

Gaar Williams collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Chicago Tribune.
Creator	Williams, Gaar, 1880-1935
Title	Gaar Williams collection
Date	1939-1951
Extent	0.4 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize folder
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Gaar Campbell Williams, the "Hoosier Cartoonist", was born on December 12, 1880 in Richmond, Indiana to George and Sarah Williams. Often referred to as the "James Whitcomb Riley of the Pencil", he attended the Cincinnati Art Academy and the Chicago Art Institute. He married Magdalena (Lena) Englebert (1881-1959) on April 22, 1911. He was a staff artist for the *Chicago Daily News* from 1904-1909, the front page cartoonist for the *Indianapolis News* from 1909-1921, and a cartoonist for the *Chicago Tribune* from 1921 until his death on June 15, 1935 at the age of 54.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

"Gaar Williams, 54, Cartoonist, is Dead." *Indianapolis Star*, June 16, 1935.

"Gaar Williams Dies Suddenly on Auto Trip: Prominent Cartoonist Lived Here as a Boy." *The Richmond Palladium* (Richmond, IN), June 15, 1835.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes 12 paperback portfolios each containing 25 Gaar Williams cartoons reprinted from the *Chicago Tribune*, with a foreward written by cartoonist, John T. McCutcheon. According to an ad in the *Tribune's* December 17, 1940 edition, the portfolios were printed as a special Christmas box set. Also included are 321 clippings of Williams's cartoons (ca. 1927-1935) that were reprinted and published in the *Chicago Tribune* starting in 1939 and continuing into the 1940's; 3 calendars from 1946, 1950, and 1951 that contain Mr. Williams cartoons; and an undated black and white drawing signed by Gaar Williams (13 1/2" x 12 ") showing two boys standing beside a tree tapped for the collection of sap.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Kenneth Reeve on 1999/01/04 and from Ray Banta.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/02/15 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/02/15 by Laura Eliason.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

S2911: Indianapolis Branch of the American Fund for French Wounded, French Relief Fund, 1918

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Caricatures and cartoons
- Cartoonists--Indiana

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
"Our Secret Ambition", "Hunting and Fishing", "Something Ought to be Done About This" reprinted cartoons portfolios, circa 1940	1	1
"A Strain on the Family Tie", "Static" and "Wotta Life! Wotta Life!" reprinted cartoons portfolios, circa 1940	1	2
"Among the Folks in History" reprinted cartoons portfolios, circa 1940	1	3
"Mort Green and Wife" and "Zipper" reprinted cartoons portfolios, circa 1940	1	4
"Among the Folks in History" reprint clippings, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , 1939; circa 1940s	1	5
"Wotta Life! Wotta Life!" reprint clippings, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , 1939; circa 1940s	1	6
"Static", "Our Secret Ambition", and "How to Keep From Growing Old" reprint clippings, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , 1939; circa 1940s	1	7
"A Strain on the Family Tie" reprint clippings, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , circa 1940s	1	8

<p>"Not a Brain Cell Working", "Zipper", "Little Things Make Life so Gay", "Hero Stuff", "This'd Keep Your Mind Off Your Business", and "When Words Fail Yuh" reprinted clippings, <i>Chicago Tribune</i>, circa 1940s</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>Gaar Williams cartoon calendars, 1946-1951</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>10</p>
		<p>Oversize</p>
<p>Gaar Williams cartoon, undated</p>	<p>OB032</p>	