

McLean County Museum of History

Sohl, Jerry Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One box
COLLECTION DATES:	1946 through 2012
PROVENANCE:	None
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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Scope Note

This collection contains biographical material, newspaper articles, bibliographies, examples of Sohl fiction.

Brief History

Gerald Allan “Jerry” Sohl was born in Los Angeles, California, on December 2, 1913. He married Jean Gordon in 1942; they had one son, Allan and two daughters, Marty and Jennifer. He was in the Army Air Force during the Second World War. He worked as a feature writer for the Bloomington *Daily Pantagraph* from 1946 to 1958, when he returned to California for a career in literary writing, including science-fiction novels, several that were published by main-

line publishers. He was also a screenwriter for both film and television. Among his credits were numerous episodes for classic TV productions of *The Twilight Zone*, *Star Trek* and *Route 66*. He retired in the early 1970s but continued to write and publish; his last work was published in 1999. Jerry Sohl died in Thousand Oaks, California on November 4, 2002.

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Biographical information

- 1.1. Advertisement, *Pantagraph*, March 4, 1950, Sohl providing opera commentary on local radio station WJBC AM 1230.
- 1.2. Obituary, *The Independent* (London), November 12, 2002, page 18
- 1.3. Column, *The Pantagraph*, by Dan Craft ("Billboard" column), November 21, 2002, page D3
- 1.4. Photocopy of two pages from the Bloomington-Normal City Directory, 1946 and 1959.
- 1.5. City Directory listings, 1946-1957
- 1.6. List of books held by the MCMH Library.

Folder 2: Newspaper articles on Jerry Sohl (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 2.1 "Jerry Sohl's Science-Fiction Novel Accepted," July 31, 1951, p. 3.
- 2.2 "Sohl working on new novel," June 17, 1973, p. A-10.
- 2.3 "Sohl's 'Lemon Eaters' About To Be Filmed," October 5, 1969, p. D-1.
- 2.4 "Ex-Pantagrapher authors new novel," November 13, 1980, p. F5.

Folder 3: Bibliography

- 3.1 Bibliography of books available electronically from Reanimus Press. Downloaded from web site, September 5, 2012
- 3.2 List of books held by the McLean County Museum of History Library, 1 page.

Folder 4: Newspaper articles by Jerry Sohl (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)

- 4.1 "Art Association Growing," September 25, 1949, p. 2.
- 4.2 "'Blind Mice' Funny' In Places, That Is," March 17, 1950, p. 3.
- 4.3 "Sold First Shoes for 17 Cents," Jerry Sohl, September 6, 1951, p. 3.
- 4.4 "Tucker's 5th 'Charles Horne' Mystery Puts Hero on Spot," Jerry Sohl, August 15, 1951 p. 3.
- 4.5 "Tucker's Latest Novel Gives View of Post-Atomic World," Jerry Sohl, November 13, 1951 p. 3.

Folder 5: "The Little Red Bag"

- 5.1 "The Little Red Bag," Jerry Sohl. *IF, the worlds of science fiction*, (9:6), January 1960, pp. 51-61.

Folder 6: "Death in Transit"

- 6.1 "Death in Transit," Jerry Sohl. *Infinity*, (1:3), June 1956, pp. 60-76.

Folder 7: "Jelna"

- 7.1 "Jelna," Jerry Sohl, *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, August 1972, pp. 90-

100.

Folder 8: “The Seventh Order”

8.1 “The Seventh Order,” Jerry Sohl, *Galaxy Science Fiction*, March 1952, pp. 64-81.

Folder 9: “Brknk’s Bounty”

9.1 “Brknk’s Bounty,” Jerry Sohl, *Galaxy Science Fiction*, January 1955, pp. 108-116.

Folder 10: “The Ultroom Error”

10.1 “The Ultroom Error,” Jerry Sohl, *Space Science Fiction*, May 1952, pp. 54-65.

Folder 11: “The Service”

11.1 “The Service,” Jerry Sohl, *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, February 1976, pp.105-111.

Folder 12: “The Invisible Enemy”

12.1 “The Invisible Enemy,” Jerry Sohl, *Imaginative Tales*, September 1955, pp. 82-105.

Folder 13: “Counterweight”

13.1 “Counterweight,” Jerry Sohl, *IF: Worlds of Science Fiction*, November 1959, pp. 102-113.

Folder 14: “The Elroom”

14.1 “The Elroom,” Jerry Sohl, *IF: Worlds of Science Fiction*, March 1955, pp. 109-116.

Folder 15: “One Against Herculum”

15.1 “One Against Herculum,” Jerry Sohl, *Science Fiction Adventures*, January 1958, pp. 50-93.