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A Guide to the Sam Shepard Papers

1980-1999

Collection 054

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Shepard, Sam
Title: Sam Shepard Papers
Dates: 1980-1999
Abstract: The Sam Shepard Papers document the middle years of Sam Shepard's literary and acting career, from 1980-1999. The collection is comprised of the following series: Plays, Novels, Short Stories, Films, Literary Criticism, Notebooks, Correspondence, Clippings, Awards, Interviews, Readings, Published Compilations, Works by Others, and Framed Posters.

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Biographical Sketch

Widely considered one of America's greatest living playwrights, Sam Shepard is also an accomplished actor, director, screenwriter, and musician. Born Samuel Shepard Rogers IV on November 5, 1943 in Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Shepard is the oldest of three children. His family traveled extensively before settling in Duarte, California, outside of Pasadena, where his childhood experiences informed themes that mark much of his later playwriting. Shepard described Duarte as a "weird accumulation of things, a strange kind of melting pot – Spanish, Okie, Black, Midwestern elements all jumbled together. People on the move who couldn't move anymore, who wound up in trailer parks." (*Rolling Stone*, 1986). Shepard told biographer Don Shewey that his alcoholic father "had a real short fuse," and that he was often the target of his father's anger. In high school he began acting and writing poetry. He also worked as a stable hand at a horse ranch in Chino, California from 1958-1960. Thinking of becoming a veterinarian, Shepard studied agriculture at Mount Antonio Junior College for a year; but when a traveling theater group, The Bishop's Company Repertory Players, came through town, Shepard joined them and left home. After touring with them from 1962-1963, he moved to New York City and worked as a bus boy at the Village Gate in Greenwich Village.

In New York, Shepard spent much of his time reading the works of playwrights and writing short "rock and roll" plays which frequently focused "on a single event, the characters often talking past one another or breaking into long monologues. However puzzling the action, these plays already ring out with Shepard's deft rhythms," (*Contemporary Dramatists* 1999). Shepard disavowed the narrative convention that required consistent character motivations, preferring instead to see his characters as capable of a wide variety of roles and actions. Shepard once told an interviewer that, "I preferred a character that was constantly unidentifiable, shifting through the actor, so that the actor could play almost anything, and the audience was never expected to identify with the characters," (Shewey, *Sam Shepard*, 1997, p. 51). Shepard reconsidered this initial approach to his writing as a result of the influence of New York director and acting teacher Joseph Chaikin. As Shepard said, Chaikin helped him understand that there's, "...no room for self indulgence in theater; you have to be thinking about the audience." (Kevin Berger, *salon.com*, January 2, 2001) Chaikin also convinced Shepard to begin re-writing his plays in order to discover the essence of the experience. Prior to that, Shepard said, his "tendency was to jam, like it was jazz or something." (Berger, *salon.com*, January 2, 2001)

Shepard's playwriting debut took place at Theater Genesis on October 16, 1964, with a double bill of *Cowboys* and *Rock Garden*. In 1966, he received a grant from the University of Minnesota, the first of several he would receive in the coming years. Also in 1966, he won an unprecedented trio of Obie awards for *Chicago*, *Icarus' Mother*, and *Red Cross*. The awards, presented by off-off Broadway champion *The Village Voice*, helped Shepard's career gain momentum at a time when critics remained wary of his works.

In 1967, Shepard wrote *La Turista*, his first full-length play, which won an Obie the same year. More Obies for his early works followed, including *Melodrama Play* and *Cowboys #2* in 1968. Shepard also received grants from the Rockefeller Foundation in 1967 and the Guggenheim Foundation in 1968. Also in 1968, Shepard joined a rock band, the Holy Modal Rounders, playing drums and guitar. Although he played with the band for three years, he continued to write and received a second Guggenheim Foundation grant in 1971.

Shepard married O-Lan Jones Dark, an actress, on November 9, 1969, with whom he had one son, Jesse Mojo Shepard. Shepard and Dark divorced in 1984. In 1971, Shepard had a much-publicized relationship with rock singer Patti Smith. Together they wrote *Cowboy Mouth*, acting the parts on stage in the first night's performance.

In 1971, Shepard and family traveled to England, where four more plays premiered (*The Tooth of Crime*, *Blue Bitch*, *Geography of a Horse Dreamer*, and *Little Ocean*). *Tooth of Crime* was later presented in the U.S., winning an Obie in 1973. The next year, Shepard returned to the United States and served as the playwright in residence for The Magic Theater in San Francisco, a post he held for the next ten years. It was during this time that Shepard made his mark on mainstream American drama, winning the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1979 for his play *Buried Child* and producing his best-known plays, among them, *True West* in 1980.

In 1975, he took part in Bob Dylan's "Rolling Thunder Review," a nationwide touring group that included Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, Allen Ginsberg, and William Burroughs. Shepard eventually published an account of the experience in 1987, titled *Rolling Thunder Logbook*. In 1978, Shepard began his film career, appearing in Bob Dylan's *Renaldo and Clara* and later that year in *Days of Heaven*, directed by Terence Mallick. Also in 1978, Shepard began his collaboration with Joseph Chaikin, with the theater piece, *Tongues*. Chaikin and Shepard would also collaborate on *Savage/Love* (1979), and *The War in Heaven*, which was presented on WBAI radio in 1985.

In the 1980s, his works continued to win awards. He won his eleventh Obie for *Fool for Love* (1984.) *A Lie of the Mind* won the New York Drama Critics Award in 1986. Also during the 1980s, Shepard's screenwriting and acting career began to grow. Screenplays included *Me and My Brother*, *Zabriskie Point*, and *Fool for Love*. His most popular and critically acclaimed film, *Paris, Texas*, won a Golden Palm Awards at the Cannes Film Festival in 1984. This screenplay was commissioned by German director Wim Wenders, and was based loosely on Shepard's *Motel Chronicles*. His acting roles included *Resurrection* (1980), *Raggedy Man* (1981), *Frances* (1982), *The Right Stuff* (1983), for which he received an Academy Award nomination, *Country* (1984), *Fool for Love* (1985), *Crimes of the Heart* (1986), and *Steel Magnolias* (1989). He wrote and directed *Far North* (1988), which starred Jessica Lange.

