

Kenneth (Kenny) E. Johnson Collection, 1948-1993

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Johnson, Kenneth E., 1913-1991
Title	Kenneth (Kenny) E. Johnson Collection
Dates	1948-1993 (inclusive) 1948 1993
Quantity	1.3 cubic feet
Collection Number	OLPb032JOH
Summary	This collection includes correspondence from William Stafford to Kenneth E. Johnson and his wife Jean during the years 1947-1991, and a number of publications by Stafford.
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Access Restrictions	This collection has no restrictions and is open for research.
Languages	English

Historical Note

Kenneth (Kenny) E. Johnson (1913-1991) was born in Portland, Oregon on the Johnson family farm adjacent to Johnson Creek, which was named after Kenny's ancestor William Johnson, who first settled on the land in 1846. Kenny Johnson earned a B.A. in History at Reed College and an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Nebraska. He joined the faculty of Lewis & Clark College as an instructor of English in 1946; he had previously served as an instructor of Philosophy and Literature at St. Helen's Hall Junior college. Johnson was quickly marked as an excellent instructor by his students and by his departments. In 1947 Johnson and his wife Jean met the newly hired William Stafford and his wife Dorothy, and the two couples quickly became close friends. Stafford left Lewis & Clark in 1950 to study for a Ph.D at the University of Iowa. He eventually returned to Lewis & Clark to teach English, but throughout the time he was away Stafford and Johnson maintained a regular correspondence. After Stafford's return, the two continued to correspond until the end of Johnson's life in 1991. In addition to being a close friend, Johnson was a trusted critic. This collection includes correspondence from Stafford to the Johnsons during the years 1947-1993, as well as a number of Stafford's publications.

Content Description

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Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

The Kenneth (Kenny) E. Johnson Collection (OLPb032JOH), Lewis & Clark College Aubrey Watzek Library Archives & Special Collections, Portland, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged in two series: Series 1 includes a chronological series of letters from William Stafford to Kenneth Johnson; Series 2 includes publication by Stafford.

Location of Collection

Special Collections

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Lewis & Clark College Special Collections by Steve Johnson in 2008.

Processing Note

Processed in 2004.

Related Materials

The Lewis & Clark College Special Collections holds the complete archives of William Stafford including incoming correspondence from Kenny Johnson.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Abbreviations used in finding aid: WS = William Stafford, DS = Dorothy Stafford, KJ=Kenny Johnson, JJ=Jean Johnson, tls=typed letter signed, and als=autograph letter signed.

Series 1: Correspondence, William Stafford to Kenny Johnson, 1948-1993

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Box 1: Correspondence	1948-1993
Item		
1	WS to KJ 1 card Christmas card with photo of baby Brett.	December 21, 1948
2	WS to KJ 2 pages tls. From Iowa. Cover letter for the four-page typed response to the Hoxie Fairchild booklet (corrected text), sent to Odell and to Hazen Foundation July 27, 1950. See following two items.	July 27, 1950
3	WS to Morgan Odell One-page tls From Iowa (newly settled there). See previous and following item. Sent to KJ as an attachment to previous item.	July 27, 1950
4	WS to Paul Braisted One-page tls Related to, and same date as, two previous items [see also related item in typescript folders from this date, 7/27/50]	July 27, 1950
5	Dorothy Stafford to KJ Two-page tls With a hand-written note signed by "Bro Bill, Ph. D-less". Both writers in good form.	November 6, 1950
6	WS to KJ Two-sided tls from Iowa Headed in red pencil by WS: "¡Dangerous communication—to be read secretly and burned at once. Keep away from all responsible and respectable people!" In part describes the Grosses' marital troubles.	ca. Late Summer 1950
7	WS to KJ 1 envelope Envelope that contained a one-page letter from Iowa September 11, 1950, and one-page letter from Iowa October 26, 1951 (now item 27).	September 11, 1950

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	WS to KJ Unsigned one-page typed letter From Iowa. With envelope mailed two days later in Iowa City, annotated "Bills poem on the Gross Housewarming," though that poem was sent later, on November 21, 1950.	October 16, 1950
9	WS to KJ Two-page tls Letter from Iowa accompanying and explaining typescript draft of "At the Grosses' Housewarming," written earlier. Three pencil marks circled by WS, with the ironic comment "the sacred doodlings of P. Engle." See item 112.	November 21, 1950
10	WS to KJ One Brown Envelope Contained the following items: a) One-page tls from Iowa December 19, 1950, originally enclosing poem about the "shady side" of KJ from its use at the Iowa workshop. This was apparently "Farewell to a Certain Student," for which WS noted later there was no documentary copy. b) Typescript (used in the Iowa Workshop) of "Farewell to a Certain Student," written 12/19/50. Valuable manuscript notes by WS.	December 19, 1950
11	WS to KJ One-page letter From Iowa	January 4, 1951
12	WS to KJ 1 Envelope From Iowa, containing the following item.	February 17, 1951
13	WS to KJ Two-page letter From Iowa	February 17, 1951
14	WS to KJ Two-page tls Includes envelope post marked in Iowa City the following day	February 26, 1951
15	Dorothy Stafford to Johnsons 1 Note and 1 Envelope From Iowa City, Note is three sided on pink paper with matching envelope	Mailed March 9, 1951
16	WS to KJ Two-page tls	March 20, 1951

