

Vincas Maciunas collection of Lithuanian authors' manuscripts

Ms. Coll. 1301

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Maci#nas, V., 1909-2003
Title	Vincas Maciunas collection of Lithuanian authors' manuscripts
Call number	Ms. Coll. 1301
Date	circa 1970s
Extent	0.8 linear foot (2 boxes)
Language	Lithuanian
Language Note	With the exception of one manuscript in English, the collection is in Lithuanian.
Abstract	Vincas Maciunas (1909-2003) was a Lithuanian-born author and specialist in Lithuanian literature. This collection contains manuscripts of prose and poetry manuscripts which he appears to have collected from a number of 20th century Lithuanian authors including: Kazys Almenas, Pulgis Andruisis, Kazimieras Barenas, Aloyzas Baronas, Kazys Bradunas, Liudas Dovydenas, Atanas Gustaitis, Jurgis Jankus, Kleopas Jurgelionis, Marius Katiliskis, Henrikas Nagys, Alfonsas Nyka-Niliunas, Petronele Orintaite, Kostas Ostrauskas, Henrikas Radauskas, Mykolas Vaitkis, Vidunas, and Leonardas Zitkevieius.

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Biography/History

Vincas Maciunas was born on July 5, 1909, in Papile, Lithuania. He studied at Vytautas Magnus University and at the University of Munich, where he earned his Doctor of Philology. He worked at Vilnius University as a lecturer and as director of the University Library. In 1946, he fled from Lithuania to Germany where he taught Lithuanian literature at the Baltic University in Hamburg. Baltic University was founded in 1946, "only ten months after the end of the Second World War by exiled Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian faculty [and] reflected the passion that Baltic people fe[lt] for education," (Baltic Fund News). It appears that Maciunas worked at Baltic University for the entirety of its existence (from 1946 to 1949) as professor of Lithuanian literature and as dean of faculty of philology. He appears to have immigrated to the United States in 1949, working at the University of Pennsylvania Library until 1978. Maciunas's research and writings focused on Lithuanian literature and authors, with a particular focus on Vincas Kreve. He authored *Vincas Kreve's place in Lithuanian literature* (1953) and *From native Lithuania to the distant Orient : a survey of the literary heritage of Vincas Kreve* (1965); and published more than 180 studies, articles, and reviews. He wrote articles about Lithuanian writers for the English language magazine *Lituanus*.

Maciunas was married to Genovaite Maciunas and he died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 20, 2003.

Works cited:

University of Washington. Baltic Fund News

Scope and Contents

Vincas Maciunas appears to have collected manuscripts of Lithuanian writers, possibly collecting material for a Lietuviu Rasytojai Arcjuvas (Lithuanian Writers Archive). Researchers will find handwritten and typed manuscripts of works by eighteen Lithuanian writers, arranged alphabetically by author. All materials are written in the Lithuanian language with the exception of "The Afternoon," by Marius Katiliskis, which is written in English.

There are manuscripts for both poems and prose pieces in the collection; the majority are handwritten, although there are some manuscripts that are typewritten. Some appear to be drafts with edits and corrections; while others appear to have been carefully copied before they were sent to Maciunas. Authors include: Kazys Almenas, Pulgis Andruisis, Kazimieras Barenas, Aloyzas Baronas, Kazys Bradunas, Liudas Dovydenas, Atanas Gustaitis, Jurgis Jankus, Kleopas Jurgelionis, Marius Katiliskis, Henrikas

Nagys, Alfonsas Nyka-Niliunas, Petronele Orintaite, Kostas Ostrauskas, Henrikas Radauskas, Mykolas Vaitkis, Vidunas, and Leonardas Zitkevieius. These authors were born from the late 19th century to the early 1930s. Many of them seem to have left Lithuania for the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Diacritics have, for the most part, not been added to the finding aid of this collection. The collection's processor does not read Lithuanian and has therefore relied heavily on extant transcriptions of names and titles and translation software. Names and folder titles may not always be accurate and researchers may need to examine the original documents.

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Source of Acquisition

Gift of Vincas Maciunas.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Manuscripts (document genre)
- Poetry

- Short stories
- Typescripts

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Almenas, Kazys
- Andriušis, Pulgis, 1907-1970
- Barenas, Kazimieras
- Baronas, Aloyzas
- Brad#nas, Kazys, 1917-2009
- Dovyd#nas, Liudas
- Gustaitis, Antanas
- Jankus, Jurgis, 1906-
- Jurgelionis, Kleopas, 1886-1963
- Katiliškis, Marius, 1915-1980
- Nagys, Henrikas, 1920-1996
- Nyka-Nili#nas, Alfonsas, 1920-
- Orintaite, Petrone, Petronele, 1905-1999#
- Ostrauskas, Kostas, 1926-
- Radauskas, Henrikas, 1910-1970
- Vaitkus, Mykolas, 1883-1973
- Vyd#nas, 1868-1953
- Žitkevi#ius, Leonardas

