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 Motron 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.
Martin, Ruth
Merrill, Teresa H.
Metcalp, Irving W.
Mullins, Helene
Munson, Gorham B.

15 Northwestern University
New York Public Library
Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
North Carolina College for Women
“Oldtimer”

16  Payne, T. H. Co.
    Peck, Samuel Minton
    Pendleton, Charles S.
    University of Pennsylvania
    Percy, W.A. (William Alexander)

17  Phelps, Wm Lyon
    Pillsbury, Elinor M.
    Poetry, a Magazine of Verse
    Poetry Society
    Public Documents (Gov.t. Printing Office)
    Porter, F. Wm
    Post Office Department

18  Potamkin, Harry Allen
    Price, Wm
    Probst, Leetha J.
    Purnell, Idella
    Palms - Poems
    Quirk, Charles J.

19  Rankin, Louis D.
    Ranso, John C.
    Rittenhouse, Jessie
    Rodgers, Bessie Steger (Mrs.)

20  Savannah Public Library
    Schuchhardt, Edmund C.
    Seniors Book and Magazine Agency
    Shaw, A. M., Jr.
    Shipley, Joseph T.
    Skavlan, Margaret S.
    Snell, Ada L. F.
    Speas, M. H.
    Spencer, W.
    Stemheim, M.
    Stevenson, Burton e.
    Strong, L.A. G.

21  Tate, Allen
    The Tennessean
    Thomas, Ruth
    Tuttle, B.
    Untermeyer, Louis

22  Wade, Frank
    Waller, William
Wanamaker, John
*The Wanderer, a Magazine of Poetry*

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
5 Minutes from the November 5, 1924 meeting
6 Miscellaneous papers
7 *The Fugitive* - Table of Contents, Mastheads
8 *The Fugitive* - Partial MS of February - March 1923 issue as it went to the printer; ten poems with table of contents and editorial page
9 *The Fugitive* - photograph of advertisement for Vol. 1, no. 4 - December 1922
10 *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  
Newspaper article “50 Candles for the Fugitives” Wednesday, April 19, 1972 and photocopies of other newspaper articles

Article “Reflections on the Fugitives: Fifty Years and After” with attachment of pages from *Understanding Poetry* by Cleanth Brooks and Robert Penn Warren

Programs - Downeast Southern Renascence Conference “A Sense of Place” at the University of Southern Maine, October 29 - 31, 1978

Publication announcements from 1976, 1977, and 1979

Bibliography “Fugitive/Agrarian Materials at Vanderbilt University” by Martha Emily Cook and Thomas Daniel Young, Vanderbilt University

Bibliographic list of Fugitive/Agrarian M.A. and Ph.D. Theses, 1973 - 1979

Materials on individual Fugitives and Agrarians

Davidson, Donald - Correspondence, 1906 - 1968

Davidson, Donald - Program - “Tradition and Change in Lyric Poetry” Four lectures at Vanderbilt given by Davidson

Davidson, Donald - Photocopy of a letter from RG 600, Library University Archives, D.D. to Dr. A.F. Kuhlman, May 11, 1956


Davidson, Donald - Newspaper clippings, obituaries

Hirsch, Sidney M. - Correspondence – photocopies

Hirsch, Sidney M. - “Art and Mysticism” and other poems – photocopies

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

Johnson, Stanley - student paper by Frances Neel Cheney, October 4, 1924

Lytle, Andrew Nelson - An Andrew Nelson Lytle Checklist, 1923 - 1959 by Jack de Bellis, Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, June 1966

Moore, Merrill - Correspondence to A.F. Kuhlman - Photocopies from RG 600, Library, Vanderbilt University Archives

Moore, Merrill - Broadsides advertisements for *Clinical Sonnets* and *More Clinical Sonnets*

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.

Ransom, John Crowe - Correspondence - Outgoing, 1941 - 1942

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 - “Allen 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 Allen 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 - Broadsides:
   “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”


   First Edition Society by the Franklin Library, 1976 - Warren’s books among those offered by the society

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


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