

Robert Coughlan Papers
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Title

Robert Coughlan Papers.

Dates

1914-2003. (Bulk: 1940-1978).

Creators

Robert Coughlan and Patricia Coughlan.

Summary/Abstract

John Robert Coughlan was a journalist and author, notably publishing articles in *LIFE* and *Fortune* magazines prior to ghostwriting Rose Kennedy's memoir, *Times to Remember*. Coughlan was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Indiana University in 1988. His papers, gathered and annotated by his wife, Patricia Coughlan, include correspondence, notebooks, manuscripts, photographs, ephemera, and publications.

Quantity/Physical Description

7 linear feet. 5.4 GB digital images.

Language(s)

English, Italian, Russian. (Bulk: English).

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Acquisition

Materials were donated by Patricia Coughlan, wife of Robert Coughlan, in a series of shipments in 1994. Then-Chancellor of Indiana University Kokomo Emta B. Hill corresponded regularly with Mrs. Coughlan and coordinated the acquisition. The deed of gift was signed in September 1995.

Processing information

Collection processed to folder-level in 2018. Some item- and folder-level processing completed upon acquisition in 1993.

Processed by

Meg Galasso, Information Services Librarian & Archivist.
Gail MacKay, Emeritus Librarian, initial processing upon acquisition.

Arrangement by Series

Audiovisual
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Correspondence
Ephemera
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Publications

Scope and Content

This collection documents the activities of Robert Coughlan, journalist, author, Kokomo native, and recipient of an Honorary Degree from Indiana University. Much of the collection consists of notes, correspondence, drafts, and photographs created during the research, writing, and publication of magazine articles and books. Some of the significant topics include: Rose Kennedy and the Kennedy family, Time-Life Inc., international travel, and journalism awards. This collection also documents his personal life. Materials are largely textual, comprising correspondence, news clippings, drafts, memos, publications, oversized certificates, and bound monographs. Other formats include ephemera, photographs, award plaques and certificates, and some film and audio. Materials were gathered and annotated by Patricia Coughlan, wife of Robert Coughlan.

Container List

AUDIOVISUAL		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	Notes from Patricia Coughlan	1994
RCP Box 4	Cassette - Expert Tease	
	Cassette - Untitled	
	Reel-to-reel - Time-Life	Mar 31 1966
	VHS - 2	
	VHS - Bob interviewing movie directors around the world	
	VHS - Dad gets doctorate - Indiana University Kokomo	1988
	VHS - Dad gets doctorate - Indiana University Kokomo - Tape 2	1988
	VHS - Patty Coughlan	
AWARDS		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	Albert Lasker Awards in Medical Journalism	1963- 1966

	Albert Lasker Medical Journalism Award	1954
	Albert Lasker Medical Research Awards	1984
	American Newspaper Guild Heywood Broun Memorial Award	23408
	Benjamin Franklin Magazine Award	1954
	Benjamin Franklin Magazine Citation	Nov 1 1954
	Education Writers Association	1962
	Honorary Degree	1988
	International Institute of Arts and Letters	1963
	Lasker Medical Journalism Award	1991
	Northwestern University	Jun 17 1961
	Overseas Press Club of America	1957
	Sigma Delta Chi	1960
	Summaries	1960- 1964
RCP Box 4	Sons of Indiana honor the Who's Who Hoosiers	1957
RCP Box 9	Certificate - Benjamin Franklin Magazine Award	1954
	Certificate - Lasker Medical Journalism Award	1960
SC Room	Director's Guild of America Annual Awards Dinner Gold Figure	1963
	Plaque – Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award and Bronze Medallion in the Field of Magazine Reporting	1960
BIOGRAPHY		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	After death	1992- 1993
	Birth certificate	1914
	Booklets	1952-1991
	From Patty Coughlan	1957- 1992
	Miscellaneous	1960- 1988
RCP Box 9	Diploma - Kokomo High School	1932
	Diploma - Northwestern University	1936
BOOKS		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 5	Alcohol and the Writer - Donald W. Goodwin	1990
	Austin Scholarships: A History - James C. Worthy	1979
	Austin Scholarships: A History - James C. Worthy	1987
	Coming Victory over Polio - Robert Coughlan	1954
	Elizabeth and Catherine: Empresses of all the Russias - Robert Coughlan	1974
	Great Reading from LIFE: A Treasury of the Best Stories and Articles Chosen by the Editors	1987
	I Cavatore Delle Alpi Apuane	1963
	Kokomo: A pictorial history - Ned Booher	1989
	Prize Articles - 1954	1954

	Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy: Times to Remember - Rose Kennedy	1974
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	Sports: The American scene - ed. Robert Smith	1963
	The Private World of William Faulkner - Robert Coughlan	1954
	The World of Michelangelo 1475-1564 - Robert Coughlan	1971
	Tito: The story told largely by himself of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia - Vladimir Dedijer	1953
	Writing for Fortune: Nineteen authors remember life on the staff of a remarkable magazine	1980
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RCP Box 6	Syllabus - Northwestern University Yearbook	1935
	Syllabus - Northwestern University Yearbook	1936
CLIPPINGS		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	Awards/Personal	1953-1988
	Biographical	1951-1986
	Ku Klux Klan	
		1940-1949
		1955-1956
		1970-1974
COLLECTION		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	About	1995-2003
	Ceremony file	1996
	Correspondence	1993-1994
	IUCAT Record	1995
	Previous box lists	
CORRESPONDENCE		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	Kokomo	1974-1985
	Personal	1939-1967
	VIP	1973-1993
		1939-1949
		1940-1949
		1942-1945

