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Tucker, Wilson Collection

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Scope Note

This collection contains biographical material, newspaper articles, bibliographies, several science fiction periodicals featuring Tucker fiction and one novel.

Brief History

Arthur Wilson (Bob) Tucker was born in 1914 in Deer Creek, Illinois, the son of James and Mary Tucker, and died October 6, 2006 in St. Petersburg, Florida. He married Mary James Joesting of Decatur, Illinois on March 16, 1936, and on November 3, 1953 married Fern Brooks of Springfield. He had five children: Judy, David, Brian and Bruce and Robert, who predeceased him. He was a stage electrician, movie projectionist and science fiction writer, receiving numerous awards from science fiction fans the world over. According to the city directories he resided in Heyworth, Illinois from 1966 through 1973. A newspaper clipping from 1946 indicates that he lived at 824 W. Jefferson, Bloomington.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Biographical information

- 1.1. Obituary, *Pantagraph*, November 8, 2006.
- 1.2. Bloomington-Normal City Directory listings, 1930 to 1994 (2 pages).
- 1.3. Photocopy of two pages from the Bloomington-Normal City Directory, 1966 and 1973.
- 1.4. Biographical sketch from *St. James Guide to Science Fiction Writers (1966)*
- 1.5. Biographical sketch from *The New Encyclopeida of Science Fiction (1968)*

Folder 2: Newspaper clippings (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 2.1 "Fantasy Fiction Fans Have Own Society," August 24, 1940, p. 3.
- 2.2 "Movie Booths Not What They Used to Be," January 20, 1941, p. 3
- 2.3 "Tucker Book To Be Published," May 14, 1946, p. 2.
- 2.4 "Wilson Tucker's Mystery Yarn On Stands Here," November 20, 1946, p. 3.
- 2.5 "Local Mystery Writer Going East to Autograph New Book," November 3, 1947, p. 3.
- 2.6 "Thorns in His 'Bed of Roses,'" June 29, 1948, p. 3.
- 2.7 "Lincoln Most Popular Midwest Book Subject," June 16, 1949, p. 19.
- 2.8 "Article Published On Local Author," January 18, 1950, p. 3.
- 2.9 "Tucker's 5th 'Charles Horne' Mystery Puts Hero on Spot," August 15, 1951, p. 3 (reviewed by Jerry Sohl, a local science fiction writer).
- 2.10 "Tucker's Latest Novel Gives View of Post-Atomic World," November 13, 1951, p. 3 (reviewed by Jerry Sohl).
- 2.11 "Wilson Tucker, Novelist, Weds Springfield Girl," November 6, 1953, p. 15
- 2.12 "Author Wilson Tucker Guest Speaker For Quill," September 15, 1968, p. B-6.
- 2.13 "Odd ice cream cone his just desserts?" January 31, 1977, p. A-8.
- 2.14 "The real world of a fiction writer," October 19, 1985, p. 5.
- 2.15 Obituary for Fern Delores Tucker, wife of Wilson Tucker, June 13, 2006, p. D4.
- 2.16 "Our grand old man of science fiction is gone," October 12, 2006, p. D1, D8.
- 2.17 Obituary for Wilson Tucker, November 8, 2006, p. D7.

Folder 3: Bibliography

- 3.1 Bibliography from Tucker's personal website, accessed December 15, 2004.
- 3.2 List of books held by the McLean County Museum of History Library, 2 pages.

Folder 4: "My Brother's Wife"

- 4.1 "My Brother's Wife", Wilson Tucker. *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, (2:1), February 1951, pp 41-53.

Folder 5: "To a Ripe Old Page"

- 5.1 "To a Ripe Old Page", Wilson Tucker. *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, (3:8), December 1952, pp 3-17. (2 copies)

Folder 6: "The Time Masters"

- 6.1 "The Time Masters", a novel by Wilson Tucker. *Startling Stories; A Thrilling*

Publication (31:2), January 1954, pp 10-74.

Folder 7: “To the Tombaugh Station”

- 7.1 “To the Tombaugh Station”, a short novel by Wilson Tucker. *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, (18.7), July 1960, pp. 87 – 130.

Folder 8: “The Fan: Myth and Reality”

- 8.1 “The Fan: Myth and Reality”, an essay by Wilson Tucker. *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, (26.2), February 1964, pp. 107 – 112.

Folder 9: “King of the Planet”

- 9.1 “King of the Planet”, Wilson Tucker. *Galaxy Science Fiction*. (18:1), October 1959, pp. 104 – 150.

Folder 10: Correspondence

- 10.1 Letter dated “Thurs a.m.” from Ethel to Barbara.

Folder 11: Le Zombie

- 11.1 Le Zombie 1941 Fanzine Yearbook
11.2 Le Zombie 1944 Fanzine Yearbook (2 copies)

Folder 12: Yearbook of Science, Weird and Fantasy Fiction

- 12.1 1938 Yearbook
12.2 1939 Yearbook

Folder 13: Fantasy Jackass

- 13.1 Number One, Summer 1951. 10 pp.
13.2 Number Two, Spring 1952. 24 pp.

Folder 14: The Chinese Doll

- 14.1 Paperback Dell Mystery, 1946. 192pp.