

**Fugitive and Agrarian Collection**

**MSS 160**

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**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
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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 Mtttron 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.  
Metcalf, 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  
Taylor, A.R. and Co.  
*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.  
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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
- 5 Fugitive associations - Randall Jarrell - "Generations of Writers Inspired" by Robert Watson in *Alumni News, University of North Carolina at Greensboro*, Spring 1969



- 6 Newspaper article "50 Candles for the Fugitives" Wednesday, April 19, 1972 and photocopies of other newspaper articles
- 7 Article "Reflections on the Fugitives: Fifty Years and After" with attachment of pages from *Understanding Poetry* by Cleanth Brooks and Robert Penn Warren
- 8 Programs - Downeast Southern Renaissance Conference "A Sense of Place" at the University of Southern Maine, October 29 - 31, 1978
- 9 Publication announcements from 1976, 1977, and 1979
- 10 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**

- 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
- 14 Davidson, Donald - unpublished manuscript - "The Center That Holds: Southern Literature and the Old Time Religion." 17 pages, 1966. Footnotes added by T.D. Young in 1968.
- 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  
Inscription on *How to Know Architecture* (title not shown). Frank Edwin Wallis, New York and London, 1914. "Herbert Sanborn, January 10, 1923, presented by Merrill Moore."  
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
- 31 Ransom, John Crowe - "A Tribute from the Community" edited by D. David Long and Michael R. Burr. Supplement to the *Kenyon Collegian*, Vol. 90, no. 7, 1964
- 32 Ransom, John Crowe - Memorial Service, order of service, November 1, 1974; with Invitation to Brainard and Frances Cheney, October 15, 1974
- 33 Ransom, John Crowe - Bibliographies - photocopies of pages concerning J.C.R. from *A Bibliographic Guide to the Study of Southern Literature*; John Crowe Ransom, 1888 -1974 Photocopies
- 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 - 75<sup>th</sup> 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 - 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, November 19, 1974
  - 14 Tate, Allen - Poem "The First Day Out from Troy" by Radcliffe Squires for Allen Tate's 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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"
  - 17 Tate, Allen - *The First Year of Greek* by James T. Allen. New York: MacMillan Company, 1918. Signature, notes, caricatures of Tate by Andy White. Association copy.
  - 18 Warren, Robert Penn. *Audubon: A Vision* - Advance Proofs uncorrected, October 1969, Random House, Inc.
  - 19 Warren, Robert Penn. Program - Convocation University of the South, October 10, 1974. Honorary doctorate for R.P. Warren ( 2 copies)
  - 20 Warren, Robert Penn. *Notes on an Approach to Literature, Fifth Edition, 1975* by Cleanth Brooks and Robert Penn Warren. Prentice - Hall, Inc. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1975
  - 21 Warren, Robert Penn. Promotional brochures: *The Ultimate Private Library*, Franklin Library and American Express Company, March 1974. Warren on the Board of Distinguished scholars.
    - 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

- 24 Davidson, Donald - article - "Where Regionalism and Sectionalism Meet" reprint from *Social Forces*, Vol. 13, No. 1, October 1934. Inscribed by Davidson.
- 25 Article - "The Agrarian Inheritance: an Affirmation" by Melvin E. Bradford from the *Proceedings of the Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference, IV* (1973). Inscribed by author.
- 26 Article - "Donald Davidson and the Tennessee Valley Authority: The Response of a Southern Conservative" by Edward S. Shapiro in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Winter 1974.
- 27 Article - "The South, the Tradition, and the Traditionalist" by Hunter Kay in *Versus*, February 1975.
- 28 Articles - "They Took Their Stand" ...but were they all wrong? Paper by John Compton Presented February 2, 1978 to the Round Table, Nashville, Tennessee.  
"Science, Anti - Science and Human Values" by John Compton reprint from *The Key Reporter*, Winter, 1978 - 1979.
- 29 Lanier, Lyle - Vanderbilt University College on Campus, August 1 - 5, 1979 - recommended reading list, maps, participants, schedule. Faculty includes Lanier.