Shepard continued to write new plays in the 1990s, though his output has slowed from the dizzying pace of the 1960s-1970s. *States of Shock* premiered in 1991, and in 1992 a revised version of *True West* was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Drama. *Simpatico* opened in 1994, and his revision of *Buried Child* opened on Broadway in 1996 and received a Tony Award nomination. Another collaboration with Joseph Chaikin, *When the World Was Green (A Chef's Fable)* also premiered in 1996. Shepard's collection of stories, *Cruising Paradise*, was published by Knopf in 1996. *Curse of the Starving Class* opened in 1997 and *Eyes for Consuela* (based on an Octavio Paz short story) was produced in 1998. In 2001, Shepard returned to San Francisco's The Magic Theater for the premier of his new play *The Late Henry Moss*.

Shepard's acting career also flourished through the 1990s and 2000s, with appearances in *Defenseless* (1991), *Thunderheart* (1992), *The Pelican Brief* (1993), and *The Good Old Boys* (1995), among others. Shepard wrote and directed the feature film *Silent Tongue* (1992). Some of his additional film appearances include *All the Pretty Horses* (2000), based on the novel of the same name by Cormac McCarthy, *Blackhawk Down* (2001), *Swordfish* (2001), *The Notebook* (2004), *Stealth* (2005), *Walker* (2005), and *Bandidas* (2006).

Shepard was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letter in 1986. In 1992, he received the Gold Medal for Drama from the Academy and in 1994 he was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame. From 1983 to 2010, Shepard was in a committed relationship with actress Jessica Lange, with whom has two children, Hannah Jane Shepard and Samuel Walker Shepard.

Shepard's impact on modern theater can be gauged by the numerous scholarly books and articles devoted to his work, as well as the hundreds of productions of his plays, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Further readings:

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- Auerbach, Doris. *Sam Shepard, Arthur Kopit, and the Off Broadway Theater*. Boston : Twayne, 1982.
- Mottram, Ron. *Inner Landscapes : The Theater of Sam Shepard*. Columbia : Univ. of Missouri Press, 1984.
- Shewey, Don. *Sam Shepard*. New York : Dell, 1985.
- Patraka, Vivian M., and Siegel, Mark. *Sam Shepard*. Boise, Idaho : Boise State University, 1985.
- Oumano, Ellen. *Sam Shepard : The Life and Work of an American Dreamer*. New York : St. Martin's Press, 1986; London : Virgin, 1987.
- Hart, Lynda. *Sam Shepard's Metaphorical Stages*. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1987.
- King, Kimball. *Sam Shepard : A Casebook*. New York : Garland, 1988.
- Trussler, Simon, ed. *File on Shepard*. London : Methuen, 1989.
- DeRose, David J. *Sam Shepard*. New York : Twayne, 1992.
- Benet, Carol. *Sam Shepard on the German Stage : Critics, Politics, Myths*. New York : Peter Lang, 1993.
- Wilcox, Leonard, ed. *Rereading Shepard : Contemporary Critical Essays on the Plays of Sam Shepard*. Basingstoke, Macmillan, 1993.
- Wade, Leslie A. *Sam Shepard and the American Theater*. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1997.
- Bottoms, Stephen J. *The Theater of Sam Shepard : States of Crisis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Some materials restricted. Please contact the Wittliff Collections for information about access.

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Notes to Researchers

The Southwestern Writers Collection also holds the Sam Shepard and Johnny Dark Collection (SWWC Collection 106)

The Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin additional Sam Shepard Papers.

Boston University houses a collection of Sam Shepard Papers.

Scope and Contents Note

The Sam Shepard Papers is comprised of the following series:

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Series I: Plays, 1982-1999 **Boxes 1-9**

The series for Plays is the largest of Shepard's works and includes notes, annotated typescripts, playbills, programs, correspondence, sound recordings, rehearsal schedules, reviews, and publicity. This series is notable in that Shepard meticulously identified each annotated draft with the date and place (by city and state) of each revision, and there tend to be multiple drafts of each work represented.

Series II: Unpublished Novels 1991, undated **Boxes 9-10**

Two annotated typescripts of *Stray Hand* (working title *Slow Dawning of a Sudden Loss*), 1991.

Series III: Short Stories, 1989-1998 **Boxes 10-14**

Many of the short stories represented in this series were published in short story compilations *Motel Chronicles* (1982) and *Cruising Paradise* (1996). The series has been arranged by those compilation titles. *Volador* was a working title for *Cruising Paradise*; those files immediately precede the files labeled *Cruising Paradise*. The files for *Volador / Cruising Paradise* include multiple drafts of stories, correspondence, while files for *Motel Chronicles* include annotated typescripts and production information, but no multiple drafts.

Series IV: Films, 1982-1998 **Boxes 14-18**

This series is divided into two subseries. The first, films for which Shepard wrote the screenplay, includes: notes, annotated drafts, dialogue rewrites, publicity, correspondence, contracts, music notes, production notes and schedules. Of the films in this subseries, *Silent Tongue* includes the

most information (1 linear foot), followed by *Far North*, (.25 linear feet.), *Onibaba* (.25 linear feet), *Paris, TX* (4 folders), and *Plain Fate*, an unfinished work (1 folder).

The second subseries of films is for those which Shepard did not write the screenplay but in which he appears as an actor, *Bright Angel* (1989-90) and *Voyager* ((1990-91) both include screenplay typescripts with Shepard's annotations. *Thunderheart* (1991) includes storyboards and color photographs, *Dash and Lily* (1998) includes an advertisement.

Series V. Literary Criticism, 1984
Box 18

This series is comprised of a review by Shepard of Peter Handke's novel *The Weight of the World*, including a letter from Handke's editor, Shepard's draft, and a copy of the essay as published in *Vanity Fair*, Sept. 1984.

