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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Booten Herndon contain Herndon's collaboration with Vic Obeck in writing *How to Exercise Without Moving a Muscle*, a volume about isometric exercises; papers relating to Herndon's compilation and publication of *The Humor of J.F.K.*, a collection of Kennedy quotations; and material related to Military Air Transport Service used in writing *Over the Hump* with William H. Tunner.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Ellis Library on 16 January 1973 through their Gifts and Exchange Section (Accession No. 3908).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Booten Herndon was an author and free-lance writer. He was born in 1916 and grew up in Charlottesville, Virginia. He attended the University of Virginia and worked for New Orleans newspapers before joining the army and serving in World War II where he participated in several major European campaigns. He wrote dozens of books and thousands of articles, including *Ford: An Unconventional Biography of the Men and Their Times*; *Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks*; *Over the Hump*; and *The Humor of J.F.K.* Herndon died in March of 1995 after a lengthy illness.

FOLDER LIST

Isometrics Series

- f. 1-4 Correspondence, 1962-1965
- f. 5 Narrative report on *How to Exercise Without Moving a Muscle*.
- f. 6 Outline for potential isometric book.
- f. 7-41 Source material: Herndon's interview of Vic Obeck; Haley's research notes and proposals about isometrics; pamphlets; and newspaper clippings.
- f. 42-62 Rough drafts of *How to Exercise Without Moving a Muscle*
- f. 63-66 Galley proofs
- f. 67 Paperback edition: Obeck, Victor. *How to Exercise Without Moving a Muscle*. New York: Pocket Books, Inc., 1964.

***Humor of John F. Kennedy* Series**

- f. 68 Correspondence, 1964-1965
- f. 69 Herndon's narrative report about the research and publication of *The Humor of J.F.K.*

- f. 70-72 Notes and Newspaper clippings about Kennedy.
- f. 73-80 First draft of *The Humor of J.F.K.*; handwritten narrative with typed anecdotes taped into position.
- f. 81-84 Carbon copy of a rough draft; used the title *The Warm and Wonderful Humor of John F. Kennedy*.
- f. 85-87 Galley proofs of *The Humor of J.F.K*
- f. 88 Press releases and reviews
- f. 89 Bill Adler, *The Kennedy Wit*, New York, Citadel Press, 1964
- f. 90 Robert J. Donovan, *PT 109: John F. Kennedy in World War II*, Greenwich, Connecticut, Fawcett Publications, 1961; William Manchester, *Portrait of a President*, New York, Macfadden Books, 1964.
- f. 91 Gene Schoor, *Young John Kennedy*, New York, Macfadden Books, 1963.
- f. 92 Paperback edition. Booton Herndon, *The Humor of J.F.K.*, Greenwich, Connecticut, Fawcett Publications, Inc., 1964

Military Air Transport Service Series

f. 93-102	Correspondence, 1956-1964
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f. 163-187	Final draft of <i>Over the Hump</i> .
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f. 290	<i>Pegasus</i> , May, July, 1950, issues.
f. 291-292	Newspaper clippings
f. 293	Miscellaneous: Book jackets for <i>Over the Hump</i> by William H. Tunner and <i>The Fine Art of Political Wit</i> by Leon A. Harris; photograph of a building, unidentified. [SEE ALSO Tapes 1-5; Volume 4]

Audio Series

- a.t. 1-4 Military Air Transport Service Tapes by William H. Tunner and Herndon. Descriptions of staff duties, personnel, flight patterns and incidents, commendations of Military Air Transport Service, and statistical data. Recorded by Tunner; primarily about the Hump Airlift but includes references to other airlifts such as Berlin Airlift and Korean Airlift; also verbal revisions of sections of *Over The Hump*. [SEE ALSO folders 217-229]
- a.t. 5 Taped dialogue between Tunner and Herndon.
- a.d. 1 Recording: Isometric Exercising, by Vic Obeck (recorded by Riverside).

Books Series

- v. 1 Hearings before Special Subcommittee on National Military Airlift of the Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Eighty-Sixth Congress, Second Session, March-April, 1960.
- v. 2 Hearings before the Subcommittee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, Eighty-Seventh Congress, First Session, 1961.
- v. 3 Leon A. Harris, *The Fine Art of Political Wit*, New York, E.P. Dutton, 1964.
- v. 4 William H. Tunner, *Over the Hump*, New York, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1964.

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