

Paul Smith Archive

9 folders, in document storage box

Biographical:

Paul Smith (1904-1977) was a publisher, writer, and bookshop owner; he opened the Provincetown Bookshop in 1932.

Summary:

An aspiring writer, the collection chiefly consists of letters he received from editors and publishers responding to his submissions. While some responders are terse, Marianne Moore (1887-1972, *The Dial*) is gentle and encouraging, her words full of sensitive insight. Harold Vinal (1891-1965, *Voices*) appears to have become a helpful mentor to Smith. Other letters are from William Russell Clark, James Southall Wilson (1880-1963, *Virginia Quarterly Review*), John Angus Burrell (1890-1957, Columbia University), Dorothea Brande (1893-1948, *The Bookman*), and Mark Van Doren (1894-1972, Columbia).

Folders:

- 1 1927 (John Angus Burrell, James Southall Wilson, Harold Vinal, William Russell Clark)
- 2 1928, Jan.-Aug. (Mark Van Doren, Wilson, Dorothea Brande, Marianne Moore)
- 3 1928, Sept.-Dec. (Moore, Vinal, Brande)
- 4 1929 (Vinal, Moore)
- 5 1930 (Vinal, Brande)
- 6 1932 (Burrell)
- 7 undated (Vinal)
- 8 poems (printed, ms., typescript)
- 9 reviews of *Galilee and Points West* (N.Y.: The Dial Press, 1932) by Jonathan Tree (Smith's pseudonym)
- 10 Provincetown: A Magazine. Published by Paul Smith, the magazine served to publish the work of local writers "who have too long remained silent in the shadow of great names." Of the six issues promised, the archive holds five – April, May (2 copies), June, July, September, 1934.

Location:

Archives Room – Range 5, Shelf K

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