Series VI. Notebooks, 1981-1995
Boxes 19-20

The Notebooks series includes handwritten notes, dialogue ideas, small drawings, and journal entries, usually in spiral bound notebooks. Some entries are personal and many were or were intended to be developed into longer works.

Series VII. Correspondence, 1982-1998
Boxes 20-21

Topics include the publication of Shepard's works in magazines and Journals as excerpts, as well as in their entirety; correspondence with agent Lois Berman. Aside from general correspondence, this series also includes correspondence from Joseph Chaikin and Barry Daniels and correspondence from Shepard's son, Jesse, as noted [Restricted]. For Shepard's 40-year correspondence with Johnny Dark, see the Southwestern Writers Collection 106, The Sam Shepard and Johnny Dark Collection.

A. Chaikin, Joseph, 1984-1987 The majority of these letters from Joseph Chaikin to Shepard relate to plays the two collaborated on. Because they date from after Chaikin's strokes, many of the letters include fragments of sentences and ideas.

B. Daniels, Barry, 1984-1989 This subseries includes correspondence regarding the volume Daniels edited entitled *Joseph Chaikin & Sam Shepard : Letters and Texts, 1972-1984*. Also included is an advance proof, articles on Shepard and Chaikin, and a photograph of Chaikin by Ray Maichen.

Series VIII. Clippings, 1983-1998
Box 22

This series includes news clippings regarding Shepard and his work. A file of undated clippings also includes photocopied fragments of others' work, annotated by Shepard.

Series IX. Awards, 1988-1998
Box 22

This series includes award certificates, correspondence, presentation programs, and clippings for awards Shepard received from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, among other institutions.

Series X. Interviews, 1980-1997
Box 22

This series is comprised of a conversation between Bob Dylan and Shepard, ca. mid 1980s to early 1990s. No transcript currently exists for these 3 audiocassettes, but the tapes have been transferred to CD as listening copies. Also included are the typescript and galleys for an interview of Shepard by *Paris Review*, regarding Shepard's writing process, 1997, and an interview with Shepard on National Public Radio's "Fresh Air", August 1996.

Series XI. Readings, 1991-94
Box 22

This series is comprised of Shepard's notes, correspondence and annotated photocopies of excerpts of his work read at various events. Arranged in chronological order by the event's date.

Series XII. Published compilations, 1984-1993
Box 23

Cover art proposals and galleys for compilations of Shepard's work published by Vintage and Bantam comprise this series.

Series XIII. Works by Others, 1984-1998
Boxes 23-25

Arranged by genre (articles, books, sound recordings, screenplays, short stories and teleplays), most of the works in this series are based on or inspired by Shepard's works. Authors mailed the works to Shepard for his comments, and many items include typescripts annotated by Shepard and correspondence.

Series XIV. Framed Posters

Includes 4 posters that were removed from the collection and framed for exhibit. Additional unframed posters can be found listed within the collection.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Plays, 1982-1999, undated

Box	Folder	
		<i>Tooth of Crime (1972)</i>
1	1	Annotated typescript re-write, 1996
1	2	Folder with March 1996 and October 1996 re-writes, December 1996 schedules, contact sheets, reviews, for New York Production. Includes photograph of Mohammed Ali.
1	3	Correspondence regarding <i>Tooth of Crime</i> , including: correspondence from Signature Theater, 2 audiocassettes of T. Bone Burnett music, and contract for Burnett's musical score.
1	4	Review, <i>New York Times</i> , 1996
		<i>Sad Lament of Pecos Bill on the Eve of Killing His Wife (1976)</i>
1	5	Manuscript musical score by Loren Toolajian, 1997 [housed in box 26]
1	6	Audiocassette recording of Pecos Bill, undated
1	7	Reviews, 1997
1	8	Advertisement
		<i>Curse of the Starving Class (1977)</i>
1	9	Press kit, including: credits, potential cast, synopsis, biographies, and letters of support.
1	10	Reviews, 1991
		<i>Buried Child (1977)</i>
1	11	Published script with Steppenwolf/Chicago re-write annotations
1	12	Final Steppenwolf re-write, annotated typescript, 1996
2	1	Re-write, annotated typescript, 1996
2	2	Production calendar and correspondence, Brooks Atkinson Theater New York, 1996
2	3	Playbills (2), Brooks Atkinson Theater, New York, April-May, 1996
2	4	Correspondence, includes: telegram from Bob Dylan, correspondence with agent Judy Boals, and <i>American Theater</i> magazine regarding publication of <i>Buried Child</i> , 1995-1996
2	5-6	Reviews, 1995-1996
2	7	Steppenwolf Chicago Poster, 1996
		<i>True West (1980)</i>
3	1	Correspondence regarding film rights, 1983-1985
3	2	Repertory Theater of St. Louis program, 1983-1984
3	3	Program for Dutch production, February 1984
3	4	Playbill from Le Theatre National de Belgique signed by Shepard, 1985
3	5	Program for Ojai, California production, 1998
3	6	Posters for French (2) and Turkish (1) productions - FRAMED

Series I: Plays, continued

Box Folder

True West, continued

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| 3 | 7 | Scripts for New York City radio spots (2), 1983 |
| 3 | 8 | Reviews, 1983-1984; London: 1994 |

Fool For Love (1983)

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| 3 | 9 | Bound annotated typescript with cover featuring Elvis kissing a blonde woman. Signed by Shepard, October, 1982 |
| 3 | 10 | Stage Notes for Magic Theater, handwritten orange notebook, 1983 |
| 3 | 11 | Correspondence, 1983-1985 |
| 3 | 12 | United States reviews, 1983-1996 |
| 3 | 13 | Japanese production documents, including: Circle Repertory Company tour program, Tsurumi Shoten publication of script, and Bi-lingual program for KSK Hall production. |
| 3 | 14 | Brazilian reviews, 1988 |
| 3 | 15 | Australian reviews and publicity, 1984 |
| 3 | 16 | French program, 1984 |
| 3 | 17 | Czech publicity materials |
| 3 | 18 | British (London) reviews, 1996 |

