

Guy Davenport

An Inventory of His Literary File in the Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Davenport, Guy, 1927-2005
Title:	Guy Davenport Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	1959-1977 (bulk 1959-1972)
Extent:	46 photographs
Abstract:	The collection consists of 46 black and white photographic prints taken between 1959 and 1977 (bulk 1959-1972) including 38 by the American photographer Ralph Eugene Meatyard. Most of these photographs are portraits of Guy Davenport and other literary notables; the other images feature many of the elements that characterize Meatyard's body of work.
Call Number:	Photography Collection PH-02665
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research.

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Internal transfer from the Guy Davenport Papers, 2014.
Processed by:	Deborah Marks, 2016
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 46 black-and-white photographic prints dating to between 1959 and 1977 (bulk 1959-1972). Primarily taken by photographer Ralph Eugene Meatyard (American, 1925-1972), also included are works by his son, Christopher Meatyard (American, born 1955), photographer Guy Mendes (American, born 1948), and the artist Willard Franklin Midgett (American, 1937-1978). Present are a number of Meatyard portraits of Davenport and of other literary notables that were friends of both men. The remaining Meatyard photographs feature many of the elements that characterize his body of work: masks, staged settings, and the use of blur and multiple exposures to create mysterious abstract photographic images.

The photographs are arranged into two series: I. Photographs by Ralph Eugene Meatyard, 1959-1969, and II. Photographs by Others, 1968-1977. Within the first series, the photographs are loosely arranged by sitter. The second series is arranged alphabetically by photographers' surnames and then chronologically. Published titles appear in single quotation marks.

This file forms a part of the Harry Ransom Center's Literary File Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes photographs taken by, collected by, and/or of those figures.

Related Material

Additional materials at the Ransom Center by and about Davenport are located in the Guy Davenport Papers (MS-04979). Other photographs by Meatyard can be found in the Ralph Eugene Meatyard Photography Collection (PH-02566); *Portfolio Three: The Work of Ralph Eugene Meatyard* (PH-02648); the Parker Tyler Literary File Photography Collection (PH-02656, see 975:0090:0003); and the Edward Dahlberg Literary File Photography Collection (PH-02655, see 985:0009:0003).

Index Terms

People

Berry, Wendell, 1934- .

Kenner, Hugh.

Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972.

Merton, Thomas, 1915-1968.

Zukofsky, Celia Thaew.

Zukofsky, Louis, 1904-1978.

Subjects

Authors--American--20th century.

Photographers--20th century.

Photography, Artistic--20th century.

Document Types

Black & white photographs.

Gelatin silver prints--1950-1980.

Portrait photographs.

Series I. Photographs by Ralph Eugene Meatyard, 1959-1969

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0001 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', circa 1959. Gelatin silver print, 15 x 15.3 cm.

Location
Meatyard,
R.E., Box
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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0002 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1959. Gelatin silver print, 16.5 x 16.5 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0003 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1959. Gelatin silver print, 15.9 x 19.3 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0004 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1959 Gelatin silver print, 19 x 19.5 cm (image); 33 x 25.3 cm (mount).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0005 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1960. Gelatin silver print, 19 x 20.2 cm (image); 33 x 25.2 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0006 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Occasion for Diriment', 1962. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.7 cm (image); 25 x 20.5 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0007 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1965. Gelatin silver print, 18.5 x 19.3 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0008 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1962. Gelatin silver print, 18.4 x 18.4 cm .

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0009 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. 'Untitled', 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 17.5 cm.

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0010 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0011 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0012 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0013 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 21.3 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0014 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 21.3 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0015 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.9 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0016 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22.9 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0017 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22.9 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0018 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22.9 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0019 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1965. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 22.8 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0020 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Louis Zukofsky, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.9 x 17 cm (image); 35.5 x 27.9 cm (mount).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0021 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Louis Zukofsky, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.4 x 18.8 cm.

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0022 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Celia Zukofsky, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 19 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0023 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Celia Zukofsky, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 19.2 x 20.2 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet)

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0024 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1968. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0025 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1968. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0026 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1968. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0027 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1968. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0028 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1968. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0029 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1969. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0030 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Hugh Kenner, 1969. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0031 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, Thomas Merton, and Madelyn Meatyard, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 19.2 x 24.2 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0032 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 15 x 18.8 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (sheet).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0033 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 18.5 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0034 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Thomas Merton, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 16.2 x 17.5 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0035 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Thomas Merton, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 16.5 x 18.8 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0036 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Wendell Berry, Denise Levertov, and Thomas Merton, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 17.8 x 19.6 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0037 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Wendell Berry, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.7 x 19 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0038 Meatyard, Ralph Eugene, 1925-1972. Guy Davenport, 1967. Gelatin silver print, 18.5 x 17.5 cm (image); 35.5 x 28 cm (mount).

Series II. Photographs by Others, 1968-1977

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0039 Meatyard, Christopher, 1955-. 'Untitled', 1973. Gelatin silver print, 15.7 x 15.7 cm (image); 29.2 x 24.5 cm (mount).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0040 Meatyard, Christopher, 1955-. Guy Davenport, 1973. Gelatin silver print, 17.4 x 17.1 cm (image); 29.2 x 24.5 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0041 Meatyard, Christopher, 1955-. Guy Davenport, 1973. Gelatin silver print, 18.6 x 18.2 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (mount).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0042 Meatyard, Christopher, 1955-. Guy Davenport, 1973. Gelatin silver print, 18.6 x 18.2 cm (image); 20.2 x 25.2 cm (mount).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0043 Mendes, Guy. 'Gene Meatyard', 1970. Gelatin silver print, 15.3 x 10.3 cm (image); 19.1 x 14.6 cm (mount).

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0044 Mendes, Guy. 'Near Bald Knob', 1977. Gelatin silver print, 20.7 x 30.5 cm (image); 35.4 x 27.7 cm (sheet).

Accession Number: 2014:0009:0045 Midgette, Willard. Jonathan Williams, Taos, New Mexico, 1968. Gelatin silver print, 18.1 x 18.8 cm.

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Accession Number: 2014:0009:0046 Unidentified photographer. Bonnie Jean Cox, circa 1970. Gelatin silver print, 16 x 23.7 cm (image); 20.2 x 15.7 cm (sheet).