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	From Iowa	
17	WS to KJ Three-page als and 1 envelope From Iowa, shortly before traveling west in 1951, with a year still to go at Iowa. With envelope post marked Iowa April 23, 1951.	April 22, 1951
18	WS to KJ One-page tls From Glendale	June 5, 1951
19	WS to KJ Two-page tls From Glendale	28 June [1951]
20	WS to Dr. Wolle 1 Page Letter Copy of WS letter to Dr. Wolle in Boulder, asking for a copy of the loyalty oath he'd need to sign for a job at U of Colorado. See following two items.	July 11, 1951
21	WS to Dr. Francis Wolle 3 Pages Three items in one communication: carbon copies of two letters to Francis Wolle of the Dept. of English and Speech at U of Colorado in response to the third item, a copy of the Colorado Oath of Allegiance (see previous and following items).	July 11, 1951
22	WS to Dr. Wolle One-page tls From Glendale, discussing problems with signing Colorado loyalty oath.	July 17, 1951
23	WS to KJ One-page tls From Glendale, with handwritten marginal note by WS	July 24, 1951
24	WS to KJ One-page handwritten WS note and 1 envelope Letter giving new Quonset address, and headed "Dear Sybarites." With envelope mailed the next day in Iowa City. Perhaps enclosed with this letter was the WS photo of quonsets at Iowa. WS note on back: "Note the Stafford home—with 2 bicycles (middle quonset) Palaces of the gentry visible across the river, on the heights . . ."	August 29, 1951

Container(s)	Description	Dates
25	Dorothy to WS One Card Card written from Iowa by Dorothy at start of school year 1951 (Kim had poison ivy.)	Envelope postmarked September 12, 1951
26	DS to Johnsons Two-sided tls, envelope, and 2-page WS tls Also a two-page WS tls of October 3, 1951 at Iowa City, sharing envelope with Dorothy's letter	fall 1951, Envelope postmarked October 5, 1951
27	WS to KJ One-page letter From Iowa (see item 7), on cheap (browned) paper.	October 26, 1951
28	WS to KJ Two-sided tls Letter on self-confessedly cheap (now browned) paper, Iowa, in envelope mailed the next day.	November 10, 1951
29	WS to KJ Two-page tls From Iowa	December 10, 1951
30	WS to KJ Two-sided tls From Iowa	January 4, 1952
31	WS to KJ One-page tls from Iowa with envelope postmarked the following day.	January 20, [1952]
32	WS to KJ Three-page als from Iowa about plans for return to Lewis & Clark College, with envelope postmarked the following day.	March 29, 1952
33	WS to KJ Envelope mailed in Iowa City enclosing handwritten note from Dorothy Stafford.	May 5, 1952
34	WS to KJ Envelope addressed from Iowa City by DS. Contained undated tls (two sides) from DS, three weeks before end of time in Iowa. WS studying for comps.	May 19, 1952
35	WS to Johnsons	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	als (two sides) On the road from Iowa in Junction City, Kansas. Envelope mailed there on June 23, 1952.	
36	WS to KJ One-page tls (signed by WS "Caesar") from Portland to KJ in Hospital in Seattle.	Fall 1952
37	WS to KJ Two-page tls from Lewis & Clark College to University of Washington; describes birth of Kit. Contains typescript of "Literature I" ("Lit Instructor") written 11/15/52, headed by handwritten WS comment.	November 18, 1952
38	WS to KJ Envelope mailed in Portland, containing cyclostyled note (presumably from Morgan Odell) on the role of the college "in loco parentis"—with marginal comment by WS.	December 12, 1952
39	WS to Jean Johnson One-page tls from Manchester College, enclosing check from The New Republic in payment for poem "A Visit Home" written 10/11/53.	October 21, 1955
40	WS to KJ Envelope mailed from Saratoga Springs, with one-page tls of previous day written on yellow paper from Yaddo. (WS says he has currently eighty-two items out for consideration. Expects a net acceptance of around four.)	June 24, 1956
41	WS to KJ Carbon made for the Johnsons of a letter of April 4, 1957 from San Jose to John and Cleo Gross. Mention of Jim Harmon, "strenuously San Francisco bohemian."	1957
42	George [Jensen?] to WS One-page typed letter from George [Jensen?] to WS requesting a recommendation. On verso a handwritten request for a copy to go elsewhere. See next item.	10 April 1957
43	WS to KJ One-page tls	12 April 1957