A Lie of the Mind (1985)

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| 4 | 1 | Correspondence, 1985-1992 |
| 4 | 2 | Programs |
| 4 | 3 | CD and audiocassette musical recording by Red Clay Ramblers |
| 4 | 4 | Audiocassette musical recording by Token Oldies |
| 4 | 5 | Reviews, 1985-1993 |
| 4 | 6 | Latvian translation by Karina Petrsons, hardbound, 1990 |

The War in Heaven (1985)

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| 4 | 7 | Annotated work play, February 1984 |
| 4 | 8 | Audiocassette tapes of rehearsals (2), 1984, n.d. |
| 4 | 9 | American Place Theater annotated re-write, February 13, 1991 |
| 4 | 10 | American Place Theater re-write with music percussion notes, February 13, 1991 |
| 4 | 11 | American Place Theater annotated re-write, February 1991 |
| 4 | 12 | American Place Theater re-write, heavily annotated cover page, February 13, 1991 |
| 4 | 13 | Programs, 1991 |
| 4 | 14 | News clippings, 1991 |
| 5 | 1 | Correspondence with Joseph Chaikin regarding <i>The War in Heaven</i> , 1995 |
| 5 | 2 | Photocopy of the poem, "What Is the Word," by Samuel Beckett, last Beckett poem to Chaikin |

Series I: Plays, continued

Box Folder

Sacred Ground (1989)

5 3 Partial manuscript, 100 handwritten pages in blue spiral notebook includes set drawings, 1989

Sangre de Cristo (unfinished) (1989)

5 4 Original manuscript bound in spiral notebook, August 25, 1989

5 5 Annotated unfinished typescript, November 1989

States of Shock (1991)

5 6 Partial manuscript and annotated typescript titled *States of Panic*, crossed out titles include *Lost Partners*, *A Fear of Unknown Origin*, and *The Man Who Couldn't Stop Weeping*, November 12, 1988

5 7 Notes and dialog, January 1989

5 8 Manuscript and typescript pages for early draft titled *Chattanooga*, *Fanatics*, and *Chattanooga Breakdown* (January-May 1989)

5 9 Annotated typescript subtitled *Friendly Fire* (2) (January 1991)

5 10 Second draft, annotated typescript, March 1991

5 11 Stage set drawings and letter from Bill Stabilie, undated

6 1 Folder containing final draft (March 1991) and re-writes, April 4, 1991 and May 5, 1991. Heavily annotated typescript with music and sound cues, and rehearsal schedule for American Place Theater production

6 2 Final script of American Place Theater production, 1991

6 3 Final draft, undated

6 4 Sample pages of proposed publication

6 5 Dramatists Play Service publication, 1992

6 6 Playbill from American Place Theater production, April 1994

6 7 Reviews, 1991

6 8 Correspondence from 7 Stages director Faye Allen and from lighting designer Ann Millitello regarding the death of a friend named John Dodd, 1991, 1998

Simpatico (1993)

6 9 First draft, annotated typescript subtitled *Life in the Wake*, September 20, 1992 - July 13, 1993

6 10 Re-writes, September 1992, July 1993, and June 1994

6 11 Typescript draft with minimal annotations, July 1993

6 12 Final draft/working rehearsal script with minimal annotations for Public Theater, September 1992-August 1994

7 1 Annotated typescript, undated

7 2 Working script for Joseph Papp Public Theater production, November 1994

7 3 Final corrected version, November 1994

Series I: Plays, continued

Box Folder

Simpatico, continued

7	4	Notebook with rehearsal notes, rehearsal schedule, correspondence, Fall 1994
7	5	Final Version, April 1998
7	6	Playbill and publicity from Queensland Theater production, April 1996
7	7	Trade book cover art sample
8	1	Reviews, 1993-1995
8	2	Reviews, 1996-1998
8	3	Correspondence, 1993

Seduced (1995)

8	4	Play program from New York production: Kraine Theater, and correspondence
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The Unseen Hand and Other Plays (1996)

8	5	Page proofs with annotations and typesetting marks.
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When the World Was Green (1996)

8	6	Annotated typescript, December 1994
8	7	Annotated typescript, September 1994-August 1995
8	8	Typescript, undated
8	9	Folder for Chicago production includes: correspondence, contact sheets, rehearsal schedules, and heavily annotated working scripts
8	10	Reviews and play program for Atlanta production, 1996
8	11	Reviews and play program for San Francisco production, 1997
8	12	Reviews and play program for Boston production, 1997
8	13	Correspondence from Judy Boals. 1996
9	1	Correspondence with Joseph Chaikin, 1994-1995
9	2	Press release for Gradiva Best Play Award, 1997

Eyes for Consuela (1998)

9	3	First draft, annotated typescript, October 31, 1996
9	4	Working draft, annotated typescript, September, 1997
9	5	Folder for Austin production: working script, rehearsal schedules, 1998
9	6	Playbill for Manhattan Theater Club production, January, 1998
9	7	Reviews, 1998

Unfinished Unidentified Play (1990)

9	8	Heavily annotated typescript, dates and places include: November 1990, Virginia, December 1990, Florida, and December 1990, Virginia. Character names include: Reeves, Raynelle, Parnell, Clayton, and Joellie. 78 pages total, undated
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Series I: Plays, continued

Box Folder

Unfinished Play Fragment, undated

9 9 Annotated typescript, characters include Clayton, Mitch, and Kaylee, undated

Series II: Unpublished Novels, 1991, undated

Stray Hand / Slow Dawning of a Sudden Loss, 1991-1993

9 10 Annotated typescript, 256 pages with 13 additional pages of re-writes at end titled "Stray Hand," undated

10 1-2 Annotated typescript (2 copies) titled "Slow Dawning of a Sudden Loss," 1991-1993.

