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MANFRED, FREDERICK

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History

Manfred was the eldest son born Frederick Feikema to Feike Feikes, a farmer and carpenter, and Aaltje (Van Engen) in Doon, Iowa, on January 6, 1912. Manfred grew to be an imposing figure of a man at six feet, nine inches tall. He legally changed his name to Frederick Feikema Manfred in 1952. Manfred attended the Christian Reformed Church High School in Hull, Iowa, and after graduating from high school, he attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan, and during his undergraduate years, published 17 poems and short stories for the yearbook and student newspaper. He received his BA in 1934 and spent the next two years hitchhiking across the United States. After working in a variety of jobs, he became a sports reporter for The Minneapolis Journal in 1937. Manfred later developed tuberculosis and was admitted into the Glen Lake Sanatorium in Oak Terrace, Minnesota in April 1940. This is where he met his future wife, Maryanna Shorba (married October 31, 1942; they divorced in 1978). The couple had two children, Freya and Frederick F. After his health had been restored in 1942, he decided to devote his time to writing. Manfred was provided with a writing fellowship at the University of Minnesota in 1944 and published his first novel, *The Golden Bowl*, later that year. After receiving a grant from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and another fellowship, he published *Boy Almighty* and *This is the Year* over the next three years. Manfred then began to work on the *World's Wanderer* trilogy in the late 1940s and early 1950s (*The Primitive*; *The Brother*; *The Giant*). After mixed reviews and the name change, he published, *Lord Grizzly*, the first novel in *The Buckskin Man Tales*. This successful series later comprised four other novels including *Conquering Horse*, *Scarlet Plume*, *King of Spades*, and *Riders of Judgment*. Manfred's novels reflected his Midwestern roots, vast farmlands, and the western frontier. He often referred to the border areas of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska as "Siouxland."

Manfred became writer-in-residence at both Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1949-51, 1959-1972, and he assumed this position at The University of South Dakota from 1968-1983. He was also a consultant in the humanities at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from 1984 until his death from a brain tumor on September 9, 1994. A listing of works by the author and annotated bibliography of scholarship is available from the Center of Great Plains Studies at: <http://www.unl.edu/plains/publications/resource/manfred.htm>.

Scope and Content Note

The Frederick Manfred papers are organized into two series, **Correspondence** and **Printed Materials**. The **Correspondence** series comprises professional correspondence related to Manfred's position as writer-in-residence in the English Department at the University of South Dakota from 1968-1983. General correspondence is contained in folders entitled, "A," "B," "C," etc. Incoming and outgoing correspondence for a person or organization with more than 2 letters are contained in one folder. The **Printed Materials** series consist of the following folders: 1) Conferences/Workshops; 2) Doctors of Letters Recommendation from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 3) Faculty Data; 4) USD Honors College information; 5) Instructional Improvement Program questionnaire; 5) Newspaper Clippings; 6) Statement of Teaching Goals; and 7) Vitas.

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- Manfred, Frederick Feikema. *The Selected Letters of Frederick Manfred, 1932-1954*.
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Location: 3rd floor
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Historical Society, 1999. Call No.: PS3525 .A52233 .Z76 1999; Location: 3rd
floor

Related Subjects:

Authors, American--20th century
Manfred, Frederick Feikema, 1912-1994
University of South Dakota--Alumni and Faculty
South Dakota authors

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Box 1

CORRESPONDENCE (27 folders)

Block, Raphael (Ray), (Chair, Dept. of English)

From Block, Raphael to Habbe, Dean
1977, June 15

From Block, Raphael to Manfred, Fred
1977, July 13

From Block, Raphael to Cash, Dean
1977, December 21

From Block, Raphael
1994, October 1 w/ enclosure

Boe, Nils A. (Governor of South Dakota)

From Manfred, Frederick to Boe, Nils A.
1967, October 23

From Boe, Nils A. to Manfred, Frederick
1967, October 24

General "C"

From Carlson, Norma to Friends and Pals of Fred Manfred Sr.
1994, August 24

From Cobb, Henry V. (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences) to
Frederick Manfred
1968, July 2

Chamber of Commerce, Lemon, South Dakota

From Mehegan, Michael to the USD English Department
1973, March 19

From Gasque, Thomas J. to Mehegan, Michael
1973, March 30

Cowherd, Carrie

From Cowherd, Carrie to Manfred, Frederick
n.d. (circa 1969, September)

From Manfred, Frederick to Cowherd, Carrie
1969, October 1

General "D"

From Bruyer, Terri to Dell Publishing Company
1981, September 2

General "E"

From Eliason, Vivian to Manfred, Frederick
1969, October 14

General "F"

From Manfred, Frederick to Fashbender, Sister Veronica
1970, 13 May

General "G"

