Fugitive and Agrarian Collection

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains 1.67 linear feet of materials on the Fugitive Poets and the Nashville Agrarians. Most of the materials have to do with the years in the 1920’s when the Fugitive poet group was formed and the resulting poems, manuscripts, and correspondence. In addition there are a few items, mostly articles that concern the Agrarian group. The Collection contains many items of unique interest including poems that were read at the Fugitive meetings and correspondence that records the national and international interest in the Fugitive Magazine as it was published in the years 1922 - 1925.

The 16 Fugitive poets

Walter Clyde Curry
Donald Davidson
William Yandell Elliott
James Marshall Frank
William Coleman Frierson
Sidney Mttron Hirsch
Stanley Johnson
Merrill Moore
John Crowe Ransom
Laura Riding
Alfred Starr
Alec Brock Stevenson
Allen Tate
Robert Penn Warren
Jesse Ely Wills
William Ridley Wills

The 12 Agrarians

Donald Davidson
John Gould Fletcher
Henry Blue Kline
Lyle Hicks Lanier
Andrew Nelson Lytle
Herman Clarence Nixon
Frank Lawrence Owsley
John Crowe Ransom
John Orly Allen Tate
John Donald Wade
Robert Penn Warren
Stark Young
Some Fugitive and Agrarian Associates represented in this collection

Melvin Bradford  
Cleanth Brooks  
Brainard and Frances Cheney  
Randall Jarrell  
William Jay Smith  
Radcliffe Squires  
Randall Stewart  
Walter Sullivan  
Richard Weaver  
Thomas Daniel Young

Container List

BOX 1

Fugitive Correspondence - Outgoing

1  Outgoing - April 2, 1923; June 14, 1923; June 21, 1923; June 22, 1923; one undated. Four letters; three typed carbon copies, one original

Fugitive Correspondence - Incoming

2  Andrews, George Lawrence  
   Ashurst, John  
   Associated Retailers of Nashville  
   Auslander, Joseph (4)

3  P. Billings Library  
   J. Back Agency  
   Board of Editors of The Fugitive  
   Bartlett, William Allen (Mrs.) (2)  
   Bellaman, Henry  
   Bouterg, M. (2)  
   Boston Public Library  
   Brown University (2)

4  Carmichael, R.D.  
   E. H. Clarke and Bro.  
   Cleveland Public Library (3)  
   Comings, A.G. and Son

5  Library of Congress

6  Cossitt Library  
   Craig, John L.  
   Crowell, Norman  
   Cullens, F. B.

7  Dargan, Olive Tilford
Dabbs, James McB.
Dillon, George
District of Columbia Public Library
Don-Carloz, Louisa Cooke
Double Dealer
Drought, Eugene (Mrs.)

8 Eagle, M.E.
Edmunds, Murrell
Elliott, Bill (2)

9 Faxon, F.W. Co.
Field, Ben (3)
Florida State College for Women
Four Seas Company
Franklin Square Agency

10 Gerbaulet, Joy
Gilbert, Warren
Gilmore, Louis
Gline, Ellen (Mrs. Walter Ashley)
Guyol, Louise P.

11 Harrid
Harris, Cora Annette
Hibbard, C.A.
Heizer, Mrs. O.F.
Henderson, Rose
Jones, Ellen H. (Mrs. W. Palmer)
Jones, Mrs. Rosa Weiss

12 King, Sterling P.
Lawson McGhee Library
Leigh, Ruth
Library Association of Portland, Oregon
Linnell, John
Little, Ronald E.
Los Angeles Public Library

13 MacLean, Katharine Allison
McClellan, Walter
McClurg, A.C. and Company
McColl, Katherine Newton (Mrs. Kenneth)
Maddock, C. Burnham
The Malteaser Magazine

14 Martin, H. F.
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Merrill, Teresa H.
Metcalf, Irving W.
Mullins, Helene
Munson, Gorham B.