Series III: Short Stories, 1989-1998, undated

Motel Chronicles (1982)

10 3 Signed bound annotated typescript, 1992

10 4 Program for Paris production, undated

Volador/Cruising Paradise (1989-1998)

10 5 Spiral bound handwritten draft of *Volador* includes note, story drafts, clippings, and photographs. Subjects and titles include: Train Film outline, Chain Chain Chain, Wayne Grace, Madagascar, Phone Call, "Apart," Chappy, Rich Hole, Papantle, Spencer Tracy Had the Right Idea, Nightmare, How I Came by Train, Blythe, Paris, Train to Munich, and Athens, 1989-1991

10 6 Drafts of stories and letter from LuAnn Walther at Random House Publishers inviting Shepard to submit a collection of short stories for publication.

11 1 Draft of stories titled *Volador* and letter to LuAnn Walther at Random House Publishers, June 13, 1989

11 2 Draft of stories titled *Volador* and letter to LuAnn Walther at Random House Publishers. Story titles include: "The Real Gabby Hayes, Nuevo Mundo, Cruising Paradise, Wild to the Wild, A Small Circle of Friends, Thin Skin, Lily and the Judge, More Urgent Emergencies, The Devouring Lion, Falling Without End, Homage to Celine, Gary Cooper on the Landscape, The Self-Made Man, Hail from Nowhere, Synthetic Pink, Temporary Entrance, Papantla, See You In My Dreams (1 original, 1 photocopy), undated [1989]

11 3 Draft titled with photocopied photographs. Also titled "Slave of the Camera (an actor's notes)," July, 1990

11 4 *Volador* reading typescript, October 6, 1995

12 1-4 Annotated typescript (in 4 folders)

Series III: Short Stories, continued

Box Folder

Volador/Cruising Paradise, continued

13	1	Page proofs, 1995
13	2	Typescript with typesetting marks, undated
13	3	Uncorrected proof of Knopf publication, 1996
13	4	Dust jackets for Knopf publication, undated
13	5	Cover art proposals, undated
13	6	Unbound Knopf signatures, undated
13	7	Knopf catalog featuring <i>Cruising Paradise</i> , Spring 1996
14	1	Audio book cover art proposals, undated
14	2	Publicity, 1996
14	3	Reviews, 1996
14	4	Correspondence regarding reviews, rights to publish excerpts, and foreign editions, 1996-1998
14	5	Cover art proposals for foreign publications: Minerva, U.K. and La Font, France, 1997

The Fire in Jeremy's Lap, undated

14	6	Annotated and signed typescript, 2 pages. Undated
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Series IV: Films, 1984-1991

Subseries A: Films written by Shepard, 1982-1992

Paris, TX (1984)

14	7	Notes: dialog re-writes, editing notes, 10 p. March 22, 1984
14	8	Correspondence from Peter Kaminsky and Wim Wenders, 1982-1983
14	9	Advertising sample (5.5 x 8.5 color card)
14	10	Reviews, 1984

Far North (1988)

14	11	Notes regarding make-up, hospital scene, and synopsis, undated
14	12	Notes on second draft regarding budget, music and sound, 10 p. February, 1987
14	13	Notes on cutting/editing, 8 page. January, 1988
14	14	Vehicle card, undated
14	15	Advertisements, undated
14	16	Reviews, 1988-1989
14	17	Black and white publicity photograph of Sam Shepard on set
14	18	Correspondence, includes: program for Minnesota film premiere and program and materials from 1988 Telluride Film Festival, 1988-1989
14	19	Audiocassette of New York City-New Orleans music sessions, undated
14	20	VHS Videocassette of film transfer with visual time code, second cut. January 28, 1988

Series IV: Films, continued

Subseries A: Films written by Shepard, continued

Box Folder

		<i>Far North</i> , continued
15	1	VHS Videocassette of film transfer with visual time code, transfer number four, March 4, 1988
		<i>Plain Fate</i> (unfinished, February, 1988)
15	2	Signed annotated typescript, February 1988
		<i>Onibaba</i> (1991)
15	3	Handwritten notes and partial draft in blue spiral notebook, 18 p. May 1992 Notebook also contains notes, sketches, and dialogue for play, "States of Shock, 1991; screenplay, "The Homesman," May 1991; and play original deception," May 1991
15	4	First draft outline, annotated typescript, July 11, 1992
15	5	Clippings regarding 1965 Japanese film <i>Onibaba</i> directed by Kaneto Shindo.
15	6	Contract with Toho International for film rights purchased by Shepard, September 21, 1992
		<i>Silent Tongue</i> (1992)
15	7	First draft May 1988, Virginia and August 1988 Natchidoches, La.
15	8	Contact sheet for Red Clay Ramblers, March 19, 1988
15	9	Location notes, memos, and map, October 24, 1988
15	10	Third revision, slightly annotated in blue, black and red ink, January, 1992
15	11	Third revision typescript annotated in red ink
16	1	Third revision typescript lightly annotated in black ink and blue highlighter January, 1992
16	2	Third revision lightly annotated in red and black ink and minimal blue highlighter, January, 1992
16	3	Notebook with headings of outline, personnel, and notes, 1988
16	4	Shooting script, March 5, 1992
16	5	Editing, continuity, location, and extras notes, undated
16	6	Music notes, 1992
16	7	Audiocassette of medicine show music, undated
17	1	Two audiocassettes of Dino's music, undated
17	2	Possible prologue photos (photocopies from published sources), undated
17	3	Notes on cuts, August, 1993
17	4	Notes on final trims of opening from editor Bill Yahraus, undated
17	5	Vehicle card, "Now Filming"
17	6	Folder containing: crew resumes, production telephone messages, information about stuntmen, casting suggestions for "Reeves," production schedule, and storyboard drawings by Michael Peal, undated

