's Literature. Walter Beinecke, Jr., worked in the tobacco and automobile industries, 1937-1948, and for the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, 1948-1963. In 1963, he founded the Osceola Operating Company and Sherburne Associates, through which he directed real estate investment and historic building restoration in Nantucket, Massachusetts, 1960s-1980s. Beinecke began collecting J. M. Barrie books and manuscripts in the 1930s, and donated his collection to the Beinecke Library in the 1960s.

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## Scope and Contents

The Walter Beinecke Papers consist of subject files containing correspondence, personal papers, autobiographical writings, and documents concerning the Beinecke family, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, and Beinecke's business investments, book collecting, and work in Nantucket historic preservation; other correspondence, including correspondence with book vendor Howard S. Mott and family letters; other personal papers, such as financial and legal records, address books, and diaries; scrapbooks of clippings and other printed material; photographs, photograph albums, slides, and negatives relating to Beinecke's travels, the Beinecke family, and Nantucket; audiocassettes, videocassettes, and films, including interviews with Beinecke about Nantucket; and computer disks. Research strengths include the Beinecke family, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, Beinecke's Barrie collection and other book collecting, and Beinecke's work in Nantucket investment and restoration.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two groupings: December 2006 Acquisition and March 2008 Acquisition.

## Collection Contents

### December 2006 Acquisition, circa 1900-2004

21.26 linear feet (34 boxes)

Folders are unarranged. Folder contents have not been verified.

#### Walter Beinecke Papers

Boxes 10 and 11 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

b. 1	Admission control 2 Folders	
b. 1	Agendas 2 Folders	
b. 1	J. M. Barrie opening	2004
b. 1	Beinecke family 4 Folders	
b. 1	Betsy Beinecke Shirley	
b. 1	Beinecke, Joy Anne	
b. 1	Boornazian	
b. 1	Collar, Ben	
b. 1	Libby Collar thesis	
b. 1	Dewey family 3 Folders	
b. 1	D general	
b. 1	Ex Libris	
b. 1	University of Florida Press, re: Lesser Antilles collection	
b. 1	Gaillard, Maia	
b. 1	H general	
b. 1	Hinrichs vs. Gifford	
b. 1	Hamilton College 6 Folders	1990-2000
b. 1	Interviews 2 Folders	1977, 1981
b. 2	K general	
b. 2	9 Kimball Avenue. photograph album	
b. 2	Kinsella, William Sperry	1998

## Walter Beinecke Papers (continued)

b. 2	L general	
b. 2	Langley, William	
b. 2	My stories	
b. 2	Nantucket TV tapes	
b. 2	Newspaper articles	
b. 2	Reeves, Blair	
b. 2	<a href="#">Walter Beinecke: Catalyst for Change</a>	
b. 2	Walter Beinecke III: Biological Technologies	1998
b. 2	Walter Beinecke: personal bulky items <i>3 Folders</i>	
b. 2	Walter Beinecke: personal correspondence; stories recorded by W. B., Jr., in 1997-1998	
b. 2	Walter Beinecke: personal records <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 2	Walter Beineckes keepsakes <i>3 Folders</i>	
b. 2	Walter Beinecke: photographs and photographs of portraits	
b. 2	Walter Beinecke III	
b. 2	World Monument Fund	
b. 2	Yankton College Talk	
b. 3	Appraisals and auctions <i>5 Folders</i>	
b. 3	Beinecke family history <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 3	Correspondence with Yale University <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 3	Clippings <i>4 Folders</i>	
b. 3	Historic preservation	
b. 3	Living will and instructions regarding death	
b. 3	Publicity and 1996 party	
b. 3	Other papers	
b. 4	Big B Ranch <i>2 Folders</i>	