SUBJECT(S)

- Authors
- Authors, Lithuanian
- Literature
- Lithuanian literature--20th century
- Poets, Lithuanian--20th century

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Almenas, Kazys, "Pakeliui i Senadori;" handwritten manuscript, undated.	1	1-3
Almenas, Kazys, "Pas O'Doneli" and "Egle;" handwritten manuscripts, undated.	1	4
Andriusis, Pulgis, "[Klojimas];" handwritten fragment, undated.	1	5
Barenas, Kazimieras, "Garbes narys," "Vaivans," "Ko Terese naudoja," "Klaidos," "Pensininkai klubai," "Geltonieji jazminai," "Draugelis," "Paskubun paradai," and other illegible titles; handwritten manuscripts, undated.	1	6
Baronas, Aloyzas, <i>Abraomo Sunus</i> ; handwritten manuscript, circa 1974.	1	7-8
Bradunas, Kazys, <i>Pokalbiai Su Karalium</i> ; handwritten manuscript, 1973.	1	9

Dovydenas, Liudas, Prose pieces, illegible titles; handwritten and typewritten manuscripts (includes one letter to Maciunas from Dovydenas), 1978.	1	10
Gustaitis, Atanas, "Paskutiniai minute," "Gvazdikelis," "Pavasario maldele," "Hello! Emergency!," "Zodis angelui sargui," "Nostalgija," "Senatves pavasaris," "Lietuviskojo romano moters laiskas skaitytojams," and illegible titles; handwritten manuscripts of poems, 1964, undated.	1	11
Jankus, Jurgis, "Liudininkai;" handwritten manuscript, undated.	1	12
Jankus, Jurgis, "Ir Nebepasimatem;" handwritten manuscript (includes photocopy of letter from Jankus), 1977.	2	1
Jurgelionis, Kleopas, "Kanlas ir mergele;" handwritten manuscript of poem, undated.	2	2
Katiliskis, Marius, "The Afternoon;" two typewritten manuscripts, one heavily annotated, undated.	2	3

Katiliskis, Marius, notebook containing handwritten notes and manuscripts, undated.	2	4
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Katiliskis, Marius, "Kelias," "Popiete (fragmentas)," "Pakely," "Seni kapai ant ezero kranto," "Pirtis Prie Upelio," "Istrauka is senis ir auksas," "Stovykla Pavasario Zenkle," "Pazintis su Vydunu," and illegible titles; manuscript and typewritten manuscripts (includes notes and one note to Maciunas), 1977, undated.	2	5
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Nagys, Henrikas, "Umbra Tacita," "Prisijaukinsiu Sakala," "Vienu du," "Pasmerktieji," "Lek, Sakaleli," "Mano Sakalas," "Gintaras," "Zodis," "Laiskas Rasto Broliams," "Karo Dienorastis," "Dvi Danieles Apie Laine," "Elegija," "Balta Drobule," "Neissiusti Laiskai ir Nepasakyti Zodziai Draugams ...," "Kryzkele," "Requiem," "Stebuklas," illegible titles, and untitled pieces; handwritten and typewritten manuscripts of poems, circa 1972, undated.	2	6
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Nyka-Niliunas, Alfonsas, "Kasdieniskoji Poema," "Pesimizmas," "Inferno," "Pasaka moteriai kurios as niekad nemaciau," "Odai," "Pirmoji Elegija," "Princas XVIII Amziuje," "Septintoji Elegija," and illegible titles; handwritten and typewritten manuscripts of poems and prose (includes note, probably to Maciunas), 1973.	2	7
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Orintaite, Petronele, "Laisves aleja" (prose) and illegibly titled poems; typewritten and handwritten manuscripts of poems (includes note to Maciunas), 1974.	2	8
Ostrauskas, Kostas, "Lozorius;" handwritten and typewritten manuscripts, 1974.	2	9
Radauskas, Henrikas, "Jura," "Po rudens niedzui," "Iolima diena," "Greitis," and illegible title; handwritten manuscripts of poems, undated.	2	10
Vaitkis, Mykolas, "Varliu Karalius" and illegible title; handwritten manuscripts of poems, undated.	2	11
Vidunas, "Prigimta ir išmokta kalba;" handwritten manuscript of poem, undated.	2	12
Zitkevieius, Leonardas, "Neissakyta meile," "Neisdainusti metai," "Nesugrizimas," and "Neatsizuirimi ziedai;" handwritten manuscripts of poems, undated.	2	13

Letter to Vincas Maciunas from unidentified author, 1973.