Series IV: Films, continued

Subseries A: Films written by Shepard, continued

Box Folder

Silent Tongue, continued

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| 17 | 7 | Photographs from set: 8x10 black and white of Alan Bates, Dermot Mulroney, and a female in front of stage wagon and 3x5 of burial tree |
| 17 | 8 | Synopsis for press kit draft, undated |
| 17 | 9 | Clippings and reviews, 1992-1994 |
| 17 | 10 | Film guide from Sundance Film Festival featuring <i>Silent Tongue</i> , 1993 |
| 17 | 11 | Poster |
| 17 | 12 | Correspondence including: ICM correspondence regarding contract for film, 1991; Grey Larsen regarding music for film, 1988, and article written for Esquire magazine about film, undated |

A Rage of Unknown Origin, undated

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| 18 | 1 | Notes, two typescript pages, undated |
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Subseries B. Films in which Shepard performed, 1989-1998

Bright Angel, screenplay by Richard Ford (1989-1990)

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| 18 | 2 | Screenplay typescript by Richard Ford, second draft with Shepard's annotations, August, 1989 |
| 18 | 3 | Screenplay typescript by Ford, latest draft, with Shepard's annotations, August, 1989 |
| 18 | 4 | Color transparency advertising film, 1990 |

Voyager (1991)

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| 18 | 5 | Annotated photocopy of book titled <i>Homo Faber</i> by Max Frisch, 1989 |
| 18 | 6 | Annotated article on Max Frisch, undated |
| 18 | 7 | Screenplay typescript third draft with Shepard's annotations, February 1990 – March 1990 |
| 18 | 8 | Film contract, January 1990 |
| 18 | 9 | Location stills by Volker, color photographs in blue notebook, undated |
| 18 | 10 | Production schedules, maps, 1990 |
| 18 | 11-12 | Photographs on set of Shepard and Delpy by Bridgette LaCombe, includes 16 black and white faxes and 19 color copies, 1990 |
| 18 | 13 | Production notes by Castle Hill Productions including cast, credits and synopsis, undated |
| 18 | 14 | Booklet containing synopsis, photographs, artistic and technical participants in film (in French), undated |
| 18 | 15 | Reviews, undated |
| 18 | 16 | Correspondence with Volker, 1989-1990 |

Thunderheart (1991)

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| 18 | 17 | Storyboards for scenes 38, 40, 70, 119-122, and 131-133 (photocopies) |
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Series IV: Films, continued

Subseries A: Films in which Shepard performed, continued

Box Folder

Thunderheart, continued

18 18 Two color photographs, taped together, unidentified, but presumed to be taken on the set of *Thunderheart*, undated

Dash and Lilly (1998)

18 19 Advertisement in *Variety* magazine, undated

Series V: Literary Criticism, 1984

18 20 Review by Shepard of Peter Handke's novel *The Weight of the World*, including letter from Handke's editor, Shepard's draft and a copy of the essay published in *Vanity Fair*, September 1984

Series VI: Notebooks, 1981- 1996, undated

19 1 Various subjects including:

Synthetic Tears screenplay outline,
Transfixion
New Mexico
Fool for Love notes, 1981-1982

19 2 Blue spiral containing notes on various subjects including:

"Dream in Borad Day," prose fragment, July, 23, 1982
"script fragment beginning," Int. Lee and Old Man," August,8, 1982
"P.O.V's prose, fragment," undated
"After all I'd been through with this guy," prose fragment, October 11, 1982
"The Flood has occurred and he could not be bothered to save himself from drowning..."prose fragment, undated
"Second Chance" undated

19 3 Various subjects on loose sheets including:

"Machine Dreams:
"Film Synopsis," December 25, 1984
"Denial," film sketch, February 1984
"History of the Dog," undated.
Film sketch beginning, "A Man has a dream about a murder..." undated
"Jealousy is not a pretty thing," October 23, 1988
"States" notes, February, 1989
"1957" film notes, January 1, 1987
"The Man Who Could Not Stop Crying," October 3, 1988

Series VI, Notebooks, continued

Box Folder

- 19 4 Various subjects bound in black leather book with red marbled endpapers, including:
- “Thin Skin – What Any Woman Can Do To You,” 1989
 - “J.D.’s Collapse,” December 1998
 - “Southwest Chief – L.A. to Chicago,” February 1989
 - “More Urgent Emergencies,” April, 1989
 - “Wild to the Wild,” May, 1989
 - “Ancient Fear of the Fiddle,” May, 1989
 - “Open Suitcase,” January, 1990
- 19 5 Various subjects including:
- quotes dated August, 1992
 - “Separation: Horrors of the Road,” September 1992
 - “Simms – Tall Stories Solid 7,” September, 1993
 - “One Last Favor,” playscript September, 1992
 - “No Better Place than the Present,” undated
- 19 6 Various subjects in black spiral bound notebook including:
- “Brecht Clown Play - Joe - World Was Green - At the Edge of the World,” November 1993
 - “Confession - Obsession - Blessing or Curse,” “Oedipus,” October 1995
 - “Great Place,” November 1995
 - “Sins of the Distant Past,” “Marfa Lights,” February 1996; November 1993-January 1996, (black cover)
- 20 1 Various subjects include:
- “Turkey Sag,” January, 1994
 - “Gary Cooper of the Landscape,” January, 1994
 - “A Weakness for Horses,” January, 1994
 - Actors, Simpatico, “An Actors Doubt,” January, 1994
 - poem “My mother loved the sea...” March, 1994
 - “Dreaming of a way to Enter the Unbearable Present,” April, 1994
 - “Self Made Man (Divine Providence,” undated
 - “Questions for Junior Brown,” March, 1995
 - “Once,” May, 1995
 - “Dignity,” May, 1995
 - “A Man’s Man,” May, 1995
 - “Reading-Oct. 6 - “Y”,” April 24, 1994
 - “Volador; Mundo Nuevo,” July, 1994
 - “Place,” May, 1995
- 20 2 Various subjects on three loose pages:
- Angel, White Horse on Hudson, God, Tuna undated

