

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

Kurt Vonnegut Articles and Correspondence

MS. 82

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of newspaper and magazine articles on or about Kurt Vonnegut, as well as a copy of his letter of resignation from the Sturgis Library Board of Trustees.

Biographical Information: Kurt Vonnegut, noted author, journalist, artist, teacher, car dealer, and actor, lived with his family in Barnstable Village in a house on the corner of Route 6A and Scudder Lane, near Hinckley/Coggins Pond. He was an active member of the community, becoming a Trustee of the Sturgis Library in the 1960s and participating in many productions at the Barnstable Comedy Club. He owned a Saab dealership in West Barnstable, and spoke at many community events. His daughter Edie and her family still reside in the Vonnegut homestead on Scudder Lane.

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Acquisition: Articles collected from 1966-2007.

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Contents:

- 1966 original signed letter from Vonnegut on University of Iowa letterhead, resigning his post as Sturgis Library Trustee.
- *Venture Magazine* Oct/Nov 1966 "Brief Encounters on the Inland Waterway -- By Leisurely Yacht from Hyannis Port to West Palm Beach Without a Millionaire in Sight". Photocopy.
- Original copy of Vonnegut's "You've Never Been to Barnstable?" which was later retitled "Where I Live" and was the first chapter of *Welcome to the Monkey House*
- *The Register* article Oct 23, 1969 "Text of Vonnegut's Message -- Let the Killing Stop" antiwar speech. Original article + photocopy.
- *McCall's* article April, 1970 by Vonnegut on Biafra. Original article.
- Unknown date/publication "Biafra Starvation Not Exaggerated Vonnegut Reports." Photocopy.

- *The Register* May 21, 1970 "Conflicting Advice Given Peace Rally -- Vonnegut Cautions, But Panther Challenges." Original article.
- *Mademoiselle* August 1970 "We Talk To..." interview with Kurt Vonnegut. Photocopy.
- *Cape Cod Standard Times* article Aug 26 1970 "Sturgis [Library] Too Stodgy, Vonnegut Claims." Original article + photocopy.
- *Cape Cod News* article, Nov 18 1970, "Eliot Rosewater is Alive and Well and Living on Cape Cod" by Joseph Knight. Original article + photocopy.
- *New Bedford Standard Times* article Nov 22, 1970 "Barnstable author Delighted by Challenge -- Kurt Vonnegut Jr. Teaching at Harvard." Photocopy.
- *The Register* article Jan 7, 1971 "Student Actors to Premiere Vonnegut's Monkey House." Original article.
- *Cape Cod News* Jan 20, 1971. "Welcome to the Monkey House." Photocopy.
- *Cape Cod Standard Times* Jan 23, 1971 "Vonnegut -- from a Dresden Slaughterhouse." Original article.
- *Saturday Review* article Feb 6, 1971 "The War Novel from Mailer to Vonnegut." Photocopy.
- *Saturday Review* Article May 1, 1971 "Vonnegut's Otherworldly Laughter." Photocopy.
- *Cape Cod News*. "Entertainment." Photo and announcement of NET Playhouse special. Circa 1972. Original and photocopy.
- *Cape Cod Standard Times* article May 6, 1973 Book Review of *Breakfast of Champions* "The Self-Destruct of Kurt Vonnegut." Original article and photocopy.
- *Cape Cod Times*. Date Unknown (circa 1990?) "Libraries Now Valued by Caustic Vonnegut." Photocopy.
- *USA Today* Oct 6, 2005 "Vonnegut on Politics, Presidents, and Librarians" Book review of *A Man Without a Country*." Original and Photocopy.
- *New York Times* April 12, 2007 "Kurt Vonnegut, Novelist Who Caught the Imagination of His Age, is Dead at 84." Printout.