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Guide to the

**William Carlos Williams collection of papers**

1927-1965

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## Summary

**Creator:** Williams, William Carlos, 1883-1963

**Title:** William Carlos Williams collection of papers

**Date:** 1927-1965

**Size:** 44 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts and correspondence.

**Access:** Restricted access.

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## Creator History

William Carlos Williams was an American poet, novelist, essayist, and translator.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Ruth Witt-Diamant.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts and correspondence. The typescripts consist of essays, poems, and reviews by the author, as well as a review and article relating to the author by

Randall Jarrell and Norman Holmes Pearson. The correspondence consists of letters, dating from 1927 to 1954, from the author to Babette Deutsch, Randall Jarrell, Alfred Kazin, Muriel Rukeyser, May Sarton, Frances Steloff, Ruth Witt-Diamant, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1940 to 1965, between various correspondents, including Clayton Hoagland, Alfred Kreyborg, Frances Steloff, Mike Weaver, Ruth Witt-Diamant and others. There is also a letter, dated Aug. 29, 1957, from Kenneth Lawrence Beaudoin to Williams.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Williams, William Carlos, 1883-1963  
Beaudoin, Kenneth Lawrence, 1913-  
Deutsch, Babette, 1895-1982  
Hoagland, Clayton  
Jarrell, Randall, 1914-1965  
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998  
Kreyborg, Alfred, 1883-1966  
Pearson, Norman Holmes, 1909-1975  
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980  
Sarton, May, 1912-1995  
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989  
Weaver, Mike  
Witt-Diamant, Ruth

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Williams

Manuscript box  
(Gotham) In:  
Gotham book  
mart, New York.  
We moderns.  
Folder 73

Introduction [to We moderns]. Typescript n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed. Enclosed in his TLS to Frances Steloff [n.d.] 1 p.; Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940

Manuscript box

Red wheelbarrow, The. Typescript of poem. Typescript probably prepared by or for a collector 1963 Jan. 29 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed

Manuscript box

[Reviews] Poetry in our time by Babette Deutsch. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections 1952 (2 p) (2 p)  
Signed

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Williams

Manuscript box

Jarrell, Randall. The situation of a poet. Typescript, incomplete, with the author's ms. corrections. Review of W. C. Williams' Collected earlier poems and Collected later poems n.d. (4 p) (4 p)  
Published in Perspectives, [v. 1] no. 1 (fall 1952) p. [165]-168

Manuscript box  
(Gotham) In:  
Gotham book  
mart, New York.  
We moderns.  
Folder 53

Pearson, Norman Holmes. [William Carlos Williams] Typescript of contribution to We moderns n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed. Enclosed in his ALS to Frances Steloff, Oct. 2, 1939, 1 p.; Published in Gotham Book Mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box

Deutsch, Babette. TLS to n.y. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Jarrell, Randall. TLS to 1954 Mar. 5 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Kazin, Alfred. TLS to 1951 Oct. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

MacLeod, Norman. TLS to 1954 Nov. 11 (1 p) (1 p)  
With MacLeod's TL (carbon), Nov. 5, 1954. 1 p.; Came with Ruth Witt-Diamant's correspondence

Manuscript box

Monnier, Adrienne. TLS to 1927 Oct. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Rukeyser, Muriel. 1 ALS, 1 TLS to 1940 Mar. 14, 1941 Mar. 4 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box  
(Sarton)

Sarton, May. ALS, TNS to 1943 Aug. 27, 1943 Sept. 15 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)  
With: The poets speak. New York: New York Public Library, 1943

Manuscript box  
(Gotham)

Steloff, Frances. 8 TLS, 1 ALS, 2 ANS, 2 postcards to 1936 May 25 - 1948 Apr. 13 (13 letters in 4 folders) (13 letters in 4 folders)  
With 10 TL (carbon) replies; also 3 ALS, 1 postcard by Florence Williams, 1948-1951. AN [n.d.] on verso of Gotham book mart's TL to Williams, signed Amy Bonner, Sept. 6, 1941, relating to Writer's emergency fund

Manuscript box  
(Gotham) In:  
Gotham book  
mart, New York.  
We moderns.  
Folder 73

Steloff, Frances. ALS, TLS to 1939, [n.d] (1 p. each) (1 p. each)  
With 2 TL (carbon) replies, one with typewritten (carbon) draft, 1 p. each

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box Varney, John. TLS to 1958 Oct. 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box Witt-Diamant, Ruth. 4 TLS to 1954 June 30 - 1954 Nov. 20 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)  
With ANS from Florence Herman Williams, Sept. 2, 1957. On verso of: Beaudoin, Kenneth  
Lawrence. TLS to William Carlos Williams, Aug. 29, 1957. 1 p.

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box. Beaudoin, Kenneth Lawrence. TLS to Williams 1957 Aug. 29 (1 p) (1 p)  
On verso of ANS With: Williams, William Carlos. 4 TLS to Ruth Witt-Diamant. 1954  
from Florence  
Herman Williams,  
Sept. 2, 1957

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box Kreymborg, Alfred. 2 TLS to Clayton Hoagland. Letter of Jan. 16, 1941  
mentions William Carlos Williams 1940 Jan. 6, 1941 Jan. 16 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents to Frances  
(Gotham) Steloff, relating to the Writer's emergency fund 1940 - 1941 (5 letters in 1 folder)  
(5 letters in 1 folder)  
Includes envelopes inscribed by W. H. Auden and William Carlos Williams

Manuscript box Weaver, Mike. 2 ALS to Ruth Witt-Diamant. Letter of Oct. 19, 1965 relates  
(Williams, W. C.) to William Carlos Williams 1965 Oct. 19, 1965 Nov. 3 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)