Series VII: Correspondence, 1982-1998, undated

Box Folder

1982

20 3 Lawson, Wayne, November 10, 1982

1983

20 4 Phillips, Jerrold, March 2, 1983
Berman, Lois, August 18, 1983
Cuyama Valley Exchange Club. August 29, 1983
Mitchell, Joni, circa 1983

1984

20 5 Rogers, S[Sam], April 13, 1984
Gantcher, Neal (to Martin Licker), June 6, 1984
Kirwin, Lynne (to Lois Berman), June 27, 1984
Allen, Lewis (to Lois Berman), June 29, 1984
Shewey, Don (to Lois Berman), July 12, 1984
Shewey, Don, July 12, 1984
Berman, Lois, July 17, 1984
Allen, Lewis, July 17, 1984
McCrum, Robert (to Lois Berman), August 23, 1984
* restricted Shepard, Jesse, October 9, 1984
Lynn and Jack (first names only), November 26, 1984

1985

20 6 * restricted Shepard, Jesse, February 20, 1985
Ward, Melinda, February 28, 1985
Weiler, Robert S., June 28, 1985
Allen, Lewis, July 3, 1985
Sato, Suzanne, July 8, 1985

1986

20 7 * restricted Shepard, Jesse, February 2, 1986
Gotlieb, Howard, April 4, 1986. Includes Boston University's Shepard collection listing.

1988

20 8 Klein, Don, April 25, 1988
Mark, Steven (to Martin Licker), June 7, 1988
Wenders, Wim, July 22, 1988
Crane, Joan, July 28, 1988
Crane, Joan, August 2, 1988
Wexler, Haskell, September 30, 1988
Wexler, Haskell, October 21, 1988
"Mom," November 2, 1988

Series VII, Correspondence, continued

Box Folder

1988, continued

20 8 Bryer, Jackson, November 30, 1988
Daugherty, Pat, December 19, 1988

1989

20 9 Daniels, Barry, January 5, 1989
Berman, Lois, May 17, 1989. Includes "American Dreams" programs
Ford, Richard, August 10, 1989
Sinise, Gary, November 4, 1989

1990

20 10 Jewell, Cathy, October 18, 1990
Halpern, Daniel, October 25, 1990
Jewell, Cathy, October 25, 1990
Hill, Steve, December 18, 1990

1991

20 11 Jewell, Cathy, January 14, 1991
Berman, Lois, January 17, 1991
Newman, Paul, May 15, 1991
Eberle, Martin, June 28, 1991, Includes six 9 1/2 x 11 1/2 black and white
photographs of Shepard and others

1992

20 12 "R.J." (initials only), October 8, 1992
Callens, Johan (to Lois Berman), October 30, 1992

1993

20 13 Callens, Johan (to Lois Berman), October 1, 1993
Kulkhe, K., October 6, 1993

1994

20 14 Shelley, Guy, March 15, 1994
Boals, Judy, April 15, 1994. Includes poster and slides from a Paris production of
Icarus's Mother

1995

20 15 Boals, Judy, March 24, 1995. Includes Theater Hall of Fame program

Series VII, Correspondence, continued

Box Folder

1996

- 20 16 O'Hearn, Patrick, March 12, 1996
West, Robert, Jr., March 17, 1996
Jones, O-Lan, March 21, 1996
Boals, Judy, April 19, 1996
Boals, Judy, April 22, 1996
Kirchwey, Karl, April 22, 1996
Morris, Tom (to Judy Boals), April 24, 1996
Houghton, James, April, 25, 1996
McKimmie, Ilyse, May 1, 1996
West, Robert Jr., May 1, 1996
Boals, Judy, May 2, 1996
Oliver, Liz, May 2, 1996
Teale, Sarah, May 3, 1996
"New Yorker" editorial office, May 18, 1996
Giuliani, Rudolph, May 22, 1996. re: 50th anniversary of Tony Awards
Butcher, Peggy (to Judy Boals), May 23, 1996
Stevenson, Isabelle (June 6, 1996)
McCormick, Anne (to Luann Walther), June 10, 1996
Allen, Georgina, June 11, 1996. Includes cover art for Methuen publications of Plays
1 and 3.
Pacquette, Brian, June 25, 1996
Morris, Tom, July 24, 1996
Singer, Sally, August 6, 1996
Weinberg, Samantha, August 6, 1996
Morris, Tom, September 16, 1996
Carvalho, Jim, September 30, 1996

1997

- 20 17 Notice from Academy of Arts and Letters re: death of Alan Ginsberg, April 5, 1997
Aronowitz, Al, May 1, 1997
Adolphe, Bruce (to Judy Boals), August 14, 1997
"Santo," October 21, 1997

1998

- 20 18 Shepard, Sam (to Magic Theater), April 29, 1998
Boals, Judy, July 23, 1998
Callahan, Michael (to Judy Boals), September 14, 1998

Undated

- 20 19 "Freddie and Lara" (first names only)
McAdams, "Coach"
Multiple authors (first names only)

Series VII, Correspondence, continued

Box Folder

- Joseph Chaikin, 1984-1987
- 21 1 Letters (1984-1997)
- Barry Daniels, 1984-1989
- 21 2 Correspondence, 1987-1989
21 3 Uncorrected advance proof
21 4 Articles on Chaikin and Shepard
21 5 Photograph of Chaikin by Ray Maichen, undated

Series VIII: Clippings, 1983-1988; undated

- 22 1-2 Clippings, 1983-1988
22 3 Clippings, undated

Series IX: Awards, 1982-1998

- 22 4 Common Wealth Awards in Dramatic Arts program and press release, 1988
American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow list of members selected,
correspondence, and certificate, 1989
American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Gold Medal for Drama
program, 1992
Theater Hall of Fame Scroll of Honor presented by Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of the
City of New York certificate, 1995
Star on the Playwrights Sidewalk at the Lucille Lortel Theater, NYC. Certificate
announcing the placement of the Star on the sidewalk, news clipping, 1988

