

## **An Inventory of the James A. Michener Papers, Poland Collection**

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### **Abstract:**

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The Poland Collection was originally part of the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center Collection (SC 1-27). Kacy Guill, Archivist, decided to separate the Poland Collection in order to make it easier to use. A volunteer reboxed the collection and if necessary made new folders.

Researchers may also want to consult:

Home Collection (SC 1-31, Unprocessed Box 9)

Vertical File About/By Michener (SC 1-30, Box 2, Folder:1985 -- German Language Reviews of "Poland")

Harry Ransome Humanities Research Center (HRC) Collection (SC 1-27, Oversize Box 13) for oversize items relating to Poland.

### **Biography of James A. Michener:**

James Albert Michener was born in 1907 to unknown parents and raised as an orphan in the care of widow Mabel Michener of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. By the time he graduated from high school in 1925, he had visited 45 out of the 48 states. He was given a scholarship to Swarthmore, and after graduating summa cum laude in 1929, he traveled and continued his education at nine universities inside and outside the United States. During this time, he also taught in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and at the Harvard School of Education.

When he was not teaching, Michener worked as a textbook editor in New York, and he joined the British Merchant Marines. During WWII, he joined the Navy, making use of his experience in the British Merchant Marines to climb through the ranks to lieutenant and his knowledge of history to carry out sensitive assignments in the South Pacific. It was this experience that brought about *Tales of the South Pacific* in 1947, which won a Pulitzer Prize. Michener used this novel as the cornerstone of his writing career, publishing almost 50 books in the next 50 years, including *Sayonara, Hawaii, The Source, Iberia, Caravans, The Covenant, Sports in America, and Poland*.

In 1977, a four-part public television series called *The World of Michener* covered Israel, Hawaii, Spain, and Poland, just a few of the countries upon which his books have been based. Several other books have been turned into movies or miniseries, and two of his novels have been turned into musicals (most notably *South Pacific*, which won its own Pulitzer Prize).

During the time that he was publishing, however, Michener did not ignore the world around him. He ran for Congress in 1962 and held positions on several committees, including the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, the U.S. Postal Service stamp committee, and an advisory position on a council for NASA. He also spoke often at congressional hearings and at functions of those organizations in which he held particular interest.

James A. Michener died at the age of 90 on October 16, 1997 in Texas, three years after his third wife, Mari Yoriko Sabusawa. He had no children.

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**Subjects:**

Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-1997.  
Poland.

**Inventory:**

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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 2-0	James A. Michener Papers - - Folder List
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 2-1	Poland - Chapter sketches; maps; genealogies; timelines
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 2-2	Poland - Early drafts (typed ms.) cut up (1 of 5)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 2-3	Poland (2 of 5)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 2-4	Poland - JAM's revisions in ms. (3 of 5)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 2-5	Poland (4 of 5)
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 3-4	Ch. VII-VIII (4 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 3-5	Ch. IX (5 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 3-6	Ch. X (6 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 4-1	Michener, James - Poland, Setting Copy Ms., Chapter I-III (1 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 4-2	Poland, Chapter IV-V (2 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 1	Folder 4-3	Poland, Chapter VI (3 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 4-4	Poland, Chapter VII-VIII (4 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 4-5	Poland, Chapter IX (5 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 4-6	Poland, Chapter X (6 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 5-1	Poland, Author's Galleys, Edited by Lisa Kaufman, Chapters I-IV (1 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 5-2	Poland, Author's Galleys (Kaufman), Chapters V-VII (2 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 5-3	Poland, Author's Galleys (Kaufman), Chapters VIII-X (3 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 5-4	Poland, Galleys, Read by Bert Krantz, Chapters I-IV (1 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 5-5	Poland, Galleys, (Krantz), Chapters V-VII (2 of 3)

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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 6-1	Poland, Albert Erskine File, Comments relating to Glowczewski's editing
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 6-2	Poland, Klara Glowczewski Reports
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 6-3	Poland, Turski's Comments, Marian Turski
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 6-4	Poland, Master Set, Box 1st Pass, Chapter I-V (1 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 6-5	Poland, Chapter VI-VII (2 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 2	Folder 6-6	Poland, Chapter VIII-X (3 of 3)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 3	Folder 7-1	Poland, Corrected Repro Proofs (1 of 4)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 3	Folder 7-2	Poland, Repro Proofs, Chapters I-IV (2 of 4)
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 3	Folder 7-4	Poland, Repro Proofs, Chapters VIII-X (4 of 4)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 3	Folder 7-5	Poland, Proofs (1 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 3	Folder 7-6	Poland, Proofs (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 3	Folder 8-1	Poland, Uncorrected Proof (editing notes interfiled)
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 8-5	Maps, Poland
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 8-6	Poland, Souvenir Brochures
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 8-7	Kosciusko
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 9-1	Research Papers, Poland with JAM note (1 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 9-2	Research Papers, Poland (2 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 9-3	Research Papers, Poland (3 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 9-4	Research Papers, Poland (4 of 6)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 9-5	Research Papers, Poland (5 of 6)
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 10-1	Research Papers, Poland (1 of 5)
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 10-3	Research Papers, Poland (3 of 5)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 10-4	Research Papers, Poland (4 of 5)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 10-5	Research Papers, Poland (5 of 5)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-0	Envelopes from The Peasants (above), not in folder and not numbered
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-1	The Peasants: Spring by Ladislav Reymont (1 of 4)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-2	The Peasants: Summer (2 of