15 Northwestern University
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23 *The Wave*
Wells, Sabrina Elliott
Wight, Hilliard
Williams, Mrs. Olin
Wilson, John F.
*World Tomorrow*
Woodward and Lothrop
Wray, J.E.
Zdanowitz, Casimir D.

**Fugitive Correspondence - Individual Poets**

24 Tate, Allen - 1924 - 1961
25 Tate, Allen - 1964 - 1973
26 Tate, Allen - 1974
27 Tate, Allen - 1975 - 1978
28 Warren, Robert Penn - 1925 - 1968
29 Warren, Robert Penn - 1973 - 1975
30 Warren, Robert Penn with publishers - 1956
31 Warren, Robert Penn to William Humphrey - 1956 - 1967
32 Warren, Robert Penn - TLS to Mr. Lohner, June 16, 1957 (certificate of authenticity, gift of Jon Peede)

**Fugitive Correspondence - other**

33 Incoming subscription orders - 18 order cards
34 Incoming announcements

**Papers relating to The Fugitive Magazine and group**

35 Mailing lists - members of Poetry Society of Texas; subscription list; list of reviewers, critics, complimentary copies
36 Mailing lists - list of reviewers; subscription list; complimentary copies; subscribers who have not renewed
37 Mailing lists - lists of patrons; bookshops; members in Dallas; rejections; W. Clyde Curry’s subscription list
38 Subscription announcement – Poetry Guild of Nashville, 1924

**BOX 2**

1 Business papers - bills, vouchers, invoices, etc.
2 Business papers - bills, vouchers, invoices, etc.
3 Business papers - invoices, mailing memoranda
4 Business papers - reports, memoranda, proposals

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Minutes from the November 5, 1924 meeting
Miscellaneous papers
The Fugitive - Table of Contents, Mastheads
The Fugitive - Partial MS of February - March 1923 issue as it went to the printer; ten poems with table of contents and editorial page
The Fugitive - photograph of advertisement for Vol. 1, no. 4 - December 1922
Fugitive Anthology Papers - Foreword and history of the Fugitive Group

Poems read at Fugitive Meetings

11 Moore, Merrill
12 Ransom, John Crowe
13 Stevenson, Alec Brock
14 Tate, Allen
15 Warren, Robert Penn
16 Wills, Jesse
17 Frank, James M.
   Hirsch, Sidney M.
   Johnson, Stanley
   Wills, Ridley

Other poems read at the meetings

18 Authors not given
19 Authors not given
20 Authors not given
21 Authors not given
22 Authors not given
23 Authors not given

Other poems by the Fugitives

24 Curry, Walter Clyde
   Davidson, Donald
   Frierson, William
   Frank, James M.
   Gottschalk, Laura Riding
   Johnson, Stanley
   Moore, Merrill
   Stevenson, Alec Brock
   Tate, Allen
   Warren, Robert Penn
   Wills, Ridley
Poems by contributors to *The Fugitive*

25 Bynner, Witter
   Fletcher, John Gould
   Martin, Hermann Ford
   R.S.W. Jr.
   L.A.G. Strong

**Fugitive Anthology Papers - Poems**

26 Frank, James M.
27 Johnson, Stanley
28 Ransom, John Crowe
29 Stevenson, Alec Brock
30 Tate, Allen
31 Tate, Allen
32 Warren, Robert Penn
33 Wills, Jesse

**The Fugitive Magazine - Reviews**

34 Photocopies of reviews of *The Fugitive*, 1922 - 1925
35 Photocopies of reviews of *The Fugitive*, February - June 1928

**1956 Fugitive Reunion**

36 Newspaper and magazine articles
37 Newspaper and magazine articles
38 Programs for dinner in honor of the Fugitives, May 4, 1956
39 Programs – Poetry reading in Neely Auditorium at Vanderbilt, May 4, 1956
40 Poems read at the reunion by Merrill Moore and John Crowe Ransom
41 Calendar of Reunion Events; List of those in attendance; dust jacket of book *Fugitives’ Reunion: Conversations at Vanderbilt*

