

CLARK, WILLIAM BEDFORD.
Robert Penn Warren collection, 1979-1990

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Clark, William Bedford.
Title: Robert Penn Warren collection, 1979-1990
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 670
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Correspondence between English professor William Bedford Clark and author Robert Penn Warren and two copies of Clark's manuscript "The American Vision of Robert Penn Warren."
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

William Bedford Clark, educator and author, was born January 23, 1947 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of William B. and Florine Griggs Clark. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma (1969) and went on to get graduate degrees from Louisiana State University (M.A., 1971; Ph.D., 1973). Clark held the National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship in Afro-American Studies at Yale University (1973-1974).

Clark was assistant professor of English at North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University, Greensboro (1974-1977). He then began as an assistant professor of English at Texas A & M, College Station (1977-1980), moving up to become professor of English. Clark has contributed over forty articles and reviews to such literary magazines and journals as *Southern Review*, *Antioch Review*, *American Literature*, etc. He founded the *South Central Review* (1984). The major focus of Clark's research has been on Robert Penn Warren's career and writings and American west literature. He authored *The American Vision of Robert Penn Warren* (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 1991), originally entitled "Canaan's Grander Counterfeit: The American Vision of Robert Penn Warren."

Biographical Sources: *Contemporary Authors: New Revision Series* (Detroit: Gale Research, Inc. 1989) and *Directory of American Scholars*, 8th edition, v. II. (New York: R. R. Bowker Co., 1982)

Scope and Content Note

The William Bedford Clark, Robert Penn Warren collection consists of correspondence and photocopies of two manuscripts. The correspondence is from Robert Penn Warren to William Bedford Clark (twenty-three letters and notes, 1979, 1981-1982, 1984-1986). These letters discuss Warren's comments on his own writing, Clark's writing, and comments on Clark's application for a fellowship at the Beinecke Library. Also included are two manuscripts of Clark's book *The American Vision of Robert Penn Warren*. Manuscript one (typescript photocopy, 175 p.) contains critical comments and notes by Floyd C. Watkins to whom the author had sent a copy of the manuscript for comment. A letter from Watkins to Clark (September 28, 1989) is included. Manuscript two (typescript photocopy, 227 p.) is the version submitted for publication. A letter from Clark to Watkins (January 31, 1990) is also included.

Arrangement Note

Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Letters from Robert Penn Warren to William Bedford Clark

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1979 July 16; West Wardsboro, VT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	1	1979 August 13; West Wardsboro, VT; ALS, 4 p. (with envelope)
1	1	1979 August 21; West Wardsboro, VT; TNS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	1	1979 August 27; West Wardsboro, VT; ALS, 2 p. (with envelope)
1	1	1979 October 20; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	1	1979 October 22; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	1	1981 February 07; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1981 September 29; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1982 February 06; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1982 March 02; Fairfield, CT; ALS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1982 May 22; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1982 June 17; [Fairfield, CT]; typed PCS
1	2	1982 Augu 03; West Wardsboro, VT, TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1984 April 15; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1985 April 27; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1985 May 13; Fairfield, CT, TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1985 May 25; [Fairfield, CT]; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1985 August 23; West Wardsboro, VT; TLS, 2 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1986 April 22; Fairfield, CT; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	[1986 August 04; West Wardsboro, VT]; autograph PCS
1	2	1986 October 09; [Fairfield, CT]; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1986 November 02; [Fairfield, CT]; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)
1	2	1986 December 12; [Fairfield, CT]; TLS, 1 p. (with envelope)

"'Canaan's Grander Counterfeit': The American Vision of Robert Penn Warren" by William Bedford Clark

1	3	Manuscript 1 (typescript, photocopy, 175 p.): contains critical notes and comment by Floyd C. Watkins. Includes letter from Floyd C. Watkins to William BedfordClark, 28 Sep 1989, RS, 2 p. (photocopy)
1	4	Manuscript 2 (typescript, photocopy, 227 p.): version submitted for publication. Includes letter from William Bedford Clark to Floyd C. Watkins, 31 Jan 1990, TLS, 1 p.
