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MSS 10 CLAGETT, John Henry, 1916-2013

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BIOGRAPHY

John Henry Clagett was born 7 April 1916 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the son of William Argo and Sena (Ballard) Clagett. He graduated from College High on the campus of Western Kentucky State College, then attended Western Kentucky State College for three years before entering the United States Naval Academy in 1936. He graduated from the Academy in 1940 and went immediately into active duty. In 1943, he was badly burned when the PT boat he was commanding was sunk by a Japanese ship off Guadalcanal. He retired from the Navy in 1946.

Clagett served several years with the U.S. embassy in Oslo, Norway, before returning to the United States to pursue graduate studies at Yale University. He received his Ph.D. in 1954 and taught creative writing at Middlebury College in Vermont. He married Marjorie R. Douglas and had two daughters, Marjorie and Randi Ann.

In addition to his first novel, *Cradle of the Sun*, Clagett authored several other novels including *Papa Tango*, *Captain Whitecap*, *The Slot*, and *Buckskin Cavalier*. His short stories appeared in magazines such as the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Colliers*, and *Blue Book*. Clagett's naval background and experiences are evident in many of his writings.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of a typed manuscript of Clagett's first novel, *Cradle of the Sun*, a photo of Clagett and his fiancé, Marjorie Douglas, two short stories by Clagett and newspaper clippings about Clagett.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	John Henry Clagett	1942-1952	10 items
Folder 1a	Inventory		
Folder 1	"Cradle of the Sun" manuscript	1952	1 item

Folder 2	“Cradle of the Sun” manuscript	1952	1 item
Folder 3	Miscellaneous material by or about Clagett	1942-1952	8 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Authors – Kentucky
 Clagett, John Henry, 1916-2013 – Photograph
 Clagett, Marjorie R. (Douglas), 1918-2015 – Photograph
Cradle of the Sun – Relating to F1&2
 World War II, 1939-1945 – Naval operations F3
 World War II, 1939-1945 – Soldiers from – Warren County F3

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