**BOX 3**

**Other materials relating to the Fugitives and Agrarians**

1 Program - Literary Department of the Centennial Club, February 25, 1926 (Lyle Lanier)
2 Vanderbilt Literary Symposium - Writing Laboratory Conference - 5 papers by participants taught by Warren Beck, Andrew Lytle, Richard Weaver, Donald Davidson and Walter Sullivan
3 Correspondence with Thomas Daniel Young, Professor of English at Vanderbilt
4 Correspondence with Thomas Daniel Young, Professor of English at Vanderbilt
Materials on individual Fugitives and Agrarians

11 Davidson, Donald - Correspondence, 1906 - 1968
12 Davidson, Donald - Program - “Tradition and Change in Lyric Poetry” Four lectures at Vanderbilt given by Davidson
13 Davidson, Donald - Photocopy of a letter from RG 600, Library University Archives, D.D. to Dr. A.F. Kuhlman, May 11, 1956
15 Davidson, Donald - Newspaper clippings, obituaries
16 Hirsch, Sidney M. - Correspondence – photocopies
17 Hirsch, Sidney M. - “Art and Mysticism” and other poems – photocopies
18 Hirsch, Sidney M. - newspaper articles - obituary of S.M. Hirsch “Fugitive Poet Founder Dies”;
   “Nashvillians Espouse Relocation of U.S. Capitol on Mississippi River” - photocopies
19 Johnson, Stanley - student paper by Frances Neel Cheney, October 4, 1924
20 Lytle, Andrew Nelson - An Andrew Nelson Lytle Checklist, 1923 - 1959 by Jack de Bellis, Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, June 1966
21 Moore, Merrill - Correspondence to A.F. Kuhlman - Photocopies from RG 600, Library, Vanderbilt University Archives
22 Moore, Merrill - Broadside advertisements for Clinical Sonnets and More Clinical Sonnets
23 Moore, Merrill - Miscellaneous items:
   Moore, John Trotwood. “Success,” a poem printed on card with brief biography on card, with brief biography on reverse side. 2 copies
   Program - “A Reading and Definition of the Sonnet Form,” by Merrill Moore. Presented under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry Fund. The Coolidge Auditorium, February 2, 1953
   Holograph poem - “. . . and, to the young man . . .,” autographed, ca. 1925
   Holograph poem - “The Lady of the Lambs” by Alice Meynell, presented to Mrs. Adolph Skinner; cover letter from Herschel Gower to Marice Wolfe.
24 Ransom, John Crowe - Correspondence - Outgoing, 1941 - 1942
25 Ransom, John Crowe - Correspondence
26 Ransom, John Crowe - Correspondence
27 Ransom, John Crowe - Title page only “The South - Old or New?” Reprinted from The Sewanee Review, 1928.
28 Ransom, John Crowe - extract from a speech by J.C.R. delivered at Richmond, November 14, 1930 in the Barr - Ransom debate on Industrialism vs. Agrarianism
29 Ransom, John Crowe - Student papers by Frances Neel Cheney
30 Ransom, John Crowe - Student papers by Frances Neel Cheney and Dillard Jacobs
32 Ransom, John Crowe - Memorial Service, order of service, November 1, 1974; with Invitation to Brainard and Frances Cheney, October 15, 1974
34 Stevenson, Alec Brock - Poem - “In the County of Davidson” typescript
35 Stewart, Randall (Fugitive associate) - “The Outlook for Southern Writing: Diagnosis and Prognosis” reprint from Virginia Quarterly Review, Vol. 31, no. 2, Spring 1955. With Inscription “For Frances and Lon Cheney, with all good wishes of Randall Stewart.”
36 Tate, Allen - Correspondence - Outgoing and Incoming
37 Tate, Allen – Poem - “The Anabasis” Holograph, January 14, 1932
38 Tate, Allen - Poem - “A Ballade of the Lugubrious Wench” from The Jade, November 12, Vol. 111, no. 1, p. 17 - photocopy
39 Tate, Allen – Poem- “Ode to the Confederate Dead” with a translation by Jacques and Raissa Maritain, reprint from The Sewanee Review, Vol. LX, No. 3, Summer 1952
40 Tate, Allen - Article - “Dostoevsky’s Hovering Fly” reprinted from the Summer number of The Sewanee Review, 1943.