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Letter from San Jose that enclosed George's letter, previous item.	
44	WS to KJ Two-page tls from San Jose	May 5, 1957
45	WS to KJ two-page tls from Iowa in envelope mailed May 11, 1951.	Undated
46	WS to KJ Carbon made for the Johnsons of a letter of June 4, 1957 from San Jose to John and Cleo Gross, with envelope postmarked June 6.	June 6, [1957]
47	WS to KJ Copy of one-page unsigned typed letter, evidently from Kenny Johnson, to President Odell.	May 5, 1960
48	"Lona" to KJ three-page tls To KJ from Lewis & Clark College colleague "Lona" on college letterhead, criticizing WS for an aversion to suffering and consequent lack of profundity. A strange outpouring. With undated envelope to "Kenneth Johnson," annotated "Lona on Bills Poetry." No mention of National Book Award, so presumably before 1963.	undated
49	WS to KJ typescript Typescript of WS poem "A Final Examination: American Renaissance," Hand-addressed by WS on verso to "Prof Kenneth Johnson."	May 25 1962
50	WS to KJ One page Typed letter from Sunningdale	September 18, 1962
51	DS to Johnsons Air letter Dorothy to Johnsons from London with news from June 25th onwards.	July 12, 1962
52	WS to Johnsons Aérogramme	October 4, 1962

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	L & C College to Johnsons in Japan	
53	WS to Johnsons Aérogramme L & C College to Johnsons in Japan	October 21, 1962
54	WS to Johnsons Aérogramme WS to Johnsons in Japan , giving news of Arthur Throckmorton's death.	December 25, 1962
55	WS to KJ Four-page als From San Blas, Mexico, on sheets from a lined steno notebook (tj3)	3 May 1964
56	WS to Johnsons One-page tIs From Portland to Johnsons in Italy, enclosed in the following item.	August 18, 1964
57	WS to Johnsons Empty airmail envelope From Sunningdale to Johnsons in Rome, originally containing the previous and following items.	August 20, 1964
58	WS to KJ twopages Copy of "An Informal Will," Portland. Enclosed in previous item.	August 20, 1964
59	WS to KJ Tear-sheet (back cover) from Satire Newsletter Tear-sheet (back cover) from Satire Newsletter, poem by WS, "A Defense of My Uncle," written 5/31/63. Note by KJ on last stanza: "Hovers on the edge of nonsense but manages to keep from going over."	[August 20, 1964]
60	WS to KJ One-page typescript One-page typescript (yellow paper, red type) of two poems, annotated "1962 Bill Stafford". Poems "Seeing the Students Off for Japan' (written 9/29/66) and "For a Stone at Balmers' Ranch" (Written 9/22/66). Date of annotation must be wrong. Sent with following item.	undated

