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MATT CHRISTOPHER PAPERS

1927-2005, nd

5 Boxes, 23 Folders, &
6 Bound Volumes

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MATT CHRISTOPHER PAPERS

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Provenance: The Matt Christopher Papers were deposited with the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections on December 3, 2015 and February 29, 2016.

Linear Feet Of Shelf Space Occupied: 1.5
Approximate Number Of Pieces: 2,098 pieces with 6 bound volumes

Restrictions: **Open to researchers under the rules and regulations of the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University.**

Literary Rights: **For information concerning literary rights please contact the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop University.**

Scope And Content: **Matt Christopher (1917-1997) was a prolific author of children's books having written over 100 books as well as over 300 short stories, articles, poems, and screenplays. Most of his writings dealt with sports themes, but he also wrote fantasy and mystery themed stories as well.**

The Matt Christopher Papers consist of both published and unpublished manuscripts, published short stories (1943-1994) (drafts, synopses, plot outlines, and magazines, comics, and newspapers with articles and short stories), publisher's editions of Matt Christopher's children's books (1993-1994). The collection contains many unpublished manuscripts and drafts outside the children's book field (1954-1997), unpublished screenplays (1940-1997), and unpublished short stories (1954-1997). Also included are personal (1949-1997) and business correspondence (1952-2002)(to include when he made sales, along with receipts of checks for said sales), biographical information (1917-2004), memorabilia (photos from readers, special awards from libraries, and newspaper clippings with his published stories.).

Transfer Of Items
Addition:

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	PHOTOGRAPHS OF READERS This was a scrapbook Mr. Christopher kept of photographs his fans sent him.	1992-1995
1	2	SCRAPBOOK #1 This scrapbook contains letters to and from editors, arranged chronologically, including feedback on how to improve his writing. Also included are hand-written notes about when he made his first ever sale, and his first fiction sale. There are also check stubs from Mr. Christopher's sales.	1934-1976, nd
1	3	SCRAPBOOK #2 This scrapbook contains professional correspondence to editors and various publishers, arranged chronologically.	1954-1984
1	4	SHEET MUSIC Sheet music Mr. Christopher used to play using banjo or piano. Also included is a magazine in which Mr. Christopher is featured on the front cover, as well as a literary award from 2012 from the Junior Library Guild Selection.	1927-1957, nd
1	5	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS This series consists of five of Mr. Christopher's short stories that were published in the newspaper then known as the Toronto Star Syndicate.	1946
2	6	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION This series consists of biographical information on Matt Christopher and pseudonym Fredric Martin. Also includes personal and professional information to include family life, address, awards, and works written with different subjects outlined, i.e. juvenile writings, etc.	nd
2	7	OUR FAMILY HISTORY This series consists of an essay and a genealogical tree on the Christopher family, written for Mr. Christopher's son, Duane.	1980
2	8	WRITING COLLECTION This series consists of both typed and handwritten accounting of many works Mr. Christopher wrote. This collection details the year written, the name of the work, the magazine and/or newspaper the piece was published in, and the word count of the work.	nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
2	9-13	SHORT STORIES This series consists of fifty-four short stories written by Mr. Christopher, arranged alphabetically. Some stories are duplicates, some stories have hand-written notes in the margins. For a detailed listing of stories in each folder, see Appendix I.	1953, 1980, nd
3	14	“LEFT HANDED POWER” This series consists of the novel <i>Left Handed Power</i> , which was later changed to <i>Three-Two-Pitch</i> . Also included in this collection is a handwritten draft of the first eighteen pages of the novel by the author. The actual novel also contains both handwritten and typed notes from the author.	nd
3	15	BASEBALLS VS TYPEWRITER This series consists of the autobiography <i>Baseballs vs. Typewriter</i> with the author’s notes spread occasionally throughout.	nd
3	16	DOWN IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE This series consists of the first draft of the novel <i>Down in the Bermuda Triangle</i> with author’s notes for revisions.	nd
4	17	DOWN IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE This series consists of the final draft of the novel <i>Down in the Bermuda Triangle</i> .	nd
4	18	SONG OF MARY This series consists of the novel <i>Song of Mary</i> .	nd
4	19	ADVANCE PROOFS This series consists of uncorrected advanced copies of <i>Man out at First</i> and <i>Top Wing</i> sent out in 1993 and 1994, respectively, from Little, Brown and Company, Publishers.	1993-1994
4	20	PHOTOGRAPHS This series consists of three photographs of Tom Bennett and his artwork using high-test welding rods.	nd