BOX 4

Materials on individual Fugitives and Agrarians

1 Tate, Allen - Personnel Assayer; Moral Judgment Test, 1931
2 Tate, Allen - Southwestern Bulletin - Faculty Register, Vol. 21, no.4, September 1934, Memphis, Tennessee
3 Tate, Allen - Article - “Allan Tate as Man of Letters” by Richmond C. Beatty, reprint from The South Atlantic Quarterly, Vol. 47, no. 2, April 1948
4 Tate, Allen - “Homage to Allan Tate Essays, Notes, and Verses in Honor of his Sixtieth Birthday” The Sewanee Review, Vol. LXVII, no. 4, Autumn 1959
5 Tate, Allen - Elliott Carter’s Score for Emblems with lyrics by Tate. Inscription “To Thank Allen Tate”, February 7, 1965
6 Tate, Allen - Christmas card, 1967 - original verse
7 Tate, Allen - “Rumors of Mortality: An Introduction to Allen Tate” by Melvin E. Bradford In Studies in Southeastern Culture, Vol. 1, no. 1, 1969
8 Tate, Allen - Article - “Allen Tate: Poet in Residence” in The Sewanee News, December 1969
9 Tate, Allen - Lecture - “Mere Literature and the Lost Traveller” reprint of the Fourth
Annual C.C. Williamson Lecture given by Tate at the Peabody Library School, Nashville, Tennessee, July 17, 1969 with program

10 Tate, Allen - Poem by Sister Mary Anthony Barr on the occasion of Tate’s receiving of the Aquinas Medal, July 5, 1974 - photocopy

11 Tate, Allen - 75th Birthday Celebration items:
   - Program “Celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Birthday of Allen Tate Poet - Novelist Critic” The University of the South, November 15 - 16, 1974, 3 copies
   - Biographies of eight of the participants
   - List of participants - photocopy

12 Tate, Allen - 75th Birthday Celebration items:
   - Schedule of events
   - Press releases from the News Rom, University of the South concerning the event
   - Tennessean article “Sewanee Event to cite poet, critic Allen Tate” November 11, 1974
   - Letter - Jesse Wills to Frank Grisham, November 18, 1974

13 Tate, Allen - Poem - “At Delphi” by William Jay Smith for Allen Tate on his 75th birthday, November 19, 1974

14 Tate, Allen - Poem “The First Day Out from Troy” by Radcliffe Squires for Allen Tate’s 75th birthday, 1974

15 Tate, Allen - The Western Approaches, Poems 1973-75 by Howard Nemerov - Book jacket with note: “Einstein and Freud and Jack: to Allen Tate on his 75th birthday” pp. 20 - 21

16 Tate, Allen - Broadside:
   - “All is Brillig (or ought to be)” Palaemon Press, 1978, signed “Allen Tate”, copy No. 5
   - “For the Poet . . .” by Allen Tate. Calligraphy by Helen Tate 1979
   - “Song from Buffalo” by Leslie A. Fiedler, December 1975, signed by Leslie A. Fiedler. Presented “with the compliments of the Director of Libraries”


22 Wills, Ridley - Sonnet - “To Rupert Brooke” 1 holograph copy; 2 photocopies

23 Wills, Ridley Lanier, Lyle - Vanderbilt University Commencement Program, 1923 (includes their names)
The Agrarians


27 Article - “The South, the Tradition, and the Traditionalist” by Hunter Kay in Versus, February 1975.


29 Lanier, Lyle - Vanderbilt University College on Campus, August 1 - 5, 1979 - recommended reading list, maps, participants, schedule. Faculty includes Lanier.