

# James Marshall Frank Papers

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# James Marshall Frank

## Biographical Note

A member of the Fugitive literary group and a brother-in-law of Sidney Mttron Hirsch, James Marshall Frank was a successful manufacturer with an interest in literature and education. Born in Marshall County, Tennessee in 1866, James Marshall Frank spent most of his life in Nashville. An 1885 graduate of George Peabody College, he taught for several years. Financial responsibilities caused him to change careers, and he accepted employment with Frank and Company, a local shirt manufacturer, where he worked for the next 50 years. He married Rose Hirsch, the sister of Sidney Hirsch on November 5, 1902, and they had a daughter Helen, who is the donor of this collection. Many of the meetings of the Fugitive poets were held at his home on Whitland Avenue in Nashville. He died in Nashville on November 21, 1944.

## Scope and Content Note

These papers consist primarily of correspondence and manuscript material that Fugitive poet James Marshall Frank collected. Also included here are items that came from him and other Fugitive poets and which were donated to Special Collections by his daughter Helen Frank. Donald Davidson, Laura Riding Gottshcalc, Sidney Hirsch, Merrill Moore, Allen Tate, and Robert Penn Warren are among the Fugitive poets whose work is represented, and there are also letters to and from various members of the Frank and Hirsch families.

Frank's collected issues of *Skyline* and *The Archive* feature poems by Frank and other Fugitive poets. The collection is .417 linear feet.

## Container list

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence from Helen Frank

1 June 4, 1928 - June, 1964

June 4, 1928 to family

August 7, 1934 to Mrs. James Frank

June, 1964 to Louise Davis

#### Outgoing Correspondence from Sidney Hirsch

2 August 29, 1913 - November 22, 1918

August 29, 1913 to Helen

May 2, 1914 to Jess

September 14, 1914 to Jim Frank

January 7, 1917 to Rose

February 2, 1918; February 7, 1918 to My dear family  
March 14, 1918; April 18, 1918; November 22, 1918 to Jim

3 February 8, 1925 - July 14, 1925

February 8, 1925; February 15, 1925 to All  
February 17, 1925 to Elsie  
February 26, 1925 to All  
March 6, 1925 to Jim  
March 22, 1925; July 14, 1925 to All

4 November 17, 1925 - October 20, 1936

November 17, 1925 to Jim  
May 14, 1926  
April 30, 1926 to All  
June 1, 1926 to All  
June 1926  
October 20, 1936 to Rose, Jim, Helen

5 Incomplete dates

6 Incomplete dates

Outgoing Correspondence from Merrill Moore

7 August 26, 1929 - December 13, 1938

August 26, 1929 to Miss Rose  
November 10, 1929 to Hirsch - Franks  
June 8, 1930 to Miss Rose  
November 7, 1932 to Helen  
December 31, 1933 to Miss Rose  
April 20, 1937 to Miss Rose  
May 11, 1938 to Mrs. Rose  
June 30, 1938 to Rose  
December 13, 1938 to Rose

8 February 3, 1939 - September 1, 1950

February 3, 1939 to Helen  
October 20, 1939 to Mr. Jim and Miss Rose  
March 1, 1940 to Miss Rose  
March 1, 1941 to Mr. Jim  
December, 1943 to Miss Rose  
Thanksgiving 1944 to Rose, Jim, Elsie, Helen

January 7, 1948 to Helen  
September 1, 1950 to Rose

9 September 11, 1957 - July/August 1948

Incoming Correspondence to Helen Frank

10 Brittingham, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas - n.d.  
Brittingham, Mrs. Thomas (Dotsy) - January 23, 1981  
Bynner, Witter - November 5, 1921  
Cheney, Frances Neel (Fannie) - August 10, 1956  
Dahl - Wolfe, Louise - May 18, 1972  
Davis, Louise - June 10, 1964  
Frank, Lois (Mrs. Morris) - December 30, 1977

11 Gottschalk, Laura Riding - December 3, 1924; April 30, 1925; June 3, 1925;  
August 5, 1925; August 31, 1925  
Gottschalk, Laura and Louis - n.d.; April 30, 19?

12 Nasse, Paquerette - March 6, 1966  
Stewart, John L. - June 19, 1964

Incoming Correspondence to James Marshall Frank

13 Earnest, D.L. - April 24, 19?  
Hume, Alfred - April 24, 1922  
Stuart, Jesse - October 24, 1934  
Tate, Allen - October 14, 1927  
Witcover, H.W. - December 12, 1924; February 21, 1928

Incoming Correspondence to Rose Hirsch Frank (Mrs. James)

14 Frank, Jim - June 30, 1934  
Nauen - October 16, 1936  
Starr, Milton - July 8, 1928  
Tate, Allen - November 30, 1944  
Untermeyer, Jean Starr - April 12, 1930  
Yum, Helen - October 20, 1936; August 1, 1940  
Zener, Karl - June 3, 1928

Incoming Correspondence to Sidney Hirsch

15 Hal - December 31, 1921  
Ralph - September 29, 1916

**Poems - Manuscripts - James Marshall Frank**

- 16 Mirrors (2 handwritten copies)  
Two Sonnets  
11 The Book of How  
Garden Waters
- 17 Croesus in Autumn  
Pro Sua Vita  
San Francisco Night Windows  
Lines with No Title
- 18 Cora is Dead (4 copies)  
I proffered you a mountain chain of love. . .  
The Wind  
To R.H.F. (4 copies)  
To R—
- 19 The Terrible  
Stranger Guest  
Silhouette  
Pegasus at the County Fair (2 copies)
- 20 On My Birthday (April 16, 1929; 2 copies)  
Muses (Singing) (a dramatic poem; 4 pages)
- 21 Husband Betrayed  
The Helmeted Minerva  
Genealogy  
For Example (3 copies)
- 22 Esperance
- 23 Complexity  
Coils  
Buddy II  
August
- 24 But when he is put up for sale . . . (2 copies)  
From the point the circle drawn. . . ( 2 copies)  
A soldier once went valiantly to fight. . .  
Plucked from a pristiniate garden...
- 25 Miscellaneous manuscripts