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61	WS to KJ One-page tls Red type on yellow paper. Just finished article on Roethke ["Roethke's Way," housed at 5E.74 and published in Crossing Unmarked Snow, 50 ff.].	October 20, 1966
62	WS to KJ One-page tls	December 5, 1966
63	WS to KJ One-page tls From Portland, originally enclosing photos (no longer present) of KJ and of Jack Radow and of Mrs. Netboy.	September 4, 1967
64	WS to Steve Johnson One-page tls on Alaska Methodist letterhead	June 29, 1968
65	WS to KJ One-page tls On Alaska Methodist letterhead. With matching envelope postmarked two days later.	July 5, 1968
66	WS to KJ als On verso of Wooster college map, posted Cincinnati October 24 (date on letter must be an error for 23 or 24) originally enclosing Bouwsma quote on Wittgenstein [this quote housed in archives L1].	October 25, 1968
67	WS to Jean Johnson Envelope From London addressed to Jean J, containing a) WS thankyou note for a money transfer, and b) WS note of May 25, 1969 to both Johnsons from Bergen, Norway.	June 19, 1969
68	WS to KJ Christmas card Christmas card with photo of family on station platform in Britain (Scotland, perhaps Waverly Station, Edinburgh).	December 22, 1969
69	WS to KJ two stanzas Handwritten poem by Kenny Johnson	1969
70	WS to KJ	July 5, 1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	One-page tls From Sunningdale, mentioning and enclosing a "Secular Prayer," ("The Saint of Thought, a Secular Prayer,". Response to discussion of WS's character.	
71	WS to KJ Six-page typescript By WS of KJ's long letter. Typed so KJ "might be able to read your writing, as I can—Bill". Further deep discussion of character. Annotated "K.E.J. to Bill Stafford."	August 8, 1970
72	WS to KJ Two-page tls From Virginia.	September 10, 1970
73	WS to KJ Envelope Mailed with (apparently misdated) letter of September 20, 1970, and poem on the death of John Gross, also dated 9/20/70. Johnson note on envelope: "Make copy for cynical Sam." See following two items.	September 19, 1970
74	WS to KJ Two copies of WS poem On John Gross's death. Poem written 9/20/70. In Portland Teachers Credit Union envelope. See previous and following item.	Undated
75	WS to KJ One-page typescript Poem "To Kenny & Jean Johnson on Hearing of John Gross's Death,". See previous two items.	September 20, 1970
76	WS to KJ One-page tls With envelope postmarked the following day, McLean, Virginia.	October 2, 1970
77	WS to Jean Johnson One-page tls from Virginia.	October 17, 1970
78	WS to KJ Christmas card With photo of Barb holding Nicholas and Lief.	December 1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
79	WS to KJ Two-page tls From Virginia, originally enclosing Wang Hui-Ming's James Agee woodcut (copies of woodcut in broadsides drawers). With envelope postmarked the following day.	December 30, 1970
80	WS to KJ Two-sided tls From Dorothy in Virginia, undated, but written February 3, 1971, describing Vonnegut's aborted reading of Monday February 1st at the Library of Congress.	February 3, 1971
81	WS to KJ One-page tls From Virginia, with unpostmarked envelope.	March 12, 1971
82	WS to KJ Two-page (three sides) tls Envelope postmarked the following day, in Washington DC.	April 11, 1970
83	WS to KJ Two-page tls From Virginia, typed on verso of folded 1971 Williams College poster.	May 20, 1971
84	WS to KJ Typescript of poem "My Friends My Enemies My Lonely Hours," no record of publication. Text differs from that in D1 (personal reference to Sam Yorks and Ken Johnson).	2/21/72
85	WS to KJ Typescript On goldenrod paper of poem "Kenny's Office," with annotations by KJ.	10/24/73
86	WS to Virgil Baldwin Day Small printed homily On poverty by Cabeza de Vaca, 1538, sent as a Christmas greeting to WS (as noted by WS on verso) from Virgil Baldwin Day.	1973
87	WS to KJ Christmas card	December 17, 1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
88	WS to KJ	May/June 1974
89	WS to KJ One-page t/s Accompanying typescript of "Paragraphs to Tack on the Wall," written 8/14/74. This is the same poem (with different lineation and order of stanzas) as "Notes on the Refrigerator Door," a Bellevue Press broadside 1976. It differs also (slightly) from the poem used as the prospectus for the WS class "Notes for the Refrigerator Door."	September 6, 1974
90	WS to KJ one-page typescript Copy (signed "Greetings, fellow wage slaves—Bill, on the road Nov '74") of poem "Dreams of Retirement." Added note from Bob Dusenbery: "Ken—could I get this back—Bob D." See following item.	11/4/74
91	WS to KJ	
92	WS to Jean Johnson Empty envelope From New York to KJ. No obvious enclosure present in this collection. Johnson note on envelope "Letter from Bill S to Jean."	January 29, 1975
93	WS to KJ typescript Signed typescript of poem "On the Poetry Circuit," written as "Surviving a Poetry Circuit," with accompanying brief comment by WS.	2/19/75
94	WS to KJ Tearsheet From Literary Half-Yearly with WS poem "Little Sermon." With KJ notation "Bill this is my perennial sermon to you—you took the words right out of my mouth."	1/9/75
95	WS to KJ Half-sheet typescript WS concrete poem in shape of spectacles, "Dark Glasses."	5/19/76
96	WS to KJ Two poems	5/23/76 and 6/26/76

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Two WS poems typed on National Endowment for the Humanities half-sheet letterhead: "An Invitation to Explore," written 5/23/76, and "A Myth to Live By," written 6/26/76.	
97	WS to KJ Typescript WS poem "For Everybody Ambitious, on Retirement of the Undersigned." Extensive annotations by KJ.	2/1/78
98	WS to KJ One page Goldenrod sheet with typed poem "Retirement Speech."	4/4/78
99	WS to KJ one page Single sheet of lined lemon-yellow pad paper, with introspective notes by KJ headed "The Sacred."	April 8, 1978
100	WS to KJ one-page tls Envelope addressed to KJ from Sunningdale, with one-page tls of same date, including WS poem "Places with Meaning," about the Johnson Fourth of July, written that same morning.	July 5, 1978
101	WS to KJ One-page tls WS's last day of teaching before spring break and apparently retirement.	March 16, 1979
102	WS to KJ One-page tls (Jean's date of 1980 is incorrect) enclosing Tony Piccione's letter of August 24, 1979,	August 30, 1979
103	WS to KJ Three-page letter (Apparently typed by Jean Johnson) on green paper, KJ to WS and DS. Followed by KJ's draft of the same letter on yellow lined paper, with clarifications (by JJ?) in red ink.	September 20, 1979
104	WS to KJ one-page tls Mentions Dorothy's gallstone operation, and encloses items from Tony Piccione. See following item.	November 27, 1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
105	WS to KJ Two-page tls From Tony Piccione with covering one-page reply to Piccione from WS November 27, 1979 promising to send his letter to KJ. See previous item.	November 22, 1979
106	WS to KJ Poem-card From Service-berry Press, poem "Atoms" by Anthony Piccione, sent by him on 11/22/79 to Ken, originally in envelope from Portland August 1, 1981 (repostmarked Eagle Creek 8/3/81) with annotation "Piccione," but containing WS poem "With Neighbors One Afternoon," small undated broadside from hit & run press. Poem written 12/7/78, first published Poetry January 1980. See item 110	11/22/79
107	WS to KJ Christmas card	December 21, 1979
108	WS to KJ One-page tls From Tony Piccione, accompanying his six-page response to a question from the editor of Manassas Review.	January 17, 1980
109	WS to KJ Letter and typed poem "Starting the Day," written on that date. Included also typed poem "It's All Right," written the same day.	February 4, 1980
110	WS to KJ octavo broadside Undated octavo broadside from hit & run press of "With Neighbors One Afternoon," written 12/7/78 and published in Poetry, January 1980, this publication noted on broadside. See item 106.	Undated
111	WS to KJ Handwritten note	April 15, 1980
112	WS to KJ One-page tls Enclosing typescript of "At the Chairman's Housewarming." Poem written on or before 11/21/50. See item 9: Also mentioned and included: essay on Samuel Johnson from Sewanee Review, annotated by KJ.	November 25, 1980

