

# Screening of *The True Gen* Highlights 20-Year Friendship

In many ways it was the perfect match: Ernest Hemingway whose heroes personified his definition of courage – “grace under pressure” – and Gary Cooper, the man who most often portrayed those characters on screen.

Yet in other ways – politically, intellectually, and personally – Hemingway and Cooper were a study in contrasts.

The story of this extraordinary 20-year friendship is the focus of a new documentary, *The True Gen*, which was screened last spring at the Kennedy Library as part of the Library’s forum series.

Following the screening, Peter Keough, film critic for *The Phoenix*, moderated a lively discussion with Patrick Hemingway and the film’s director John Mulholland.

The documentary, narrated by Sam Waterston, features interviews with such Hollywood luminaries as Kirk Douglas, Charlton Heston, George Plimpton, and Patricia Neal.

For transcripts of past forums and more information about the Kennedy Library Forum series, visit [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).

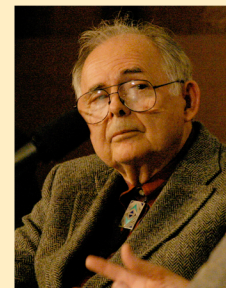


*Cooper & Hemingway: The True Gen*

## Letter from Patrick Hemingway

Dear Hemingway  
Friends:

This fall marks the end of a three-year \$300,000 Save America's Treasures grant dedicated to preserving the Ernest Hemingway Collection.



The grant funded a number of essential preservation projects, such as the conservation of all the letters in the collection that were written by my father.

Much crucial work, however, remains to be done. In addition to my father's letters, the collection also includes 27 boxes of letters from his contemporaries, such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, and James Joyce. Preserving a box of these letters typically costs \$5,000.

If you are not a member of the Friends of the Hemingway Collection, please consider joining now. If you are a member, I hope you will consider making a special donation to aid us in preserving these unique materials and to support our educational and literary programs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*The Friends of the Hemingway Collection was founded in 1990 by Patrick Hemingway, son of the Nobel-prize winning author, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to provide financial support and resources to preserve and make accessible the Ernest Hemingway Collection at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, the world's principal center for research on the life and work of Ernest Hemingway.*

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