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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Geagan, Bill
Title:	Bill Geagan Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0197
Date [inclusive]:	1953-1974
Date [bulk]:	1950s (bulk)
Physical Description:	1 box
Physical Description:	1 folder
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains personal papers of Bill Geagan, an author, columnist, illustrator and naturalist from Bangor, Maine.

Preferred Citation

Bill Geagan Papers, SpC MS 197, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

William H. Geagan was born in 1903 in Bangor, the son of William and Anne Geagan. Even as a youngster he drew and wrote about nature and the outdoors. After graduation from Bangor High School, he spent two years at his cabin in the woods writing articles and short stories about the outdoors and submitting them to national publications. This led to a long career in outdoor and sports writing involving hundreds of nature articles, a nationally syndicated outdoor column, and positions on the sports staff at the Bangor Daily Commercial and the

Bangor Daily News. He was also the author of three books: *Nature I Loved*, *The Good Trail*, and *Seed on the Wind*, all published by Coward-McCann in the 1950's. Bill Geagan died in 1974.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains personal papers of Bill Geagan, an author, columnist, illustrator and naturalist from Bangor, Maine. This small collection includes correspondence and contracts with his publisher, Coward-McCann; drawings and illustrations, especially for his Christmas cards; and manuscripts and drafts of various articles and essays written by him. Also included are photographs and obituaries, an unidentified printing plate, and two wristwatches.

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Access Restrictions

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donor unknown.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Authors, American -- Maine
- Outdoor writers -- Maine
- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Manuscripts for publication
- Photographs
- Artifacts

Collection Inventory

Contents of Box

Title/Description	Instances	
Obituaries, 1974 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 1
Photographs of Bill Geagan <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 2
Correspondence, 1953, 1967 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 3
Correspondence, contracts, etc., with publisher, 1950s <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 4
Original drawings, illustrations <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 5
Manuscripts <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 6
Drafts of "Tomorrow and tomorrow" <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 7
One printing plate, illustration of a fawn (stored in accordion folder) <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 8
Two wristwatches (stored in accordion folder)		

Language of the Material: English.

Box 1

Folder 9

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