From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Alice (Chair, Dept. of English)
1982, November 30

From Manfred, Frederick to "Gordon" w/ 4 pg. encl.
1977, January 17

Gasque, Thomas J. (Chair, Dept of English)

From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
1972, January 17

From Gasque, Thomas to Manfred, Frederick
1972, July

From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
1972, July 28

From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas

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- 1972, August 8
From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
- 1973, August 11
From Gasque, Thomas to Frederick Manfred
- 1974, February 4
From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
- 1974, February 12
From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
- 1974, February 23
From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
- 1974, April 9
From Gasque, Thomas to Manfred, Frederick
- 1974, May 13
From Gasque, Thomas to Manfred, Frederick
- 1974, May 13
From Manfred, Frederick to Gasque, Thomas
- 1975, August 9 w/ encl.
From Gasque, Thomas to Manfred, Frederick
- 1976, January 29
General "H"
- From Haroldson, Comet to Manfred, Frederick
1974, November 25
- From Heckman, A. A. to Manfred, Frederick
1973, October 3
- Internal Revenue Service, St. Paul, Minnesota
From Besch, Emma to Manfred, Frederick
1968, September 24
- From Manfred, Frederick to Besch, Emma
1968, September 25
- General "K"
- From Manfred, Frederick to Kneip, Richard F. (Governor of South
Dakota)
1971, December 13
- Knutson, Wayne S. (Chair, Dept. of English)
From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
n.d., postcard
n.d., postcard
- From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
1967, January 15
- From Knutson, Wayne to Moulton, Edward Q.
1967, January 19
- From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
1967, June 2
- From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
1967, June 4
- From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
1967, June 6
- From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
1967, June 12
- From Knutson, Wayne to Cobb, Dean Harry V.
1967, July 17
- From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred Frederick
1967, August 11
- From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick

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1967, September 15
 From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
 1967, October 9
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1967, October 16
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1967, October 17
 From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
 1967, October 31
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1967, December 27
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1968, February 21
 From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
 1968, February 28
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1968, March 1
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1968, March 20
 From Knutson, Wayne to Cobb, Dean Henry V.
 1968, May 22
 From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
 1968, May 23
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1968, May 27
 From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
 1968, July 10
 From Knutson, Wayne to Enright, Gary
 1969, February 4
 From Knutson, Wayne to Manfred, Frederick
 1969, July 16
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1969, September 14
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1970, April 7
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1971, April 23
 From Manfred, Frederick to Knutson, Wayne
 1971, August 22
 From Knutson, Wayne
 n.d. (circa 1994, July)
 From Knutson, Wayne to Faculty
 1994, August 2
 Unknown
 n.d. (circa 1994, August 24)
 Kreitzer, Jack
 From Kreitzer, Jack to Manfred, Frederick
 1971, October 12
 From Gasque, Thomas to Habbe, Dean
 1971, November 2 w/ encl.
 From Habbe, Donald to Gasque, Thomas
 1971, November 17
 From Kreitzer, Jack to Manfred, Frederick
 1974, August 24

Box No. Description

General "L"

From Lein, President Charles D. to Manfred, Frederick
1978, April 11

Long, Rosemary (Dept of English Secretary)

From Long, Mrs. Rosemary to Manfred, Frederick
1968, August 13

From Manfred, Frederick to Long, Mrs. Rosemary
1968, August 15

From Manfred, Frederick to Long, Mrs. Rosemary
1968, October 8

From Manfred, Frederick to Long, Mrs. Rosemary
1970, January 23

General "M"

From Manfred, Frederick to Whom It May Concern
1973, March 18

From Manfred, Freya to USD Department of English
1994, October 5

From McCluskey, Sally to Manfred, Frederick
1975, January 31

From Moen, Ole O. to Manfred, Frederick
1977, January 13

From McFadden, Joseph (President, USD) to Manfred, Frederick
1982, December 21

From McLaughlin, C. (Dept. of English, Morningside College) and
Moen, Ole O. to Manfred, Frederick
1977, August 11

From Busch, Martin P. to Moulton, Edward Q. (President, USD)
1967, February 10 w/ encl.

Marken, Jack W.