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
4	21	BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB This series consists of a Book of the Month Club magazine from 1963 and a note to Mr. Christopher from the Groton Rod and Gun Club. Also in this collection is a copy of Treasure Chest magazine dating November 30, 1967, in which one of Mr. Christopher's stories appear; as well as a copy of "The Matt Christopher Sports Pages" which is a pamphlet with some biographical information on Mr. Christopher as well as a few games for readers to complete after having read some of his books.	1963, 1967, nd
4	22	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS #2 This series consists of a personal letter to Mr. Christopher and his wife from his grandson, multiple articles on the film 'Chiefs' that was filmed in Chester in 1983, and two articles on Mr. Christopher himself.	1973, 1983, 1996, nd
4	23	MISCELANEOUS NOTES This series consists of typed notes from Mr. Christopher on how to effectively write a story and/or book. Also included in this collection is a detailed list of transparencies that accompanied an article entitled Exuma. Hand drawn map of underwater cavernous city called Ithicana is also included in this collection. There is an incomplete cast list for one of Mr. Christopher's plays in which most of the characters are college students or recent college graduates with degrees and fields of study in Geology, Archeology, and/or History. The final piece in this collection is an incomplete list of stage directions for one of Mr. Christopher's plays; this list features hand written notes as well as typed directions for cast and/or crew.	nd
5	--	SCRAPBOOK #3 – BOUND VOLUME This series consists of various professional correspondences from editors, including check stubs from sales Mr. Christopher made. There are also newspaper clippings from Mr. Christopher's short stories that were published in The Toronto Star Syndicate. Also included with this collection are Mr. Christopher's personal correspondences.	nd
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APPENDIX 1

LIST OF MATT CHRISTOPHER SHORT STORIES

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Short Story Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	9	Bad Luck Kid	nd
2	9	Casey Jones And The Cannonball	nd
2	9	The Cave	nd
2	9	The Close Relationship Between A Boy And His Coach	nd
2	9	A Community Fights The Sex Problem	nd
2	9	Dead Beaus And Arrows	nd
2	9	Down	nd
2	9	The Father Image	nd
2	9	Five Days To See An Island?	nd
2	9	'Fraidy Cat	nd
2	9	The Girl In The Wine Bottle	nd
2	10	Good Bye, New York—Hello, Florida	nd
2	10	Good Bye, New York – Hello , Florida	nd
2	10	The Guilty	nd
2	10	Hippo!	nd
2	10	The Horse On The Raft	nd
2	10	The Iceboat War	nd
2	10	The Iceboat War	nd
2	10	Listen To The Bugles Blowing	nd
2	10	Listen To The Bugles Blowing	1953
2	10	Laughter Out Of A Suitcase	nd
2	10	Matilda	nd
2	11	Midnight Train	nd
2	11	Midnight Train	nd
2	11	A Minibus Of Cronies – Old, Young, And Otherwise	nd
2	11	The Mysterious Collector	nd
2	11	No Hustle At Second Base	nd
2	11	Night Pursuit	nd
2	11	Package Deal	nd
2	11	Package Deal	nd
2	11	Phone Call From Eddie	nd
2	11	Phone Call From Eddie	nd
2	12	The Pirate	nd
2	12	The Pirate	nd
2	12	The Rookie From Louisiana	nd
2	12	The Rookie From Louisiana	nd
2	12	Skunk Ape!	nd
2	12	Smoke In The Sky	nd
2	12	St. Croix...Small But Roomy	nd
2	12	St. Croix...Small But Roomy	nd
2	12	The Story Years	nd
2	12	Sugar, Spice And Everything	nd

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF MATT CHRISTOPHER SHORT STORIES (cont.)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Short Story Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	12	Test Drive	nd
2	12	The Thing In The Back Room	nd
2	13	Thorn At First Base	nd
2	13	Thorn At First Base	nd
2	13	To Ride A Colt	nd
2	13	The Treasure	nd
2	13	Tv Defectives	nd
2	13	Two For The Money	nd
2	13	We Get The Blues	nd
2	13	What Writing Means To Me	1980
2	13	Young Daryle Lamonica, Quarterback...	nd
2	13	You've Got To Have Hustle	nd
2	13	You've Got To Have Hustle	nd