

Williams, Jonathan, 1929- , author.

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Introduction

Born March 8, 1929, in Asheville, NC; son of Thomas Benjamin and Georgette (Chamberlain) Williams. Studied art history at Princeton University, 1947-49, and other design-related studies. The founder, editor, and publisher of the Jargon Society, a small poetry that helped to popularize the poets of the Black Mountain College and the so-called Beat Generation.

Range of collection dates: 1983-1999

Size: 1 portfolio (14 pieces)

Language: English

Provenance: Gift of Barnabas McHenry, Princeton Class of 1952, 2003.

Restrictions: Unknown.

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Scope Note

This collection of broadsides includes printed broadsides commemorating various occasions, less formal works sent as birthday greetings, and announcements of poetry readings. Some have inscriptions from the author, to the recipients.

The library also has a collection of Williams's poetry books, which were also a gift of Barnabas McHenry, Princeton Class of 1952. Both the books and the broadsides frequently contain inscriptions.

Arrangement

Materials are organized chronologically.

1. *"and he hath sown."* North Carolina, 1983. "Reprinted from Pairidaeza on the occasion of the poet's reading at North Carolina Wesleyan College, 28 November 1983. Published by Friends of the Library in an edition of 500 copies, 50 of which are numbered and signed." Princeton copy is signed "for Barney" and unnumbered.
2. *Klerihew for the birthday kid.* Highlands, October 29, 1992. Princeton copy is signed "one of ten copies for Barney."
3. *Jermiah surmises, Otis notices, Greg regulates.* Highlands, 1992. Princeton copy is signed "Love to NYC from NC – the boys."
4. *A Farewell Clerihew.* Corn Close, August 12, 1992.
5. *The Jargon Society Utilizes "The Wormy Lazarus Approach" to fund-raising from hibernating foundations ...* . 1993. Princeton copy is signed "be sure to get Christmas before Christmas gets you! Love to you both. Will be following all your suggestions! Merci!" Letter stapled on dated Dec. 13, 1993 promoting *The Neugents* by David M. Spear.
6. *Mike Harding Thomas Meyer Jonathan Williams: a reading of poems,* July 16, 1993, Dent Crafts Centre, Helmside, Dent, Cumbria. 1993.
7. *Jonathan Williams: Four new metafours.* Corn Close, Dentdale, July 1993.
8. *Croneclose:* [poem and historical information]. Corn Close, Dentdale, July 28, 1993.

9. *On Cowee Ridge*. Skywinding Farm, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina. Dec. 13, 1993.
10. *A Hemi-Demi-Semi-Mesostitch for January 21, 1994*. Skywinding Farm, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina, 1994.
11. *Five Metafouricl Gags from Clints Grikes Gripes Glints*. Published on the occasion of the poet's reading, 14 November 1994, North Carolina Wesleyan College, in an edition of five hundred. Fifty are numbered and signed. North Carolina, 1994. Princeton copy unnumbered, and signed "Love to Barney and Bonnie."
12. *A Tarheel New Year's Prayer*. Skywinding farm, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina, January first, 1995.
13. *A 70th birthday clerihew: Uncle Philly Haves continues to take pains*. Skywinding farm, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina, February 1996.
14. *Small coda: Lines written during a Pittsburg Steelers/New England Patriots AFC playoff game*. Skywinding farm, Scaly Mountain, North Carolina, 3 January 1998. Written for Parnassus magazine.