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Guide to the

**Wallace Stevens collection of papers**

1935-1964

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## Summary

**Creator:** Stevens, Wallace, 1879-1955

**Title:** Wallace Stevens collection of papers

**Date:** 1935-1964

**Size:** 30 items

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**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, a typescript, and correspondence.

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## Creator History

Wallace Stevens was an American essayist, playwright, and poet.

## Custodial History

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## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, a typescript, and correspondence by and about the author. The manuscripts and typescript consist of articles, essays, and lectures related to the author by Conrad Aiken, W. H. Auden, and Randall Jarrell. The correspondence consists of letters by the author, dating from 1935 to 1954, to Babette Deutsch, May Sarton, Frances Steloff, Julian Symons, Ruth Witt-Diamant, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1935 to 1964, between various correspondents including Randall Jarrell, Michael Roberts, Holly Bright Stevens, and the publishing firm of Alfred A. Knopf.

## **Key Terms**

### **Names**

Stevens, Wallace, 1879-1955  
Aiken, Conrad, 1889-1973  
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973  
Deutsch, Babette, 1895-1982  
Jarrell, Randall, 1914-1965  
Roberts, Michael, 1902-1948  
Sarton, May, 1912-1995  
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989  
Stevens, Holly, 1924-1992  
Symons, Julian, 1912-1994  
Witt-Diamant, Ruth  
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

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| Manuscript box<br>(Gotham) In:<br>Gotham book<br>mart, New York.<br>We moderns.<br>Folder 1 | Aiken, Conrad. Wallace Stevens. Typescript of contribution to We moderns<br>n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>His TLS to Frances Steloff, Oct. 29, 1939 on verso. Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940  |
| Manuscript box  | Auden, W. H. Miss God to Mr. Stevens. Holograph transcript by Alan Ansen<br>of poem. Relates to Wallace Stevens n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>With his: 8 ALS, 1 ANS, etc. to Alan Ansen. Folder 4  |
| Manuscript box  | Jarrell, Randall. [The collected poems of Wallace Stevens] Holograph notes<br>and draft (incomplete) of review n.d. (9 p) (9 p)<br>On verso of page beginning "Notable things" his: Quiz, English 557. Duplicated typescript,<br>undated. 1 p. Includes Gerard Manley Hopkins' sonnet The caged skylark; with typescript<br>fragment of draft, 1 p.; His: The collected poems of W. Stevens, etc. |
| Manuscript box  | Jarrell, Randall. [Wallace Stevens] Holograph draft of lecture n.d. (15 leaves)<br>(15 leaves)<br>With ms. notes for lecture, 1 l.  |

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box  | Deutsch, Babette. 1 ANS, 6 TLS, 3 TNS to. Letter of Jan. 15, 1948<br>mentions Oscar Williams. Letter of Feb. 15, 1954 mentions Randall Jarrell<br>1947 Nov. 10 - 1954 Feb. 15 (10 letters in 2 folders) (10 letters in 2 folders)   |
| Manuscript box  | Montague, Gilbert Holland. TLS to 1942 Aug. 3 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Also TLS from Robert Goodwin relating to Stevens and TL (carbon) from Stevens to G. H.<br>Montague. Dec. 12, 1940; Oct. 27, 1950   |
| Manuscript box  | Rawlings, John. TLS to 1951 Nov. 21 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Gift of John Rawlings  |
| Manuscript box  | Roberts, Michael. TLS to. Relates to The Faber book of modern verse,<br>1936 1935 July 30 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Accompanied by: Knopf, firm, publishers, New York. TL, signed J. Florence Rubin, to Michael<br>Roberts. July 31, 1935. 1 p.; with a request form, filled out by Roberts, for permission to<br>reprint 4 poems by Stevens. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box<br>(Sarton)  | Sarton, May. TLS to 1943 Sept. 15 (1 p) (1 p)<br>With: The poets speak. New York: New York Public Library, 1943   |
| Manuscript box<br>(Gotham). In:<br>Gotham book<br>mart, New York.<br>We moderns.<br>Folder 92 | Steloff, Frances. TLS to. Declines to write appreciation for publication in<br>We moderns, Gotham book mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940 1939 Oct.<br>21 (1 p) (1 p)  |
| Manuscript box<br>(Gotham)  | Steloff, Frances. 2 TLS to 1941 Apr. 14, 1954 Jan. 20 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)<br>With TL (carbon) reply   |
| Manuscript box  | Symons, Julian. 6 TLS to 1937 Feb. 15 - 1939 June 1 (6 letters) (6 letters)<br>With 2 TL (carbon) replies   |
| Manuscript box  | Witt-Diamant, Ruth. TLS to 1954 July 2 (1 p) (1 p)  |

#### Related Correspondence

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| Manuscript box              | Knopf, firm, publishers, New York. TL to Michael Roberts. Relates to Wallace Stevens' including in The Faber book of modern verse, 1936 1935<br>July 31 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed J. Florence Rubin. With: Stevens, Wallace. TLS to Michael Roberts. July 30, 1935. 1 p. |
| Manuscript box<br>(Jarrell) | Stevens, Holly Bright. TL to Randall Jarrell 1964 Nov. 4 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed Holly Stephenson. With TLS to Mary Jarrell, March 24, 1966  |
| Manuscript box              | Hays, 4 TLS to H.R. 1933 Jan. 18 - 1943 Sept. 21 (4 letters in 1 folder) (4 letters in 1 folder)   |