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113	WS to KJ Envelope Sent from Sunningdale, perhaps originally containing carbon copy (yellow) of WS (misdated?) letter to Piccione April 9, 1981. Later also contained the items in 117.	April 8, 1981
114	WS to KJ Long (nine-sided) handwritten letter KJ to WS and DS.	May 1, 1981
115	WS to KJ Long (ten-sided) handwritten letter KJ to WS and DS.	May 26, 1981
116	WS to KJ Empty envelope From Portland with annotation "Arrivaderci" (sic).	June 2, 1981
117	WS to KJ	June 4, 1981
118	WS to KJ Carbon copy Carbon copy for Johnsons of Piccione letter with short typed signed note by WS.	April 9, 1981
119	WS to KJ	April 29, 1981
120	WS to KJ Handwritten draft (nine sides of ruled paper) Incomplete letter by KJ to WS.	July 3, 1981
121	WS to KJ One-page t/s From Sunningdale containing "Why I Am Happy," written the same day, in the body of the letter. On verso of flier for "Death & Suicide" anthology. In envelope from Portland postmarked July 22, 1981.	July 22, 1981
122	WS to KJ	August 1, 1981
123	WS to KJ Christmas card "Seeing an Old Snapshot," written 11/28/81 and published in "Yankee" and The Long Sigh the Wind Makes.	December 14, 1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
124	WS to KJ Envelope with typescript of WS poem Poem of 2/16/82, "A Letter None of My Children Has Got Round to Writing," bearing a handwritten note by WS	February 24, 1982
125	WS to KJ Card To WS from Tony Piccione sent from Beijing, written on verso of the BOA advertisement ("Answerers") for Things That Happen When There Aren't Any People.	September 8, 1982
126	WS to KJ Two-page tfs KJ to WS and DS.	October 11, 1982
127	WS to KJ Christmas card Addressed by Dorothy to K & J from Portland, containing WS poem "Childish Things," written 12/26/82.	December 1982
128	WS to KJ one-page typed WS poem Envelope containing "Bill's poem on [Kenny's] pain," a one-page typed WS poem, "Having Pains," written 6/1/83 and later titled "Pain." Annotation on verso "June 3, 1983 Bill S".	June 3, 1983
129	WS to KJ Tearsheet From Southern Humanities Review of poem "1940" ("It is August. Your father is walking you") annotated by KJ: "The certainties are specific sense experiences. All the rest you don't know."	6/14/83
130	WS to KJ One-page typescript "Fame"	9/6/83
131	WS to KJ Christmas card	December 17, 1983
132	WS to KJ Card From WS on his photo-card of the John Haines homestead, and signed "Goldpen" in the month of his seventieth birthday.	1/1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
133	WS to KJ Page of quotes From Stafford letters out of Iowa in 1951 and 1952, gathered for "Bill Stafford's 70th."	January 17, 1984
134	WS to KJ	Jan 18, 1984
135	WS to KJ note on lined paper Penciled note on lined paper torn from notebook, DS and WS having dropped by to see K and J.	February 27, 1984
136	WS to KJ One-page tls Enclosing WS typed poem "Deserters," written 4/23/84.	April 26, 1984
137	WS to KJ One-page tls	May 23, 1984
138	WS to KJ One-page tls From Portland, enclosing a two-page copy of the translation from Yoshihara, "From the Afterworld," made in Japan 8/29/84 (tj8.5v).	December 18, 1984
139	WS to KJ Christmas card With unpublished poem "Traction Devices Required."	December 19, 1984
140	WS to KJ Envelope (Governor Vic Atiyeh stationery) mailed to Johnsons. Johnson annotation "Bill S Jan 85". Contained letter of January 3, 1985 typed on back of Columbia Basin College flier.	January 4, 1985
141	WS to KJ One-page tls From Portland , accompanying typescript of poem "That Day," completed 6/4/85.	June 22, 1985
142	WS to KJ Typescript with WS note Poem "Saint Matthew and All," written 10/16/83.	July 28, 1985
143	WS to KJ Postcard	October 28, 1985