Series X: Interviews, 1980-1997

- 22 5 Conversation between Shepard and Bob Dylan, taped by Shepard, ca. mid 1980s-
early 1990s. Three sixty minute Tapes marked "Bob 1"—"Bob 6." Fourth
cassette is partly marked "Bob" but is only unrelated music. The three
interview tapes have been transferred to CD for listening purposes.
- 22 6 Interview of Shepard on National Public Radio's "Fresh Air," August, 1996
Interview of Shepard by *Paris Review* regarding Shepard's writing process. Final
typescript and gallery, 1997

Series XI: Readings, 1991-1994

- 22 7 Jack Kerouac film documentary, 1991, Correspondence, notes, script material,
annotated Kerouac excerpts, sent by Johnny Dark.
- 22 8 "Malestroms Large and Small: An Evening of Primo Levi," Manhattan Theater Club
script and correspondence, 1991
- 22 9 Cowboy Poetry reading which included "Pecos Bill" by Shepard, among 25 poems
by others. Performing Group later known as "Green River Ropin' and Recitin'
Preservation Society." Correspondence and photocopies of Poems, 1993

Series XII: Published Compilations of Shepard's Works, 1983-1984

Box Folder

- 22 10 "Y" of New York City (Unterberg Poetry Center on 92nd Street and Y, New York City) includes guest pass, letter regarding travel arrangements, and Shepard's annotated readings.
- 23 1 Galleys for Vintage publication of *States of Shock, Far North, and Silent Tongue*.
- 23 2 Cover art proposals for trade publications of plays: *States of Shock, Far North, and Silent Tongue*.

Series XIII: Works by Others, 1984-1998; undated

Articles, 1990-1991; undated

- 23 3 Schvey, Henry I. "The Master and His Double: Eugene O'Neil and Sam Shepard" *Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism*, Spring 1991, pgs. 49-60 (photocopy)
- 23 4 Schvey, Henry. "A Worm in the Wood: The Father-Son Relationship in the Plays of Sam Shepard," typescript, undated
- 23 5 Sparr, Landy; Erstling, Susan; Boehnlein, James. "Sam Shepard and the Dysfunctional American Family: Therapeutic Perspectives," *American Journal of Psychotherapy*, Vol. XLIV, No. 4, October, 1990 (photocopy)

Books, 1988, 1990

- 23 6 Beckett, Samuel. *Stirring Still*. Illus. By Louise le Brocqy. Blue Moon Books: New York, 1988.
- 23 7 Weber, Bruce. Photocopy of proposed book of photographs of Shepard to raise funds for Film Forum Theater. (1990)

Audiocassettes, 1984

- 23 8 Lou Reed "New Sensations" RCA 1984
"The Moray Eels Eat at the Holy Modal Rounders" Elektra Records, undated
Night Voices. "Intimacy / Insomnia," undated

Screenplays, 1989-1996

- 23 9 Beresford, Bruce. "Curse of the Starving Class," 3rd draft, typescript, May 5, 1992
- 23 10 Beresford, Bruce. "Curse of the Starving Class," 4th draft, typescript, July 1, 1992
- 23 11 Cocks, Jay. "Brownsville Girl," 8 page movie treatment, November, 1996
- 24 1 Foote, Horton. "Lily Dale," typescript, November 1995
- 24 2 Foote, Horton. "Lily Dale," Plano Production. Includes: production notes, one-line schedules, and typescript, December 1995
- 24 3 Hicks, James. "Defenseless," annotated shooting script and schedule. Film featured Shepard, Barbara Hershey, and Mary Beth Hurt. Directed by Martin Campbell, 1989
- 24 4 Johnson, Randi. "Thin Skin," 1st draft, 19 page typescript, January 12, 1990
- 24 5 Johnson, Randi. "Thin Skin," 2nd draft, 18 page typescript, January 22, 1990

Series XIII: Works by others, continued

Box Folder

Screenplays, continued

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| 24 | 6 | Jones, Tommy Lee and Allen. J.T. "The Good Old Boys." 6th draft typescript with location map , wardrobe sketch for Hewey, and shooting schedule, 1994 |
| 25 | 1 | Ketron, Larry. "The Only Thrill," heavily annotated typescript, location information, and shooting schedule. The film featured Shepard and Dianne Keaton, October, 1996 |
| 25 | 2 | Scholz, John. "When the World Was Green." Revised draft typescript, July 20, 1994 |
| 25 | 3 | Warchus, Matthew and Nicholls, David. "Simpatico." First draft typescript and correspondence, 1996 |
| 25 | 4 | Wenders, Wim and Dommartin, Solveig, story. Almercyda, Michael, screenplay. "Until the End of the World," typescript, with letter from Wenders, 1987-1988 |

Short Stories, undated

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| 25 | 5 | Williams, Tennessee. "The Man in the Overstuffed Chair," photocopy from published source. |
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Teleplays

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| 25 | 6 | Jacoby, Oren. "America's Playwrights: The Fugitive Kind," treatment for 20 minute television documentary for the American Theater Project. Draft typescript October 10, no year |
| 25 | 7 | McMurtry, Larry and Ossana, Diana. "Streets of Laredo." Photocopy of October 1, 1994 re-write. Shepard played the Role of Pea Eye Parker. |

Series XIV: Framed Posters

1. One 28" x 39" framed poster for *True West* production presented by the Nouvelle Compagnie Theatrale, in French (black background with white lettering).
2. One 24 1/2" x 34" framed poster for *True West, L'ouest, Le vrai* presented by Theatre National, in French (black background with white, red and blue lettering).
3. One 20 1/2" x 28" framed poster for the Turkish production of *True West, Vahsi Bati* (white background with brown hat and red tie).
4. One 13 1/2" x 19 1/2" framed poster from the Brazilian production of *Fool for Love, Louco de Amor*, in Portuguese (black and white photo of woman holding man's leg)

Oversize Items

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| Box 26 | <i>Sad Lament of Pecos Bill on the Eve of Killing His Wife.</i> Manuscript musical score by Loren Toolajian, 1997 |
| Box 27 | Restricted letters from Shepard's son, Jesse. |