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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-3	The Peasants: Autumn (3 of 4)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-4	The Peasants: Winter (4 of 4)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-5	Poland, Baranow Sandomierski (1 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 11-6	Poland, Baranow Sandomierski (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 12-0	Envelopes from Master Thaddeus (above), not in folder and not numbered  <b>Missing</b>
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder12- 0	Envelopes from The Teutonic Knights (above), not in folder and not numbered  <b>Missing</b>
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 12-1	Master Thaddeus, v. 1 (1 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 12-2	Master Thaddeus, v. 2 (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 12-3	The Teutonic Knights (1 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 12-4	The Teutonic Knights (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder12- 5	Misc. Poland
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 4	Folder 12-6	Poland, Heraldry  <b>Missing</b>
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-0	Empty folders ("Space" & "Space Correspondence"), not in folder and not numbered
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-1	Space: Reviews

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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-2	JAM Outgoing Correspondence, RE: Space – Miniseries
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-3	Space Correspondence
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-4	Color Photo of JAM, "NASA Art"
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-5	Space, Promotional Material
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-6	List of JAM Publications, Random House
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-7	Book Covers: Caravans, Centennial, Iberia
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 14-8	Space (numbered by B. H., 3/29/06)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 15-1	Articles: National Geographic, Untitled response to Dr. Grey, Notes for "The Winning Combination," "Your revolution," "A great revolution, Big and Tough
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 15-2	Olympics Essay
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 15-3	A Salute to Singapore
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-1	Michener, James - Incoming Correspondence, A
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-2	B [Correspondence]
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-3	C [Correspondence]
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-4	D [Correspondence]
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-5	A. Grove Day
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-6	E [Correspondence]
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-7	F [Correspondence]
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-8	Friedman, Herbert

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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 16-13	Michener. Vavra, Robert
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-1	Michener, James - Incoming Correspondence, G
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-2	H
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-3	Houghton, Arthur A., Jr., 1982-84
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-4	I-J
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-5	K
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-6	Kings, John
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-7	L
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 5	Folder 17-8	Laster, Owen, Laster and William Morris Agency Correspondence, 1982-86
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-1	Michener, James - Incoming Correspondence, M-Mi
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-2	Mo-Mu
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-3	N
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-4	O
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-5	Nadia Orapchuck
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-6	P-Q
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-7	R
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 18-8	Roland, Richard
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-1	Michener, James - Incoming Correspondence - Sa-Sh
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-2	Si-Sw
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-3	Sammons, Herbert W.
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-4	Shakespeare, Frank RFE
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-7	U-V
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-8	W
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-9	Clifton Wellman
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 19-10	Y-Z
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 20-1	Michener, James - Fan Mail - Fan A-B
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 20-2	Fan C-D
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 20-3	Fan E-F-G
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 6	Folder 20- 4	Fan H-J
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 20-5	Fan K-L
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 20-6	Fan M
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 20-7	Fan N-Q
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-1	Michener, James - Fan Mail - Fan R
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-2	Fan S
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-3	Fan T-Z
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-4	Letters to Answer
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-5	Kids Letters (Answered)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-6	Correspondence - Dead II
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-7	Dead III
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-8	Dead IV
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 21-9	Correspondence – Miscellany
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-1	Michener, James -

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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-2	Unidentified, Correspondence
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-3	Incomplete Letters, Empty Envelopes
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-4	Correspondence – Cookie
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-5	Letters to Mari
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-6	Misc. Invitations
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 22-7	Non-Michener's letters
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 24-1	Michener, James - Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, CSAC
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 7	Folder 24-2	Media Advisory Panel
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Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 25-5	Radio Free Europe, 1984 (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 25-6	Radio Free Europe, 1985-86
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 25-7	Random House
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 25-8	Swarthmore
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 25-9	UNESCO (1 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 25-10	UNESCO (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 26-1	Michener, James - Washington State University, Boundary Layer Air Chemistry Profile Research at South Pole (1 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 26-2	Washington State Univ (2 of 2)
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Folder 26-3	Miscellaneous Material
Poland	SC 1-21		Box 8	Loose	Warszawa Trasa W-Z [copper engraving of Warsaw]  Found in Kacy's office. She thought it belonged with the Poland materials.