

## Donald Hall (1928 –2018) Collection, 2015-2021

### MS-N062

**Historic Note:** Donald Hall (1928-2018) was a prolific American poet, who published fifteen books of poetry, as well as numerous essays and books across various genres. He was the Library of Congress's 14th Poet Laureate (2006) and the recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Robert Frost Medal (1998) and National Medal of Arts (2010). Since the 1970s, Hall lived at the Eagle Pond Farm, in Wilnot, New Hampshire, and was married to another poet, Jane Kenyon.

**Scope and Contents Note:** Donald Hall (1928 –2018) Collection, 2015-2021 consists of one manuscript box of photographs, letters, recollections about and an interview of Donald Hall, an American poet.

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### Administrative Information:

This small collection was donated to BPSI Archives in 2021 by a BPSI Candidate Member, John Martin-Joy, MD, who had corresponded with Donald Hall in 2015 and interviewed the poet in 2016. The interview first appeared in *TriQuarterly magazine* (Sep 13, 2016), and was recently included in *Conversations with Donald Hall* (University of Mississippi Press, 2021), a collection of Hall's 13 interviews, co-edited by John Martin-Joy, MD. In addition to letters and transcripts of interviews, BPSI materials include three photographs of Donald Hall by Jane Kenyon from the 1970s as well as three books by Hall and one by Kenyon, from Hall's personal collection at Eagle Pond Farm: *Hall's Life Work* (Beacon Press, 1993), *Without* (1998), *The Selected Poems of Donald Hall* (2015), and Kenyon's *Otherwise: New and Selected Poems* (1996). All four books have been added to the BPSI library collection. Please note: Hall's and Kenyon's larger archives are held at the University of New Hampshire.

### Container list:

f.1 John Martin-Joy's letter to Olga Umansky, BPSI Archivist, explaining the scope of the donated materials, Jan 4, 2021

f.2 Photographs of Donald Hall taken near Eagle Pond, NH by Jane Kenyon in the 1970s: [3, black & white, 5x7 in].

f.3 Martin-Joy's correspondence with Donald Hall [14 typed letters, June 6-Nov 1, 2015 and Feb 7, 2018

f.4 Martin-Joy, J. (2016, September 13). Poetry, Aging, and Loss: An interview with Donald Hall. TriQuarterly.

f.5 Susan Carey's (a family's friend's) recollections about Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon, March 7, 2016.