

# WARREN, ROBERT PENN, 1905-1989.

## Robert Penn Warren collection, 1964-1989

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Warren, Robert Penn, 1905-1989.  
**Title:** Robert Penn Warren collection, 1964-1989  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 682  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box) and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Collection of materials relating to American author Robert Penn Warren including typescripts, interviews with Warren, photographs, and correspondence.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

#### Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.

#### Related Materials in This Repository

Aruthur Hawley Scouten papers, Floyd C. Watkins papers, Emma Brescia Gardner papers, and James Dickey papers

#### Source

Donated to or purchased by the library from various individuals, 1971, with subsequent additions.

#### Citation

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Robert Penn Warren (1905-1989), Pulitzer Prize winning poet and novelist, born in Guthrie, Kentucky.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of personal and literary papers of Robert Penn Warren from 1964-1989. The papers include typescripts, interviews with Warren, photographs, audio tapes, and correspondence. Major correspondents include Robert G. Cowser, Thomas Howard Thompson, Marshall Walker, and Ted Wojtasik.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by individual acquisition.

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## Container List

### Correspondence to Judson C. Ward

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Robert Penn Warren to Judson C. Ward, Jr., February 4, 1971, TCS
1	1	Postcard from Robert Penn Warren to Judson Ward declining an invitation.

**Appearance at Austine Peay State University [Robert Penn Warren appeared at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, on April 9, 1984. Prior to his presentation, Warren answered questions from members of the audience, and this question-and-answer session was recorded by Mary Weaks with Warren's permission. Some questions relate to Warren's poetry, while others address his early life in the area surrounding Clarksville and nearby Guthrie, Kentucky.]**

1	2	"Robert Penn Warren: On a Return to His Homeland," Interview, April 9, 1984, transcribed and edited by Mary Louise Weaks, 19 pp.
AV1	-	"Robert Penn Warren: On a Return to His Homeland," audiocassette, April 9, 1984. [Note: original audiocassette from which this copy was made was returned to the donor.] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7qmg][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7qnm]

**Correspondence to Robert G. Cowser [Correspondence (1975-1977) relating to Warren's impressions of Guthrie, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee, and to his writing of short stories.]**

1	3	Robrt Penn Warren to Robert G. Cowser, September 9, 1975, TLS, 1 p.
1	4	Robert Penn Warren to Robert G. Cowser, January 30, 1977, ACS
1	5	Robert Penn Warren to Robert G. Cowser, August 1, 1977, ALS, 2 pp.

**Correspondence to Thomas Hazzard Thompson [Six photocopied letters from Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson (1930-1989), short story writer and newspaper editor. The letters discuss Warren's family and current writing. Note: original letters are located in the Thomas Hazzard Thompson Papers at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum.]**

1	6	Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson, January 27, 1976, ALS [photocopy], 2 pp.
1	7	Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson, February 9, 1976, TLS [photocopy], 1 p.
1	8	Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson, June 13, 1976, TLS [photocopy], 1 p.
1	9	Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson, June 30, 1976, TLS [photocopy], 1 p.
1	10	Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson, February 10, 1987, TLS [photocopy], 2 pp.

- 1 11 Robert Penn Warren to Thomas Hazzard Thompson, March 31, 1987, TLS  
[photocopy], 1 p.

**Marshall Walker correspondence [Professor Marshall Walker corresponded with Robert Penn Warren over a twenty-five year period (1964-1989). Much of this correspondence relates to Walker's own academic career and his Robert Penn Warren research, in particular his 1969 interview with Warren. Also present are the original audio tapes of that interview and a typescript with corrections in Warren's hand. Also present are approximately twenty-five photographs of Warren and other family members.]**

