

# The William E. Stafford Archives, Series 3, Sub-Series 4: Manuscripts Sent to William Stafford by Other Authors, 1968-1992

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Stafford, William, 1914-1993
<b>Title</b>	The William E. Stafford Archives, Series 3, Sub-Series 4: Manuscripts Sent to William Stafford by Other Authors
<b>Dates</b>	1968-1992 (inclusive) 1970 1993
<b>Quantity</b>	1.5 cubic feet, (1 box)
<b>Collection Number</b>	OLPb138STA
<b>Summary</b>	William Stafford (1914-1993) was one of the most prolific and important American poets of the last half of the twentieth century. This subseries of the collection includes typescripts of manuscripts by other authors sent to Stafford in the solicitation of reviews or publicity statements. The Index to the entire Stafford Archives can be found at: <a href="http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/findaid/ark:/80444/xv83782">http://nwda-db.wsulibs.wsu.edu/findaid/ark:/80444/xv83782</a>
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Lewis &amp; Clark College, Special Collections and Archives</a> Lewis & Clark College Special Collections and Archives Aubrey R. Watzek Library 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland, OR 97219 Telephone: 503-768-7254 Fax: 503-768-7282 <a href="mailto:archives@lclark.edu">archives@lclark.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	This collection has no restrictions and is open for research.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

William Stafford (1914-1993) was one of the most prolific and important American poets of the last half of the twentieth century. Among his many credentials, Stafford served as consultant in poetry at the Library of Congress, and received the National Book Award for his poetry collection *Traveling through the Dark* (1963). During his lifetime, Stafford wrote over sixty books of poetry that still resonate with both scholars and general readers. Stafford's perspectives on peace, the environment, and education serve as some of the most articulate and engaging dialogues by a modern American writer about three of the most important issues of the second half of the twentieth century with lasting impacts on future generations. Howard Zinn, one America's most iconic modern historians, was keenly aware of Stafford's insight into modern American culture. Zinn claimed, "William Stafford's prose and poetry, wise and eloquent, speak directly to the violence of our time, and to our hope for a different world" (from cover of *Every War Has Two Losers*).

The William Stafford Archives, donated to Lewis & Clark College by the Stafford family in 2008, contain the private papers, publications, photographs, recordings, and teaching materials of the poet William Stafford. The Lewis & Clark College Special Collections actively add to this collection by acquiring unique Stafford related materials.

Stafford wrote every day of his life from 1950 to 1993. These 20,000 pages of daily writings form a complete record of the poet's mostly early morning meditations, including poem drafts, dream records, aphorisms, and other visits to the unconscious, recorded on separate sheets of yellow or white paper or when traveling, often in spiral-bound reporters' steno pads. The archive also includes typescripts of poems submitted for publication and for use in readings. Stafford listed where he submitted each poem, and whether it was accepted for publication on the typescript. Each of his published collections, large and small, is represented by its gathering of documentary copies (typescripts), called by Stafford a "put-together." Unpublished poems, poems published in journals, and reading copies of published poems were also gathered, in a virtually complete record from 1937 to 1993, totaling about 7,000 items. The collection also includes copies of all known Stafford books and translations. Stafford saved correspondence received, with an indication of the date of reply, and sometimes a copy of the reply, from the early 1960s to August 1993. Estimated at 100,000 sheets, the collected correspondence contains some full exchanges of correspondence initiated by WS. One such exchange is the correspondence with Marvin Bell on their sequence *Segues*. In addition to many photographs of and relating to William Stafford, the archive includes an estimated 20,000 photographs and negatives taken and developed by Stafford of fellow poets, family, friends, and Lewis & Clark College faculty. The archive provides documentation of Stafford's teaching career, including more than one thousand index cards, some dating from research at Iowa, others from later. These were much used in preparing for classes, workshops, and lectures. The files also contain scattered notes for workshops and lectures. The archive also includes course syllabi, and faculty documents relating to Stafford's teaching years at Lewis & Clark College.

## Content Description

Typed drafts and proofs of books.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

The William Stafford Archives, Lewis & Clark College Aubrey Watzek Library Archives & Special Collections, Portland, Oregon.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged in alphabetical order by author's last name.

## Location of Collection

Special Collections

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1.1	Poems Bennani, Benjamin	1992
1.2	"Strang" Burrows, Ed G.	1978
1.3	Poems Canzoneri, Robert	undated
1.4	"Pacific Northwest Writing: A Collection of Contemporary Poetry and Fiction" Carlson, Roy	1979
1.5	"Letting Go" Carrier, Warren	ca. 1970
1.6	"Kazimierz Square" Chase, Karen	ca. 1991
1.7	"End of Summer" Diorio, Margaret	undated
1.8	"Sabbatical in England" Duvall, Robert	1992
1.9	A Surprise on Every Page: Kenneth Patchen's Wonderings Dyer, Paul	ca. 1980
1.10	Poems Emmons, David	
1.11	"A River Runs Through It" Friedenberg, Richard	1992

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Screenplay and test lines for possible WS narration of the film.	
1.12	"Wesley's Methodist Episcopalians" Garrett, Arthur Chapter from "AmeriChristendom"	undated
1.13	Collection of work Henderson, Christine Includes an original watercolor of the Columbia River gorge	1992
1.14	Poems Hodson, Stan	1982
1.15	"Remember Where You Started From" Holway, Susan Pakenen C&D Publishing	1992
1.16	"Nocturnals Upon St. Lucy's Day" Khairallah, George	undated
1.17	"Celebration: My First Fifty Years" Lamear, Kathleen	1992
1.18	"The Love Poem" and "The Foot of the Mountain" Marchant, Fred Two copies of "The Foot of the Mountain"	ca. 1990
1.19	Essay Marchant, Fred	ca. 1990
1.20	"To Find the Poem: Suggestions for the Venture" Nielsen, Vaneta L.	1968
1.21	Poems Pasquale, Emanuel di	undated
1.22	"Dearest Phillis" Patterson, Raymond	1976
1.23	"Belongings" Rawn, Michael David	ca. 1990
1.24	"Supplement for Modern Poetry of Western America" Robinson, Howard	undated

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	supplement to the anthology by William Stafford and Clinton Larson	
1.25	"Burn Down the Icons: Poems" Schulman, Grace	undated
1.26	"Sophomore Thesis" Seid, Hugh T.	undated
1.27	"Heart Attacks" Skellings, Edmund Stafford wrote a blurb for the jacket of this book.	1976
1.28	"Something as Reckless as Wind" Turley, William	1992
1.29	Poems Warren, Eugene	1973
1.30	Anthology of Oregon Literature Wendt, Ingrid	1992
1.31	"The Luminaries of the Humble" Woody, Elizabeth	1992
1.32	"Of Earth" Worth, Douglas	1974
1.33	Poems, "Spam and the Cry of the Dope Bird" and "Men" Young, William	1991

## Find Related Collections

### Subject Terms :

[Pacifism--Poetry.](#)

[Pacifism--United States.](#)

[Poetry -- Authorship.](#)

[Poetry -- Study and teaching.](#)

[Poetry--20th century.](#)

[Poets, American--20th century.](#)

[World War, 1939-1945 -- Conscientious objectors -- United States.](#)

### Personal Names :

[Stafford, William, 1914-1993--Archives](#)

[Stafford, Dorothy](#)

### Corporate Names :

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[Lewis & Clark College \(Portland, Or.\)](#)

**Geographical Names :**

[Kansas.](#)

[Oregon.](#)

**Other Creators :**

**Personal Names :**

[Stafford, Kim](#) (creator)