From Marken, Jack to Manfred, Frederick
1974, May 6

From Marken, Jack to Anderson, The Honorable Wendell
1974, May 7

Milne-Wiehl, Marlys

From Manfred, Frederick to Milne, Marlys
1972, January 22

From Manfred, Frederick to Milne, Marlys
1972, January 28

From Manfred, Frederick to Milne, Marlys
1972, December 16

From Manfred, Frederick to Milne, Marlys
1972, December 18

From Manfred, Frederick to Milne, Marlys
1976, December 18

Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis

From Gasque, Thomas to Advertising Director, Northwestern
National Bank of Minneapolis
1972, August 30

From Vertin, Maggie A. to Gasque, Thomas
1972, September 8

General "P"

From Pagel, Doris to Manfred, Frederick
1976, November 29

General "S"

Box No. Description

- From Stevens, G.J. to Manfred, Frederick
1973, July 31
- From Sympson, Theresa to Manfred, Frederick
1972, September 23
- From Lee, James W. to Manfred, Frederick
1972, November 27
- Shike, Charles M. (Comptroller, USD)
From Manfred, Frederick to Shike, Charles M.
1968, September 12
- From Shike, Charles M. to Manfred, Frederick
1968, September 27
- Smith, Marcine
From Smith, Marcine to Manfred, Frederick
1972, March 22
- From Smith, Marcine to Manfred, Frederick
1972, September 8
- From Smith, Marcine to Manfred, Frederick
Received (n.d.), December 20
- Spies III, George H.
From Spies III, George H. to Manfred, Frederick
1972, October 11
- From Spies III, George H. to Manfred, Frederick
1972, October 21 w/ encl.
- General "W"
From Westbrook, Max (Dept. of English, Univ. of Texas) to
Weismann, Donald L.
1967, October 25
- From Stapf, D. H. (Western Community Action, Inc.) to Manfred,
Frederick
1974, February 4
- From Winter, Paul (Winter Consort) to Manfred, Frederick
1975, December 15
- From Wolfe, Susan J. (Prof., Dept of English, USD) to Friends and
Colleagues of Fred Manfred
1994, September 7
- PRINTED MATERIALS (8 folders)
- Conferences/Workshops
- "An Evening with Frederick Manfred, Sr.," Palace Theater,
Luverne, Minnesota, n.d.
- "Black Hills Writers Group Presents A Writers Workshop With
Frederick Manfred and Dr. John Milton," 31 July 1971
- "American Indians Writers' Conference," 20-24 March 1972
- "Who's Who of the Agee Week," 9-14 October 1972
- "The American West: Myth and Reality Conference," 15-17 May
1974
- Doctors of Letters Recommendation
- "Citation: Recommending Frederick Feikema Manfred for the
honorary degree Doctor of Letters, Augustana College," 28
September 1977
- Faculty Data
1974-1975
1975-1976
- Honors College
Informational sheet, USD Honors Program, 1976

- Instructional Improvement Program
 Instructor Questionnaire, ENG 103, n.d.
- Newspaper Clippings (1 folder) (Chronological Order)
 No Dates
 "Conversations with Frederick Manfred," Showcase Book Week,
 Chicago Sun Times
 "No Fun on Sunday: A Novel by Frederick Manfred"
 "Preparation for 'Lord Grizzly' Included Binding Leg, Crawling"
 Dated Articles
 "A Real Challenge for Army Engineers," by Frederick Manfred *St. Paul Sunday Pioneer Press*, 14 May 1972
 "Westfield Woman Publishes 1st Story," *Sioux City Journal* 31
 January 1973
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 February 1973
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 Western," by Sally McClusky Agora (English Dept., Eastern
 Illinois University), January 1975
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 Review* 12 January 1975
 "Frederick Manfred—Parallels with Homer," by Madison Jones,
New York Times Books Review 16 February 1975
 "Editor's Choice," *New York Times Book Review* 26 February 1975
 "A True Giant of Literature," by Roger Griffith *Chicago Sun-Times*
 2 March 1975
 "Truth, Not Facts, is 'Historical' Novelist's Goal," *Minneapolis Star*
 7 September 1975
 "Storytelling Gets a Push from an Ego Trip Named 'Fiction,'
National Observer 4 October 1975
 "Who's Who in America, 1976-1977," (Frederick Manfred)
 "Frederick Manfred, Empire Builder," *Iowan Summer* 1976
 "Land is Part of Author and Novels He Writes," South Dakota
 News, *Sioux City Journal* 6 November 1977
 "Fred Manfred Put 'Siouxland' on the Map, but He Sure Upsets
 Some of His Godly Neighbors," *People Weekly* 10 April 1978
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 October 1978
 "Author Says Writing a 'Chancy' Life," *Sioux City Journal* 26
 October 1978
 "Staying Alive Keeps Manfred's Material Fresh," by Kim Ode
Sioux Falls Argus Leader 9 September 1979
 "Catherland Revisited: Prairie May Day," by Herb Hyde *Willa
 Cather Pioneer Memorial Newsletter*, Summer 1982
 "South Dakota Writer Meets the Queen," *Sioux City Journal* 6
 January 1983
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 1983(?)
 "Siouxland Author Tells About His Country, Friends," *Sioux Falls
 Argus Leader* 8 March 1983
- Statement of Teaching Goals
 1977-1978
 1978-1979

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Vita, Manfred, Frederick
1977-1978
1978-1979