- 1 12 Marshall Walker/Robert Penn Warren correspondence, 1964-1977 [18 letters RPW to Marshall Walker]
- 1 13 Marshall Walker/Robert Penn Warren correspondence, 1977-1989 [17 letters RPW to Marshall Walker; 3 letters Eleanor Warren to Marshall Walker]
- AV1 - An Interview with Robert Penn Warren, September 11, 1969, two audio cassettes [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7qkb][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7qj6]
- 1 14 An Interview with Robert Penn Warren, 1969, 38 page typescript w/ corrections by Robert Penn Warren, signed and dated July 1973
- 1 15 "Interview with Robert Penn Warren," in *Scottish International* 9 (Feb 1970).
- 1 16 Five slides [ca. 1968-1969], four of RPW, one of RPW's home
- 1 17 Sixteen b/w photographs of RPW w/ negatives
- 1 18 One b/w photograph of RPW with Alan Tate, William Elliot, John Crowe Ransom, Meryl Moore and unidentified individuals at reunion of the Fugitives, n.d. w/ negatives
- 1 19 Four color prints of RPW w/ negatives
- 1 20 "Making Dreams Work" by Marshall Walker, *London Magazine* December 1975/January 1976, pp. 32-46 (photocopy)

**Correspondence to Ted Wojtasik [Six letters or cards (1980-1981) from Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik regarding a proposed collection of letters by Katherine Anne Porter.]**

- 1 21 Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik, January 31, 1980?, TLS
- 1 22 Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik, March 17, [1980?], ACS
- 1 23 Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik, [ca. June 1980], ACS
- 1 24 Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik, July 8, 1980, TCS
- 1 25 Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik, February 13, 1981, TLS
- 1 26 Robert Penn Warren to Ted Wojtasik, April 28, 1981, TLS

**Writing by Robert Penn Warren**

- 1 27 "William Faulkner and His South," [The First Peters Rushton Seminar in Contemporary Prose and Poetry and the Sixteenth in the series sponsored by the Schools of English, University of Virginia, March 13, 1951] mimeographed typescript, 15 pp. w/ invitation and envelope

- 1 28 "RJ" [Randall Jarrell], typescript w/ holograph revisions, [1960?], 2 pp.; w/ "The Cow Wandering in the Bare Field," by Randall Jarrell, typescript, 2 pp.
- 1 29 "Episode in the Dime Store," typescript w/ holograph corrections, [1960?], 5 pp. [in William Morris Agency folder]; w/ clipping
- 1 30 "Episode in the Dime Store," carbon typescript, [1960?], 5 pp.
- 1 31 "Episode in the Dime Store," electrostatic copy, [1960?], 5 pp.
- 1 32 Untitled [on Robert Frost], typescript w/ holograph revisions, [1962?], 1 p.
- 1 33 Untitled [on Robert Frost], typescript w/ holograph revisions, [1962?], pp.
- 1 34 "Remarks--birthday of Frost," typescript w/ holograph revisions, May 26, 1962, 7 pp.
- 1 35 "Remarks--birthday of Frost," carbon typescript, May 26, 1962, 6 pp.
- 1 36 "Role of the Writer in Society," typescript w/ holograph revisions, [1 February 1962], 17 pp.
- 1 37 Untitled [on T.S. Eliot], typescript w/ holograph revisions, [1965], 3 pp.
- 1 38 "Remarks on Poetry," typescript w/ holograph revisions, [1960's], 8 pp.
- 1 39 "A Conversation with Robert Penn Warren" for *Bill Moyers' Journal* (WNET television broadcast), typed transcript, April 4, 1976. Signed by Robert Penn Warren.
- 1 40 "Pound," typescript w/ holograph revisions, March 6, 1988, 3 pp.
- 1 41 Untitled [on Poet Laureate], holograph and typed remarks, [1986], 2 pp. [w/ explanatory note by Stuart Wright, 1 p.]
- 1 42 Warren to Seamus [Heaney?], AL, March 8, 1986, 2 pp.
- 1 43 Warren to Stuart [T. Wright], TNS, n.d.
- 1 44 *Brother to Dragons: a Tale in Verse and Voices*, holograph notes for revisions, 1 p.
- 1 45 *New and Selected Poems, 1923-1965*, holograph notes, 1 p.
- 1 46 *Rumor Verified*, new text for pages 38-39, typescript w/ holograph corrections, 2 pp.

### Poems read on occasion of Warren appointment to Poet Laureate

- 1 47 "Unless," holograph manuscript, 1 p.
- 1 48 "Sirocco," typescript w/ corrections, 1 p.
- 1 49 "Fear and Trembling," typescript w/ corrections, 1 p.
- 1 50 "Heart of Autumn," typescript w/ corrections, 1 p.
- 1 51 "Robert Penn Warren Named First Poet Laureate," press release, February 26, 1986