## Walter Beinecke Papers (continued)

b. 4	Walter Beinecke personal files <i>28 Folders</i> Includes family photographs and albums, personal correspondence, and printed material	1900-1999, undated
b. 5	Ashley, Perry	
b. 5	Beinecke, Bernhard	
b. 5	Beinecke, E. J. <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 5	Beinecke, Walter, Sr.	
b. 5	Beinecke biographical materials	
b. 5	Copy of "Frederick W. Beinecke: A Monograph"	
b. 5	East Africa	
b. 5	Fairview cemetery	
b. 5	Genealogical research	
b. 5	Kleberg, Robert, Jr. <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 5	Ranch materials	
b. 5	Skyscrapers: Past, Present, and Future	
b. 5	Sperry and Hutchinson	
b. 5	Sperry and Hutchinson history <i>3 Folders</i>	
b. 5	Sperry family	
b. 5	Stobart, John	
b. 5	Weickert, Alice Beinecke	
b. 5	Yale University trust agreement	
b. 5	Other papers	
b. 6	Amemiya, Tsuyoshi	
b. 6	Babbitt	
b. 6	Beinecke catalogue	
b. 6	Beinecke, Walter: real estate	1992
b. 6	Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryan <i>3 Folders</i>	1960-1975
b. 6	Collection appraisals	



## Walter Beinecke Papers (continued)

b. 6	Goldman Sachs	
b. 6	Lesser Antilles Collection	1991-1997
b. 6	Mott, Howard S. <i>6 Folders</i>	1950-1975
b. 6	Short Hills Country Day School <i>2 Folders</i>	1960-1967
b. 6	Trust draft	2003 November
b. 6	Trusts	1990
b. 6	Yoakum residence	1992-1994
b. 7	Bohlmann, Sharie Hatchett and Fanch (Françoise Ledan): lithographs	
b. 7	Family history <i>6 Folders</i>	
b. 7	Financial	
b. 7	Joy Anne Beinecke memorial book	
b. 7	Joy Anne Beinecke photographs and memorials	
b. 7	New England Monthly	1984 May
b. 7	Nantucket photographs <i>3 Folders</i>	
b. 7	Photographs <i>4 Folders</i>	
b. 7	Silvan Incorporated	
b. 7	Collar, Barbara Beinecke: wedding album	1994
b. 8	Slides: Peru and Ecuador	1970
b. 8	Slides: Venice and Florence <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 8	Slides	1959 July
b. 8	Slides	1961 June
b. 8	Slides: Rainbow Springs	
b. 8	Slides <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 8	Negatives <i>23 Folders</i>	[1930s]
b. 9	Negatives (continued) <i>2 Folders</i>	[1930s]

## Walter Beinecke Papers (continued)

b. 9	Negatives 2 Folders	1938
b. 9	Negatives	
b. 10	Audiocassettes 6 audiocassettes in 4 folders  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
b. 10, ■■■■ 39002104615753	Tape 1 of Walter Beinecke (1 of 2) 1 Audiocassette 00:31:18 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Audio, at times, sounds unclear or hollow. The program ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] genmss084639002104615753ump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1996 January 25
b. 10, ■■■■ 39002104615761	WB recording of paper for Literary Society Part II; Walter Beinecke Jr. practice presentation for the Monday Evening Club in Newburyport (2 of 2) 1 Audiocassette 00:31:20 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) High background noise can be heard. The program ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] genmss084639002104615761ump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1996 February 6-9
b. 10, ■■■■ 39002104615779	Walter Beinecke Jr. dictation: 8 letters to 4 people (1 of 2) 1 Audiocassette 00:17:30 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) The program begins and ends abruptly. A high amount of hiss is on the tape. Static is present. <a href="#">[Aviary] genmss084639002104615779aump3</a>  Contents include: letters to G. Tobin re: Hamilton College, J. Short re: Bradford College re: pledge for 1996-1998, Stephanie ? re: Halprin June, Jean Weber - Nantucket Hist. Assoc.  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1996
b. 10, ■■■■ 39002104615787	W. Beinecke interview NTHP (2 of 2) 1 Audiocassette 01:06:01 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) High background noise can be heard. The program is distorted at times. The right channel was recorded at a lower level. The program begins and ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] genmss084639002104615787aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	1996 August 17
b. 10, ■■■■ 39002104615795	W. Beinecke - Correspondence 1 Audiocassette 00:14:50 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) The program begins and ends abruptly. Static is present. Audio, at times, sounds hollow or unclear. <a href="#">[Aviary] genmss084639002104615795aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated

