

# John Steinbeck:

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

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968
<b>Title:</b>	John Steinbeck Literary File Photography Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1930s-1970s
<b>Extent:</b>	68 items
<b>Abstract:</b>	The John Steinbeck Literary File Photography Collection consists of 68 photographic prints, including images of Steinbeck alone and with others, and movie stills.
<b>Call Number:</b>	PH-02939
<b>Language:</b>	English
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**Administrative Information**

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**Acquisition:** Internal transfers

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**Repository:** [Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin.](#)

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## Scope and Contents

The John Steinbeck Literary File Photography Collection consists of 68 photographic prints, including portraits of Steinbeck alone, with his third wife Elaine in various places, and at the 1962 Nobel Prize festivities in Sweden. There are also movie stills from productions based on Steinbeck's works, including *East of Eden* and *The Grapes of Wrath*. An index at the end of this guide lists photographers whose work is featured in this file. Further descriptions of some items may be available in a card catalog in the repository.

This file forms a part of the Literary Files Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

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## Related Material

Associated and related material by and about Steinbeck can be found in the Center's library and in the John Steinbeck Collection (MS-04002).

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## Index Terms

### People

Dunbar, Maurice, 1928-.

Goldstone, Adrian H. (Adrian Homer), 1897-1977.

Kazan, Elia.

Otis, Elizabeth, -1981

Steinbeck, Elaine A.

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968.

Valjean, Nelson, 1901-1975.

### Subjects

East of Eden (Motion picture).

Grapes of wrath (Motion picture).

Motion pictures--Production and direction.

Nobel prizes--1960-1970.

Portraits.

Viva Zapata! (Motion picture).

**Places**

Finland.

Germany.

Hungary.

Italy.

Northern Ireland.

Poland.

Sweden.

Thailand.

**Document Types**

Gelatin silver prints.

Photographic prints.

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**Location**  
Steinbeck,  
J., Lit File

**Print Number: P1** Photographic reproduction of a painting of Steinbeck by Stjernstrom.

**Print Number: P3** Image of Steinbeck in Rome, 1954.

**Print Number: P4** Image of Steinbeck in Florence, 1957.

**Print Number: P5-P7** Images of Steinbeck in Poland, Hungary, and the Soviet Union, 1963.

**Print Number: P8** Publicity photograph of Steinbeck, 1965.

**Print Number: P9** Portrait of Steinbeck.

**Print Number: P11A-P11C** Photographic reproductions of a bronze bust of Steinbeck.

**Print Number: P12** Image of Steinbeck at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, 1963.

**Print Number: P13-P14** Images of Steinbeck in Poland, 1963.

**Print Number: P15** Image of Steinbeck with an officer on board a ship, 1957.

**Print Number: P16-P17** Images of Steinbeck with Elaine and others in Venice.

**Print Number: P18-P22** Images of Steinbeck with Elaine and others in the Soviet Union, Poland, Germany, and Finland, 1963.

**Print Number: P23** Image of Steinbeck with Elaine walking into a banquet hall, 1963.

**Print Number: P24** Image of Steinbeck with Elaine at a dinner in Bangkok, 1967.

**Print Number: P25** Image of Steinbeck with Elaine and Elia Kazan and his wife at the *East of Eden* premiere, 1955.

**Print Number: P26-P29** Images of Steinbeck with various people at the Nobel Prize festivities in Stockholm, Sweden, 1962.

**Print Number: 30-P32** Images of Steinbeck with various authors, 1963.

**Print Number: P33-P34** Images of Steinbeck at formal dinners in the Soviet Union, 1947.

**Print Number: P35-P39** Images of Steinbeck with unidentified people in Poland, Hungary, and the Soviet Union, 1963.

**Print Number: P40** Image of Steinbeck with an unidentified man in the Soviet Union, 1947.

**Print Number: P41** Image of Steinbeck with an unidentified man outside of a house in Northern Ireland, 1952.

**Print Number: P43A-P43B** Images of cakes made to look like Italian editions of Steinbeck's works, 1954.

**Print Number: P44A-P44R** Movie stills from productions based on Steinbeck's works, including *The Grapes of Wrath*, *East of Eden*, and *Viva Zapata!*, 1939-1955.

**Print Number: P45** Image of Elaine Steinbeck.

**Print Number: P46A-P46B** Images of Nelson Valjean, author of *John Steinbeck*.

**Print Number: P47A-P47C** Images of Nelson Valjean with Adrian Goldstone, Maurice Dunbar, and Norman Carlson.

**Print Number: P48** Image of Elaine Steinbeck and Steinbeck's literary editor Elizabeth R. Otis, 1976.

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- Dunbar, Maurice, 1928- --P45, P46A-P46B, P47A, P47C
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