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Descriptive Summary

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M 20

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1935-1977

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English .

Creator

Williams, Frances Leigh

Extent

4.8 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

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There are no restrictions.

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Biographical / Historical

Frances Leigh Williams (1909-1978) was born in Richmond on March 20, 1909, the daughter of Francis Deane and Mary Mason Williams. She was a cousin of the Virginia novelist Ellen Glasgow. After graduation from St. Timothy's in 1926, she attended Smith College for a year. On leaving college, she accepted a position with the Richmond News Leader as a reporter and columnist. In 1935, she left the News Leader to become a research assistant for Douglas Southall Freeman. She worked with him on the biographies of Robert E. Lee and George Washington. During this period, she wrote and published *Historic Richmond: Her Story and Her Spirit*. In 1951, she wrote *They Faced the Future*, a brief history of the State-Planters Bank of Richmond. In 1949, Williams had become, with her partner Winifred Hanigan, co-owner and executive manager of the Sea Horse Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This career led directly to her first book for young people entitled *Welcome to Dunecrest*, published in 1955. This was followed by *The Shawnee Trail* in 1958, a book based on an historic tale of Indian capture in late 18th century Virginia. Williams noted that this was the story Ellen Glasgow wanted her to tell. In 1863, Rutgers University Press published her celebrated *Matthew Fontaine Maury: Scientist of the Sea*. Her biography of the noted Naval Scientist was well-received and won acitation from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Four more historical works followed the biography of Maury: *A Century of Service*(1965); *Ocean Pathfinder*(1966); *Plantation Patriot*(1967); and *A Founding Family: The Pinckneys of South Carolina*(1978). Williams was well-known for an abiding interest in history, particularly Virginia history, and she was a popular after-dinner speaker for a number of organizations. She died in 1978.

Scope and Contents

The Papers of Frances Leigh Williams includes Miss Williams' major published works, in manuscript and proof form, as well as letters from Ellen Glasgow and Carl Van Vechten.

Keywords

Authors, American -- Virginia

Biographers -- Virginia

Glasgow, Ellen Anderson Gholson, 1873-1945 -- Correspondence

Van Vechten, Carl -- Correspondence

Arrangement

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Description of Subordinate Components

Biographical information and book reviews

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Unit Date 1948-1972

Mixed Materials [A11424377870] 1 (box)

Drafts of speeches given by Frances Leigh Williams

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Unit Date 1961-1975

Mixed Materials [A11424377870] 1 (box)

Miscellaneous articles written by FLW

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Unit Date 1934-1950

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Article by Douglas Southall Freeman in the Carnegie Magazine

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Unit Date 1935

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Letters Ellen Glasgow and Carl Van Vechten

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Lay-out and draft: Introduction Matthew Fontaine Maury, n.d.

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Matthew Fontaine Maury, n.d.

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Matthew Fontaine Maury, n.d.

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Mixed Materials [A11424377888] 2 (box)

Extent TMs, p. 1-652

Bibliography: Matthew Fontaine Maury, n.d.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25605

Mixed Materials [A11423646365] 3 (box)

Extent p. 336-406

Galley proofs: MFM, Introduction

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25606

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials [A11423646365] 3 (box)

Extent 26 pages

Index Cards: MFM

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Mixed Materials [A11423646365] 3 (box)

Lay-out and draft: Photo-section: MFM, n.d.

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Unit Date 1963

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Page proofs Ocean Pathfinder(Inc. jacket cover)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/25610

Unit Date 1966

Mixed Materials [A11423646365] 3 (box)

Plantation Patriot

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Unit Date 1967

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Lay out and page proofs of Plantation Patriot

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Unit Date 1967

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Notes and carbon They Faced the Future

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Frances Leigh Williamsby Rebecca Y. Williams, n.d.

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The Shawnee Tomahawk, n.d.

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Welcome to Duncrest, n.d.

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A Founding Family: The Pinckneys of South Carolina

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Unit Date 1977

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Index cards: A Founding Family

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Unit Date 1977

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Guide to the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts

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Unit Date 1977

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Oversize Materials

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