## Walter Beinecke Papers &gt; Audiocassettes (continued)

b. 10, ■■■■ 39002104615803	<p>"How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin" as read by Pop Pop  <i>1 Audiocassette 00:00:11 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i>            High background noise is on the tape. The program ends abruptly.  <a href="#">[Aviary] genmss084639002104615803ump3</a></p> <p>Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.</p>	1997
b. 11	<p>Videocassettes  <i>17 videocassettes in 7 folders</i></p> <p>Includes "A Conversation with Walter Beinecke," "Dateline - 'The Whale'," "WB. Sr. films, 1924-26," Hamilton College commencement</p> <p>Restricted fragile material.</p>	1993-2001
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300135	<p>A Conversation with Walter Beinecke, NTV Channel 13, Nantucket            Television            GENMSS846_0001  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:56:16 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) ( )</i>  <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460001</a></p>	1999
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300143	<p>A Conversation with Walter Beinecke, NTV Channel 22, Nantucket            Television            GENMSS846_0002  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:56:03 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i></p>	1999
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300150	<p>A Conversation with Walter Beinecke, NTV Channel 22, Nantucket            Television            GENMSS846_0003  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:55:52 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i></p>	1999 June 10
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300168	<p>Non-profit dinner Jared Coffin House            GENMSS846_0004  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:43:33 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i>            This is a poor recording. The picture is not clear and the microphone did not pick up the people's voices.  <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460004</a></p>	1992 January 17
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300176	<p>Summer Memoirs, Preservation Institute: Nantucket 1999            GENMSS846_0005  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:12:05 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i>  <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460005</a></p>	1999
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300184	<p>"Off Season" Copyright CPTV, 60 minutes            GENMSS846_0006  <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:00:16 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i>  <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460006</a></p>	undated

## Walter Beinecke Papers &gt; Videocassettes (continued)

b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300192	S&H Greenpoints, Broadcast Coverage GENMSS846_0007 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:12:40 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460007</a> A list of contents included with the tape reads: 1. In the Money - CNNFN 2. Woman 2 Woman - KCBS-TV 3. 2 News - WMAR-TV 4. News 10 - WCAU-TV 5. NBC 5 News at 5:00 - WMAQ-TV 6. 7 News at 5:30 - WHDH-TV 7. King Five News at Six-thirty - KING-TV 8. CBS Market Watch - CBS 9. Action News - WPVI-TV 10. Eyewitness News - KYW-TV 11. King Five Morning News - KING-TV 12. News 2 Houston Daybreak at 5:00 - KPRC-TV 13. Good Day Oregon - KPRC-TV 14. News 4 at 9 - WRC-TV	2000
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300200	Walter Beinecke, Sr. films 1924-1926 GENMSS846_0008 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:24:16 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460008</a>	undated
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300218	Dateline: The Whale recorded 2001 September 7 GENMSS846_0009 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:59:52 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460009</a>	2001 September
b. 11, ■■■■ 39002102300226	Hamilton College Commencement, 132 minutes GENMSS846_0010 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 02:12:15 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] Aviary GENMSS8460010</a>	1993 May 23
b. 11	Cambridge College promotion video <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	undated
b. 11	Legendary Resorts of the World box set <i>5 Videocassettes (VHS)</i>	undated
b. 12	Beinecke family history; map of the home of Walter Beinecke's parents	
b. 12	Cranford, New Jersey (Cranford Board of Trade, 1913) With notes about the Sperry family	1913
b. 12	Desk items, as of March 21, 2001	
b. 12	Desk items, as of June 15, 2003 <i>5 Folders</i>	
b. 12	Nantucket: magazine articles <i>4 Folders</i>	
b. 12	Clippings and correspondence	
b. 12	Photographs	