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Postcard (of a giant jackrabbit being saddled up by a cowboy) sent by Dorothy from Rock Springs, WY, on the cross-country drive to Florida for the Verbal Events workshop (see following item).	
144	WS to KJ Two-sided tls From Dorothy from Florida (Verbal Events workshop). With manuscript postscript from WS.	November 12, 1985
145	WS to KJ Envelope with excerpts and letter. Envelope with excerpts from Bernanos, Diary of a Country Priest, and a letter of the same date with quotes from Wittgenstein.	August 8, 1986
146	WS to KJ One-page tls	September 11, 1986
147	WS to KJ One-page tls Originally enclosing a quote from Goethe's Dichtung und Wahrheit, no longer present.	October 1, 1986
148	WS to KJ program Copy of program for "The Animal That Drank Up Sound," presented at the Capitol, Salem, Oregon.	February 6, 1987
149	WS to KJ Large (double-size) sheet with WS tls and poem Large (double-size) sheet with WS tls and WS typed poem of the same day, "In Any Country."	May 1, 1987
150	WS to KJ One-page tls With typed poem "Conviction," written 6/12/87.	October 6, 1987
151	WS to Dan [Labby] One-page tls	November 10, 1987
152	WS to KJ Typescript Typescript of poem "Trying to Tell It," written 12/29/87, enclosed in envelope postmarked 1/11/88, found inside Jean's copy of An Oregon Message.	12/29/87

Container(s)	Description	Dates
153	WS to KJ Christmas card Christmas card of December 19, 1988, mourning Bret, who died November 7.	December 19, 1988
154	WS to KJ Christmas card Christmas card December 19, 1989, with parody of a popular song.	December 19, 1989
155	WS to KJ Empty envelope Empty envelope from Portland March 5, 1990, with letter of the same day quoting WS poem "Kenny's Office," also sent on an earlier occasion (probably around the time of its composition on 10/24/73) as item 85. Both these typescripts have the same text, the first in two stanzas, the second in three, the later copy bearing WS's marginal comment "(not perfect yet)". Other annotations indicate other items once housed in this envelope: "Kenny's Pain" (see item 128) and "An Informal Will" (see item 58).	March 5, 1990
156	WS to KJ One-page typescript One-page typescript of poem "My NEA Poem," (7/28/90); Johnson annotation "8-10-90"	7/28/90
157	WS to KJ Envelope containing letter Envelope dated September 19, 1990 from WS at Sunningdale containing letter of previous date, with thanks for Johnson presence at dinner. Note by KJ on envelope recording its other enclosures: Vaclav Havel's self-effacing speech on Kafka printed in NY Review of Books, and an Economist article on Portland as urban success.	September 19, 1990
158	WS to KJ Card Card (of Pump Room, Bath) from Dorothy in England, October 22 [1990].	October 22 [1990]
159	WS to KJ Envelope enclosing one-page t/s Envelope to KJ & JJ from Sunningdale November 26, 1990, with Johnson notation "A Dream." Enclosing one-page t/s of November 25, 1990 with a dream about KJ.	November 26, 1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
160	WS to KJ Christmas card Christmas card December 16, 1991, with parody photo of "American Gothic" and copy of poem "Starting with Little Things," written 9/20/73.	December 16, 1991
161	WS to KJ Manilla envelope from Sunningdale, originally containing ten items now distributed by date. Kenny Johnson inscription on envelope: "I must return to the family creek where I fished as a boy and lingered with myself under the shelter of and cover of sun & shade." Items gathered in this envelope (and now distributed to their appropriate positions) were: a) Two-sided tls from Dorothy in Washington D.C., undated, but written February 3, 1971, describing Vonnegut's aborted reading of Monday February 1st at the Library of Congress. Item 80. b) Poem-card from Service-berry Press, poem "Atoms" by Anthony Piccione, sent by him on 11/22/79 to Ken. Item 106. c) Tear-sheet (back cover) from [Spring 1965] Satire Newsletter, poem by WS, "A Defense of My Uncle," written 5/31/63. Note by KJ on last stanza: "Hovers on the edge of nonsense but manages to keep from going over." Item 59. d) One page tls (signed by WS "Caesar") from Portland to KJ in Hospital in Seattle, Fall 1952. Item 36 e) Empty envelope from Portland July 22, 1981. Item 121. f) Empty envelope from Portland June 2, 1981 with annotation "Arrivaderci" (sic). Item 116. g) Envelope from Portland August 1, 1981 (repostmarked Eagle Creek 8/3/81) with annotation "Piccione" but containing WS poem "With Neighbors One Afternoon," small undated broadside from hit & run press. Poem written 12/7/78, first published Poetry January 1980. Item 110. h) Letter of Tony Piccione to WS from Kendall, NY, studying Chinese, July 23, 1981. Item 122. i) Letter from Portland June 4, 1981 referring to and enclosing the poem for President Howard and describing argument with Howard and wife.. Also responds to KJ's "May 26 indictment." Folded with letter, carbon copy (yellow) of WS letter to Piccione April 9, 1981. Items 117 and 113. j) Letter from Portland August 1, 1981, originally enclosing Piccione's "Chinese" letter from New York, and folded with yellow carbon of WS letter to Piccione April 29, 1981. Items 122 and 113.	Undated
162	WS to KJ Envelope Envelope with Johnson notation "Epitaph Bill Stafford & Mark Twain," containing four-line epitaph by Mark Twain in WS's hand. No date.	Undated

