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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Steven King Ainsworth Papers
ID:	apap347
Date [inclusive]:	1993-2018
Physical Description:	.33 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	The Steven King Ainsworth Papers contain his artwork and writings, including "Heads Up" bulletins written by Ainsworth for prison inmates sentenced to life, life without parole, and their advocates.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Steven King Ainsworth Papers, 1993-2018. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Ainsworth Papers).

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Biographical History

Steven King Ainsworth, currently incarcerated in California, was sentenced to death in 1980 for the murder of Seng Huynh and served two decades on Death Row in San Quentin. In 2001 the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California granted Ainsworth's habeas corpus petition vacating his capital sentence. Ainsworth is a published writer of fiction and non-fiction, and a self-taught artist whose work has been exhibited in the United States and internationally. His many publications include *Words from the Row* and essays or short stories in *Undoing Time: American Prisoners in Their Own*

Words (2001), *Writing for Their Lives: Death Row U.S.A.* (2007), and *Fourth City: Essays from the Prison in America* (2014).

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Scope and Contents

The Steven King Ainsworth Papers contain his artwork and writings, including "Heads Up" bulletins written by Ainsworth for prison inmates sentenced to life, life without parole, and their advocates. The bulletins contain advice for and background information about petitioning the Governors Office for clemency in the State of California, as well as news clippings of interest. The collection also contains correspondence and Ainsworth's applications for executive clemency including letters of support.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged alphabetically. There are no series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition Information

Steven King Ainsworth donated his papers to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives in 2014, 2018, and 2019.

Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Criminal Justice and Prisons
- Death Penalty
- Steven King Ainsworth
- Death row
- Death Row inmates--California

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Application for Executive Clemency, Drafts and Final, 2018Undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Application for Executive Clemency, Letters of Support, 2018Undated	Box 1	Folder 2
"Cages" by Geogiann Lyga's and "California: Report from a Court" by Kay J. Bandell's and Correspondence, 2004 September	Box 1	Folder 3
California Penal Code Sections 4800-4813, 2017	Box 1	Folder 4
California State Prison-Sacramento-Mailing Regulations with Correspondence, 2003 October	Box 1	Folder 5

Correspondence Addressed to Margo, 2002-2005	Box 1	Folder 6
Correspondence Addressed to Maria, 2005	Box 1	Folder 7
Correspondence from Bridget, 2004 January 12-2004 October 03	Box 1	Folder 8
Drawing and Correspondence, 1993 September 30	Box 1	Folder 9
"Exiting Death Row Alive" Rough Draft with Correspondence, 2005 January 02	Box 1	Folder 10
"Heads Up," No. 1-8, 10-11, 2013 Undated	Box 1	Folder 11
"Heads Up" Supplement, Undated	Box 1	Folder 12
Lesson in Stupidity, 2010 January 25	Box 1	Folder 13
Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger Suggesting Policy Changes, Undated	Box 1	Folder 14
"Now is the Time", Undated	Box 1	Folder 15
Review of California Law 43 McGeorge L. Rev. 747, 2012	Box 1	Folder 16
Review of an Exhibit and a Photo of Notre Dame Cathedral with Correspondence, 2004	Box 1	Folder 17
Writings by Steven King Ainsworth, 1996-1998 Undated	Box 1	Folder 18