## Walter Beinecke Papers (continued)

b. 12	Walter Beinecke, Jr.: archives	
b. 12	Other papers	
b. 13	Address book	2002
b. 13	Big B Ranch <i>4 Folders</i>	
b. 13	Condolence letters <i>4 Folders</i>	2004
b. 13	<a href="#">Interview with Walter Beinecke</a>	1981
b. 13	Love expressed for Walter <i>4 Folders</i>	2000-2001
b. 13	Photographs <i>5 Folders</i>	1930s, undated
b. 13	Sam Proctor interviews <i>2 Folders</i>	1990 July
b. 14	American Locker Group	
b. 14	Bankruptcy	
b. 14	GI Plastek, Inc. <i>7 Folders</i>	1993-1996
b. 14	Industrial General Corporation	
b. 14	PIN/Sherburne Swap (RH)	
b. 14	S/A Tree Program	
b. 14	Sherburne-Osceola	
b. 14	Stewardship	
b. 14	Walter Beinecke, Jr.: archives	1973-1999
b. 14	Winthrop Publicity	
b. 15	Photograph album (PA 8)	
b. 16	Photograph album (SB 6)	1998 February 20
b. 17	Photograph album (SB 5)	1998 February 20
b. 18	Photograph album (PA 5)	
b. 19	Photograph album: Montana (PA 2)	
b. 20 Oversize	Photograph album (SB 1)	
b. 21 Oversize	Photograph album (SB 2)	1964

## Walter Beinecke Papers (continued)

b. 22 Oversize	Photograph album (SB 3)	1968-1973
b. 23 Oversize	Photograph album (SB 4)	
b. 24	Photograph album (PA 3)	1989
b. 25	Photograph album: St. George and Germany (PA 1)	1934, 1936
b. 26 Oversize	Photograph album (SB 7)	
b. 27	Photograph	
b. 27	Printed ephemera	
b. 27	Clippings and photographs	
b. 29	Letters of Walter Beinecke, Jr., to Bridgette Durckel Schleicher (later Beinecke)	1991-1993
b. 30	Letters of Bridgette Durckel Schleicher, later Beinecke, to Walter Beinecke, Jr.	1990-2004
b. 31	Personal and family papers	
b. 32	Sperry and Hutchinson Company	circa 1999-2003
<p>Computer media and audiovisual materials</p> <p>Restricted fragile material. Reference copies of electronic files are available. Reference copies of motion picture film may be requested. For further information consult Access Services.</p>		
b. 28	Unidentified 16 mm film reels (2 reels)	
Unidentified computer disks (2 disks)		
b. 28	sh.tif 4/02 2006-genm-3812-0001 13.5_floppy_disk  Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
b. 28	[no label information] 2006-genm-3812-0002 1 CD-R  Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
Restricted Material		
b. 33	Restricted until 2036 Restricted until 2036. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	
b. 34	Restricted until 2036 Restricted until 2036. For further information consult the appropriate curator.	

**March 2008 Acquisition, 1938-2004***0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Box 36 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Folders are unarranged. Folder contents have not been verified.

b. 35	Commonwealth Bank Relating to Bernhard Beinecke	
b. 35	Crandell, Lou	
b. 35	Flannagan, Roy C. <i>The Story of Lucky Strike</i> . New York World's Fair edition	1939
b. 36	Memorial service for Walter Beinecke, Jr GENMSS846_0011 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:05:37 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> Restricted fragile material.	2004 June 3
b. 35	Photographs	

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## 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

Book collecting -- United States  
Book collectors -- United States  
Businessmen -- United States  
Historic preservation -- Massachusetts --  
Nantucket  
Manuscripts -- Collectors and collecting --  
United States  
Real property -- Massachusetts -- Nantucket

### Families

Beinecke family

### Corporate Bodies

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
Sperry and Hutchinson Company

### Geographic Names

Nantucket (Mass.)

### Genres / Formats

Audiotapes -- United States -- 20th Century  
Audiovisual materials  
Born digital  
Diaries -- United States -- 20th Century  
Electronic documents -- United States -- 20th  
Century  
Interviews -- United States -- 20th Century  
Motion pictures (visual works) -- United States  
-- 20th Century  
Negatives (photographic) -- United States --  
20th Century  
Photograph albums -- United States -- 20th  
Century  
Photographs -- United States -- 20th Century  
Scrapbooks -- United States -- 20th Century  
Sound recordings -- United States -- 20th  
Century  
Videotapes -- United States -- 20th Century

### Occupations

Book collectors -- United States -- 20th Century  
Businessmen -- United States -- 20th Century

### Names

Barrie, J. M. (James Matthew), 1860-1937  
Beinecke, Walter, Jr., 1918-2004  
Mott, Howard S., 1913-1995  
Shirley, Betsy Beinecke