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163	KJ Two pages (yellow lined pad) three sides of KJ commentary, apparently on WS..	Undated
164	WS to KJ 1 small page Small undated note to say that WS and DS had stopped by. Signed "Sister and Brother Hicks."	Undated
165	KJ 1 note page Notations by KJ on Equitable Savings paper, beginning "All I want is a garden—Bill."	Undated
166	KJ 1 note page Undated note by KJ on Portland Teachers Credit Union notepaper: "Bill has decided that he lives in an egocentric world & to accept it Vanity vs. egocentricity."	Undated
167	WS business card Pleasing keepsake on glossy white stock; business card with a laurel wreath alongside "WILLIAM STAFFORD Poet Laureate of Oregon," with Sunningdale address, and imprint "Printed at The Elliott Press Pacific Lutheran University." No date.	Undated
168	WS to KJ Folly Press single-sheet chapbook Mutilated copy of Folly Press single-sheet chapbook, "Prophets," number 110.	Undated
169	WS to KJ Three-pages Three-page typed poem by Earle A. Taylor	Undated
170	Newspaper Clippings Twenty-six newspaper cuttings Newspaper cuttings and other Stafford memorabilia, collected under the title "Stafordiana" by the Johnsons, listed as follows, a-z. a. Article on Anthony Piccione (Brockport, NY) in December 4, 1979 Stylus. b. Kim's "A Separate Hearth," in Oregonian Northwest Magazine 2/17/85. c. Clamshell Press broadside "Ode to Garlic." d. Kim's poem "Rosemary at Four," Winter Solstice 1986. Mailed 12/24/86. e. Kim's poem "Night Work in June," Winter Solstice 1984. Mailed	Date in description

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	12/26/84. f. WS poem "The Arts at the Coast," in Oregonian Northwest Magazine 1/20/80. g. Paul Pintarich on WS, with review of A Scripture of Leaves, in Oregonian 10/3/89. h. Paul Pintarich review of An Oregon Message in Oregonian Northwest Magazine 7/5/87. i. Publicity flier of "Answerers" for BOA Editons Things That Happen When There Aren't Any People. j. Poster for WS reading at Columbia Basin College, November, no year. k. Paul Pintarich on NW Writing Institute and Having Everything Right, in Oregonian 10/27/86. l. Kim's "Should We Pave Our Dead End Road?" in Rain. Jan/Feb 1985. m. WS poem "Many tomorrows ago . . ." from Oregonian Northwest Magazine 9/15/85. Reprinted in A Scripture of Leaves. n. Rick Rubin on WS in Oregonian Northwest 2/6/66. o. Paul Pintarich on Judson Jerome Contest (WS 1st) from Poets' Market, in Oregonian 11/9/86. p. "Father and Son," by Ellen Emry Hetzel, Oregonian 6/19/83, Brent Wojahn photographer. q. Copy of "Notice to All Patrons" ("I have been obliged by the sheer weight of fatigue . . .") r. Remodeling article in Oregonian Foodday 2/9/88. s. Flier for Wixon/Markee video "What the River Says." t. Fout WS poems ("The Secret," "Why the Sun Comes Up," "From the Ink on This Page," "Selina.") in Oregonian Northwest Magazine 2/3/91. u. Paul Pintarich on WS turning over job of Oregon Poet Laureate, Oregonian 8/16/87. v. Judy McDermott on WS workshop at Reed, Oregonian 8/10/85. w. Paul Pintarich on Kim at New Orleans, Oregonian 6/1/86. x. Poem (rather unsuccessful) by Harry Davidov in memory of WS, using phrases from Passwords. In Sunday Oregonian 9/20/93. y. Profile of Craig Lesley and Bill Stafford, "So You Want to Be a Writer," by Douglas Freeman, Oregonian 8/13/86. z. Newspaper clipping, John Gross letter to the editor on Korea.	