		1943-1994
		1950-1959
		1951-1955
		1957-1958
		1957-1958
		1960-1968
		1961-1969
		1970-1974
EPHEMERA		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	Passports	1948-1971
	Russia	1951
	Souvenirs - Postcards - Russia	1960-1969
	Travel documents	1966
	Travel documents	1948-1961
RCP Box 9	Diploma - 40th Reunion	1972
	Fortune - Reproduction of first issue	1930
KENNEDY		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 1	Clippings	1971-1978
	Contract	1971-1976
	Correspondence	1971-1974
RCP Box 2	Correspondence	1972-1974
	Family Tree	
	Interview transcript	26299
	Interview transcript	Apr 5 1972
	Interview transcript	Aug 31 1972
	Interview transcript	Aug 31 1972
	Interview transcript	Feb 23 1972
	JFK Death	Nov-Dec 1963
	Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation	1994
	Kennedy Saga	
	Leaves from our Lives	24381
	Notes	
	Publishing agreement	1971

	Transcripts	
MICHELANGELO		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 2	Chapter Five Notebook	1965
	Correspondence	1967-1973
	Drafts and correspondence 1	1965
	Drafts and correspondence 2	1965
	Drafts and correspondence 3	1965
	Drafts and correspondence 4	1965
	Sag Harbor Express	Jun 23 1966
NOTEBOOKS		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 2	Africa I and II	1961
	Africa I II and III	1940-1949
	Africa IV and VI	1940-1949
	Airline Industry	1940-1949
	American Line Industry	1940-1949
	Americans abroad I and II	
	Aptitude testing	1940-1949
	Birth control/Hermitage/Michelangelo	
	Blind flying/Personal/Wilson Mankiewicz	
	Bombs Petrillo Pope	1950-1959
	Bound	
	Charles Wilson/Europe Addresses	1940-1949
	Cuban Communism & Earl Lauren	1946
	Dave Beck/Gruenther I and II	1940-1949
	Directors I II and III	
	Directors IV and V	
	Elizabeth Arden	
	Fortune	
	Fortune - Stotler Olds Russian Army	1940-1949
	Fortune Round Table	1940-1949
	Goya	
	Hermitage and Hamerschold	1940-1949

RCP Box 3	Jack and Heinz	1940-1949
	Kouras/Nixon Vice President/Fath Margaret	
	Kyes/Nixon I and II	1940-1949
	Latin America I and II	1940-1949
	Leon Henderson	15554
	Leon Henderson	
	Macmillan I and II	
	NATO I and II	
	Oppenheimer Teller I and II	1940-1949
	Oppenheimer Teller III and IV	1940-1949
	Pick Breech/Behavior/Voice of Experience	1963
	Pullman porters and traveling salesmen	1940-1949
	Sandy Lanes/Ben Hur/RKO	
	Terre Haute	
	Waterfront/Spaak Vlado/Die casting	
PHOTOGRAPHS		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 3	Africa/Miscellaneous	1961-1991
	Duplicates	
	For display	
	For display - small	
	Fortune Group	1980
	RC-P-0001-0014	1940-1949
	RC-P-0015-0020	1950-1959
	Scans	
	With Handwriting	1939-1991
PUBLICATIONS		
Location	Folder	Date
RCP Box 3	Bound - New Yorker	Nov 6 1937
	Bound - Tropical Africa - Life World Library	1962
	Caturani for Gold	May 3 1957
	Control of the Brain	Mar 8 1963
	Directors - Working draft	
	Draft - Goya	
	Draft - Mayor of Florence	1950-1959

	Fortune	Feb 11 1980
	Fortune	Sep 21 1992
	Hypnosis - Vogue - Patricia Coughlan	1960
	Incomplete articles	
	Jesus	1972
	Ku Klux Klan	1989
	Latin America: The Staggering Problem	Jul 28 1961
	New Yorker - Pieces of Late	1939
	Notes	1948
	Proof - Elizabeth and Catherine	
	Proof - Private World of William Faulkner	1954
	Reader's Digest	22555
	Sandy Lane	
	Short stories	1928- 1993
	Sports Illustrated	May 20 1963
	Tory prince of a balmy isle	Dec 25 1961
	Two birds bet a million on a club in the bush	May 20 1963
	Vernon Pick	1954- 1964
	Vest Pocket Master of Six Pocket Billiards	
	William Faulkner Close Up	
	Wine of Genius	1952
RCP Box 7	Manuscript - Kennedys For Better or Worse: The First 101 Years	
RCP Box 8	Manuscript - Elizabeth and Catherine - Robert Coughlan	
RCP Box 9	Life - Special Double Issue: The Bible	1964
	Life - Special Double Issue: The Movies	1963