

Guide to
DONALD VINING
Diaries, 1926-1982

2.25 cubic feet

Accession Number 10272

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Introduction

DONALD VINING (1917-1998)
Diaries, 1926-1982
2.25 cubic feet (5 document boxes)
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The Donald Vining Diary Collection was deeded to the American Heritage Center in 1991.

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History

Donald Vining was born in 1917. He became interested in writing and studied to be a playwright at Yale. He wrote some plays and scripts for radio shows but he became most well-known for the publications of his diaries and the writings he did commenting on his homosexual lifestyle. His diaries, published under the name *A Gay Diary*, and his book of essays entitled *How Can You Come Out If You've Never Been In?* are his most well-known works, but he also edited a collection of American World War II diaries.

Mr. Vining died in New York City in 1998.

Series Description

The Donald Vining Diary Collection is divided into three series:

Series I. Edited Diaries, 1926-1958. 1.125 cubic feet (2 ½ document boxes). This material is arranged chronologically by date. This series includes typed pages of edited diary material.

Series II. Unedited Diaries, 1959-1970. .90 cubic feet (2 document boxes). Arranged chronologically by date. This series consists of Donald Vining's original, unedited diary.

Series III. Published Material, 1993. .125 cubic feet (1/2 document box). This series is the published version of Volume Five of *A Gay Diary, 1975-1982*.

Scope and Content

The Donald Vining Diary Collection contains edited and original diaries from the years 1926 through 1982. The diaries outline his experiences as a gay man throughout most of the 20th century. This collection contains the original, unedited diaries from 1959-1970. The remainder of the diaries in this collection are edited for publication. The remainder of Donald Vining's unedited diaries reside at Yale University.

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Folder List

Series I. Edited Diaries, 1926-1958

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Box 1</u>		
1	Diary, Vol.1, pp. 1-44 (Typed Transcript)	1926-1935
2	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 45-107	1936-1937
3	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 108-153	Jan.-April 1938
4	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 154-201	May-August 1938
5	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 202-254	Sept. 1938-March 1939
6	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 255-304	April-Sept. 1939
7	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 305-348	Sept.-Dec. 1939
8	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 349-404	Jan.-May 1940
9	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 405-444	May-Dec. 1940
10	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 445-502	Jan.-Sept. 1941
11	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 503-547	Oct. 1941-April 1942
12	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 548-595	May-Oct. 1942
13	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 596-648	Nov. 1942-March 1943
14	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 649-688	April-June 1943
15	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 689-733	July-Oct. 1943
16	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 734-786	Nov. 1943-May 1944
17	Diary, Vol. 1, pp. 787-842	June-Dec 1944
<u>Box 2</u>		
1	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 1-38	January-June 1945
2	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 39-76	July-Oct. 1945
3	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 77-104	Oct. 1945-Jan. 1946
4	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 105-149	Feb.-June 1946
5	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 150-188	July-Oct. 1946
6	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 189-225	Nov. 1946-Feb. 1947
7	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 226-264	March-August 1947
8	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 265-318	Sept. 1947-Feb. 1948

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Series I. Edited Diaries, 1926-1958 (Cont.)

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Box 2 (cont.)</u>		
9	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 319-357	March-July 1948
10	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 358-388	August-Dec. 1948
11	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 389-441	Jan.-May 1949
12	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 442-493	June-Aug. 1949
13	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 494-532	Sept.-Dec. 1949
14	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 533-568	Jan.-June 1950
15	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 569-606	July-Dec. 1950
16	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 607-650	Jan.-June 1951
17	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 651-683	July-Nov. 1951
18	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 684-724	Dec. 1951- June 1952
19	Diary, Vol. 2, pp. 725-783	July-Dec. 1952

Box 3

1	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 1-42	Jan.-July 1953
2	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 43-89	Aug. 1953-Jan. 1954
3	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 90-141	Feb.-August 1954
4	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 142-189	Sept. 1954-April 1955
5	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 190-235	May-July 1955
6	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 236-289	Aug. 1955-March 1956
7	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 290-336	April-Sept. 1956
8	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 336-380	Oct. 1956-May 1957
9	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 381-427	May-August 1957
10	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 427-460	Sept.-December 1957
11	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 461-495	Jan.-June 1958
12	Diary, Vol. 3, pp. 496-546	July-December 1958

Series II. Unedited Diaries, 1959-1970

13	1959 Diary, pp. 1-50	Jan.-April 1959
14	1959 Diary, pp. 51-108	May-August 1959
15	1959 Diary, pp. 109-171	Sept.-Dec. 1959

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Series II. Unedited Diaries, 1959-1970 (Cont.)

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Box 3 (cont.)</u>		
16	1960 Diary, pp. 1-46	Jan.-April 1960
17	1960 Diary, pp. 47-120	April-July 1960
18	1960 Diary, pp. 121-156	Aug.-Sept. 1960
19	1960 Diary, pp. 157-221	Oct.-Dec. 1960
<u>Box 4</u>		
1	1961 Diary, pp. 1-64	Jan.-April 1961
2	1961 Diary, pp. 65-123	May-June 1961
3	1961 Diary, pp. 124-188	July-Oct. 1961
4	1961 Diary, pp. 189-224	Nov. Dec. 1961
5	1962 Diary, pp. 1-58	Jan.-March 1962
6	1962 Diary, pp. 59-122	April-July 1962
7	1962 Diary, pp. 123-203	Aug.-Dec. 1962
8	1963 Diary, pp. 1-58 (Includes 2 photos)	Jan.-April 1963
9	1963 Diary, pp. 59-115 (Includes 3 photos)	May-June 1963
10	1963 Diary, pp. 116-196	July-Dec. 1963
11	1964 Diary, pp. 1-54	Jan.-April 1964
12	1964 Diary, pp. 55-105	May-June 1964
13	1964 Diary, pp. 106-197	July-Dec. 1964
14	1965 Diary, pp. 1-82 (Includes 1 photo)	Jan.-June 1965
15	1965 Diary, pp. 83-152	July-Sept. 1965
16	1965 Diary, pp. 153-196 (Includes 1 photo)	Oct.-Dec. 1965
17	1966 Diary, pp. 1-84 (Includes 1 photo)	January-April 1966
18	1966 Diary, pp. 85-150	June-August 1966
19	1966 Diary, pp. 151-212	Sept.-December 1966
20	1967 Diary, pp. 1-108	January-May 1967
21	1967 Diary, pp. 109-174 (Includes 2 photos)	June-August 1967
22	1967 Diary, pp. 175-235 (Includes 2 photos)	Sept.-Dec. 1967
23	1968 Diary, pp. 1-51	January-April 1968
24	1968 Diary, pp. 52-116	May-July 1968
25	1968 Diary, pp. 117-185	August-Dec. 1968

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Series II. Unedited Diaries, 1959-1970 (Cont.)

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Box 5</u>		
1	1969 Diary, pp. 1-64	January-May 1969
2	1969 Diary, pp. 65-108	June-July 1969
3	1969 Diary, pp. 109-176	August-Dec. 1969
4	1970 Diary, pp. 1-58	January-June 1970
5	1970 Diary, pp. 59-118	July-August 1970
6	1970 Diary, pp. 119-176	Sept.-Dec. 1970

Series III. Published Material, 1993

1	<i>A Gay Diary, Vol. 5. 1975-1982</i>	1993
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