Series 2: Publications from the Johnson Collection, 1947-1994

All items are listed on the Watzek Library online catalog and housed with Special Collections rare books.

Description	Dates
Glen Coffield, <i>The Metaphysics of Wrong Numbers (poems)</i> , East Portland Station	1955
Glen Coffield, <i>Bay Area Poems</i> , San Francisco	1958
Glen Coffield, <i>Creative Method Essays (prose)</i> , Carthage, Missouri,	1960
William Stafford, <i>Down in My Heart</i> , Brethren Press,	1947

Description	Dates
first edition—archives have only second ed. title still with Kim	
William Stafford, <i>West of Your City</i> , Talisman Press paper or cloth, title still with Kim	1960
William Stafford, <i>Traveling through the Dark</i> , Harper first or later printing, title still with Kim	1962
William Stafford, <i>Eleven Untitled Poems</i> , Perishable title still with Kim	1968
William Stafford, <i>Weather</i> , Perishable title still with Kim	1969
William Stafford, <i>That Other Alone</i> , Perishable title still with Kim	1973
William Stafford, <i>In the Clock of Reason</i> , Soft title still with Kim	1973
William Stafford, <i>I Would Like to Mention Aluminum</i> , Slow Loris title still with Kim	1976
William Stafford, <i>Braided Apart</i> , Confluence title still with Kim	1976
William Stafford, <i>My Name Is William Tell</i> , Confluence paper or cloth, title still with Kim	1976
William Stafford, <i>Someday, Maybe</i> , Harper cloth, Jean Johnson's copy (Title shelved behind the books on the Prose shelf)	1973
William Stafford, <i>An Oregon Message</i> , Harper paper, Jean Johnson's copy. (Two small sheets of notes by Kenny Jonson laid in, and a typescript of "Trying to Tell It," in an envelope dated 1/11/88, this item merged with the correspondence.)(Title shelved behind the books on the Prose shelf)	1987
William Stafford, <i>Learning to Live in the World</i> , Harcourt, Brace, Jean Johnson's copy (Title shelved behind the books on the Prose shelf)	1994
William Stafford, <i>That Other Alone.</i> , Perishable Press A single-page announcement sheet from Perishable Press from Labor Day 1973, containing an announcement of That Other Alone. (This item in broadside case, folder 1H)	1973

Description	Dates
Kim Stafford, <i>A Gypsy's History of the World</i> , Copper Canyon Paper	1976
Kim Stafford, <i>Having Everything Right</i> , Confluence Cloth	1986
Kim Stafford, <i>Lochsa Road</i> , Confluence Paper, signed	1991
Vern Rutsala, <i>The Window</i> , Wesleyan Paper	1964
Vern Rutsala, <i>Selected Poems</i> , Story Line Paper, signed	1991
Lawrence Ferlinghetti, <i>Tentative Description of a Dinner Given to Promote the Impeachment of President Eisenhower</i> , Golden Mountain Paper	1954
Lawrence Ferlinghetti, <i>A Coney Island of the Mind</i> , New Directions paper, twelfth printing	1958
Tony Piccione, <i>Anchor Dragging</i> , BOA paper	1977
Anthony Ostroff, <i>Imperatives</i> , Harcourt, Brace Cloth	1962
O. K. Bouwsma,, New Directions offprint of talk on a fragment of Descartes	
J. A. Stauffer, <i>Shore Encounter</i> , Adams Press paper	1986
Antaeus 18 Poetry Journal	Summer, 1975
Carolina Q 25:3 Poetry Journal	Fall, 1973
Dialogue 8:1 Poetry Journal	1975
The Genesis	May, 1966

Description	Dates
Poetry Journal	
Modern Poetry Studies 6: 1 Poetry Journal	Spring, 1975
Northwest Review Poetry Journal	Summer 1959
Northwest Review Poetry Journal	1973
Northwest Review Poetry Journal	Spring 1975
Northwest Review Poetry Journal	1976
Open Letter 9 Poetry Journal	Fall, 1974
Paris Review 20 Poetry Journal	1959
Parnassus Poetry Journal	Spring/Summer 1974
Philosophy East and West Poetry Journal offprint	Unknown
Poetry Northwest 6: 3 Poetry Journal	Autumn, 1965
Sewanee Review 65: 1 Poetry Journal	Winter, 1957
Tennessee P J 1: 1 Poetry Journal	Fall, 1967
Tennessee P J 1: 1 Poetry Journal	1950-1970
Western Humanities Review 27: 2 Poetry Journal	Spring, 1973
West Coast Review 1: 1	Spring, 1966

Description	Dates
Poetry Journal	
World Order 9: 3 Poetry Journal	Spring, 1975

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