**Poems - manuscripts - other authors**

- 26 **Davidson, Donald**  
 A little eye against a brain  
 Crabbed Youth and Age  
**Gottschalk, Laura Riding**  
 Address to Shelley
- 27 **Moore, Merrill**  
 Certain Room  
 Naked and Drenched  
 Oh, Mariner, oh Master Mariner  
*Notes in Defense of Ecstasy:*  
 Physiology  
 Relativity  
 Conflict  
 Thought, Distraught  
 Meeting in a Garden  
 Epithalamion of a Peach  
 Swine, Wine  
 L'Etat C'Est Moi  
 Misanthropy  
 Vain Protestations  
 Tones and Comparisons  
 Disappointment of a Thrall  
 In Bed, Not Dead  
 Primer of Science  
 Fait Accompli  
**Pilcher, Cobb**  
 Purpose
- 28 **Tate, Allen**  
 Shadow and Shade  
 The Mediterranean (2 copies)  
**Warren, Robert Penn**  
 Old Man One Hour Before Dawn

**Plays - manuscripts - James Marshall Frank**

- 29 *Potophor's Wife* (12 Pencil Manuscript Papers)
- 30 *Savonarola* (pencil manuscripts in notebook)
- 31 *Sudaveh - Queen of Persia* (drama in 5 Acts)
- 32 Scraps of handwritten manuscripts

**Articles and clippings**

33 Photocopies:

- “Cora Leventhal Martin: A Tribute from a Girlhood Friend” by Rose Hirsch Frank  
“Member of Associated Retailers Welcomes Visitors to State Fair”  
“The Fugitive” (1923)  
“New York Woman and Massachusetts Man Win \$100 Nashville Poetry Contest”  
(1923 - 1924)  
“New Fugitive is Published”  
“Nashville Poets Will Read Saturday”  
“Nashville Poets Read Originals Before Poetry Society Meeting”  
“The Phoenix Nest” from *Saturday Review of Literature* (February 16, 1929)  
“The December Issue of *The Fugitive* is an Unusually Interesting Number,” by George Bond  
“The World of Letters: Ransom Comment on Books and Bookmen” from *Review of Books*  
“The Outland Piper,” by Donald Davidson, Has Lyrical Passion,” by Hilton R. Greer  
“Integrity, Patience, Discipline” A review of John Crowe Ransom’s *Selected Poems*  
From the *New York Times*, July 8, 1945  
“Ransom at 84: New Book, Old Times” from *New York Times*, May 17, 1972  
“Grant Brings No Obligation: Robert Penn Warren Nabs \$300, 000 Prize” by Carey Winfrey  
“Fugitives’ Regroup to Study, Be Studied on Beginnings, Literary Contributions” by Ralph Morrissey  
“Literary Group Meets at VU to Study Fugitive Poets” by Bruce Williams from *The Nashville Banner*, May 3, 1956  
“Fugitive Meetings Recorded; Poets Themselves May Pen Versions of Rare Sessions” by Ralph Morrissey from *The Tennessean*, May 6, 1956  
“Fugitive Sampling” - short poems by nine of the Fugitive poets  
“Literary Leaders to Meet at VU for 3 - Day Parley of Fugitive Poets”  
from *the Nashville Banner*, May 1, 1956  
“Assignment, Nashville: Fugitive Thoughts on ‘Fugitive’ by Eddie Jones  
“Fugitive Stumped by Reunion Purpose”  
“Fugitives’ Hark Back 30 Years to Capture Spirit of Fine Poetry” by John Seigenthaler from *The Nashville Tennessean*, May 3, 1956  
“Our Girl Friday says: Parties, Poetry Mixes for VU Fugitive Group” from *The Nashville Tennessean*, May 4, 1956  
“Spirit of Fugitives Flare Up Anew” by John Seigenthaler from *The Nashville Banner*, May 5, 1956

**Publications**

- 34 *Skyline*, a college literary magazine, published at the Cleveland College of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio:  
Volume 1, no. 3 ,January 1929  
Volume 2, no. 1, May 1929

- 35     *The Archive*, a monthly publication at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina:  
Volume XLI, no. 4, January 1929  
Volume XLI, no. 5, February 1929  
Volume XLI, no. 7, April 1929  
Volume XLII, no. 6, May 1930  
Volume XLII, no. 7, April 1930

### **Documents**

- 36     3 Ex Libris James M. Frank bookplates by Sidney Hirsch  
       3 Miscellaneous pencil drawings
- Order and Travel papers for Reconstruction Aide, Sadie Frank, February 2; 3, 1919
- Wedding Invitation of Rose Lee to James Marshall Frank, November 5, 1902
- Addressed to John P. Frank's document of money transfer from Goldie D. and Nathaniel D. Hirsch to James M. Frank, July 1, 1915
- Document granting patent to Sidney M. Hirsch, June 9, 1917
- Letter to J.M. Frank about patent, June 13, 1917

### **Memorabilia**

- 37     Brown leather covering of *The Fugitive* dedicated to "President S. Mtttron-Hirsch, 1922 - 1925"; inscribed by Donald Davidson and Walter Clyde Curry