

## William Rose Benét Collection, 1845-1959

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### Biographical Note

William Rose Benét was born on February 2, 1886 in Fort Hamilton, N.Y. and died May 4, 1950. He was educated at Albany Academy and Yale University, Benét was a poet, editor, critic, anthologist, translator, and children's author. He wrote, edited, or collaborated on 36 books and was best known for his column "The Phoenix Nest" in the Saturday Review of Literature (1924-1950).

### Scope & Content

The collection consists of galley proofs for books of poetry by various authors (Frances Frost, Howard Griffin, Alfred Noyes, Edith Sitwell and Stephen Spender). Also included are a large number of book jackets from various authors books of poetry, inventory list of books that were in the Benét library, and correspondence between St. Lawrence University, Yale University Library, Gramercy Book Shop (NYC) and Marjorie Flack Benét

### Box

- 1            **BOOK JACKETS**--from the Benet collection (**Bold = ODY has book** – Call no. of book follows the title)
- |  |            |                            |
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| Crusade: A Collection of Forty Poems                                       |            | Captain John Waller        |
| <b>Testament of Love: A Sonnet Sequence</b>                                |            | Audrey Wurdemann           |
| [PS 3545 .U7 T4 1938] [2 copies]   |            |                            |
| Poetry Awards 1940   | Editor     | Robert Thomas Moore        |
| Ziba            James Pipes  |            |                            |
| <b>Ghosts</b> [PS 3545 .H16 G45 1937]                                      |            | Edith Wharton              |
| <b>Epics Myths &amp; Legends of India</b> [BL 2003 .T5 1956]               |            | Paul Thomas                |
| Poems From the Desert  |            | Members of the Eighth Army |
| <b>The Peterborough Anthology</b> [PS 614 .G65] [2 copies]                 |            | Gorman, [Jean Wright]      |
| Fear No More: A Book of Poems for the Present Time by Living English Poets |            |                            |
| <b>Stamboul Train, An Entertainment</b> [PR 6013 .R44 S8 1947]             |            | Graham Greene              |
| <b>Day of Fire</b> [PS 3503 .A196 D3]                                      |            | Leonard Bacon              |
| <b>A Poetry Recital</b> [PR 6037 .T4 P6 1926]                              |            | James Stephens             |
| <b>Transport To Summer</b> [PS 3537 .T4753 T7 1951]                        |            | Wallace Stevens            |
| <b>The Auroras of Autumn</b> [PS 3537 .T4753 A85]                          |            | Wallace Stevens            |
| Last Poems of Anna Hempstead Branch  | Editor     | Ridgely Torrence           |
| Bands and Rebels: Songs of Today Series 1929                               |            | Keene Wallis               |
| <b>Lost Planet and Other Poems</b> [PR 6045 .E53 L6 1942]                  |            | Dorothy Wellesley          |
| <b>Fruit From Saturn</b> [PS 3513 .O357 F7 1946]                           |            | Yvan Goll                  |
| <b>Lot's Wife</b> [PS 3509 .A752 L6]                                       |            | Max Eastman                |
| The Bell and the Bugle   |            | Thomas Tracy Bouve         |
| <b>Poems From Giacomo Leopardi</b> [PQ 4709 .E5 A2 1946]                   | Translated | John Heath-Stubbs          |
| <b>The Mirror of Baudelaire</b> [PQ 2191 .A6 F6]                           | Editor     | Charles Henri Ford         |
| Selected poems of Marianne Moore   |            |                            |
| <b>Gardeners and Astronomers</b> [PR 6037 .I8 G3]                          |            | Edith Sitwell              |
| <b>Poems of Dedication</b>   |            | Stephen Spender            |
| [PR 6037 .P47 P65 1947b] [PR 6037 .P47 P65 1947]                           |            |                            |
| <b>Secret Country Poems</b> [PQ 8219 .C27 P3 1946]                         |            | Jorge Carrera Andrade      |
| <b>Browning's Essay on Chatterton</b> [PR 4222 .E8]                        |            | Donald Smalley             |
| The Letters of Elizabeth Myers   | Editor     | Littleton C. Powys         |
| The Heart's Journey  |            | Siegfried Sassoon          |
| <b>Stuff and Nonsense</b> [AP2 .N7] [North American Review]                |            | Walter de la Mare          |
| <b>Memoirs of a Midget</b> [PR 60007 .E3 M38 1941]                         |            | Walter de la Mare          |
| <b>Crossings: A Fairy Play</b> [PR 6007 .E3 C7 1923]                       |            | Walter de la Mare          |

- This is Our Own** [PS 3545 .E514 T5 1940] Marie De L. Welch  
**The Walls Do Not Fall** [PS 3507 .O726 W3] H.D. [Hilda Doolittle]  
**Ion of Euripides** [PA 3975 .I6 D6 1937a] H.D. [Hilda Doolittle]  
**Tribute to the Angels** [PS 3507 .O726 T7 1945] H.D. [Hilda Doolittle]  
**Sing With Me Now** [PS 3535 .U683 S5] David Russell  
**At the Gates: A Book of Poems** [PS 3539 .O2 A92] Boris Todrin  
**Who Dare To Live** [PR 6045 .A878 W5 1943b] Fredrick B. Watt  
**The Jade Mountain: A Chinese Anthology –** Translated Witter Bynner  
**Being Three Hundred Poems of the Tang Dynasty, 618-906** [PL 3277 .E3 S94x 1939]  
**The Spirit of the Scene: A Book of Poems** [PS 3503 .E533 S5 1951] William Rose Benet  
**Flight Above Cloud** [PR 6031 .U3 F5] John Pudney  
**The Sad Shepherd: The Unfinished Pastoral Comedy of Ben Jonson** Alan Porter  
 [PR 2618 .A1 1944]  
**Wind Among the Pines and Other Poems** [PS 3535 .I327 W5] Isla Paschal Richardson  
**Laughing Time** [PS 3537 .M8693 L3x 1955] William Jay Smith  
**Little Hills** [PS 3503 .O734 L5] Willis A. Boughton  
 Collected Poems V. Lackville-West  
**The Voice of Bataan** [PR 9550.0 .B8 V6] Carlos Bulosan  
**The Strait of Anian: Selected Poems** [PR 9199 .B44 S7x 1948] Earle Birney  
 Thrust At the Sky MacKnight Black  
**Enter Into the Rock** [PS 3503 .E167 E5] George Robert Beck  
**A Wider Arc** [PS 3505 .A557 W5] Melville Cane  
 A Wordsworth Anthology Laurence Housman  
 Poems Marguerite Janvrin Adams  
**The Communist World and Ours** [E 835 .L52] [2 copies] Walter Lippmann  
**Behold the Jew** [PR 6019 .A22 B4 1944] Ada Jackson  
 A Selection From the Poems of Alfred Lord Tennyson W.H. Auden  
**This, My Letter** [PS 3515 .A9323 T5 1939] Sara Henderson Hay  
 The Jervis Bay and other Poems Michael Thwaites  
 The Door to the Garden Catharine Whitcomb
- January 10, 1959:*
- Corn: A Book of Poems** [PS 3509 .N44 C6 1939] Paul Engle  
**Q Anthology: A Selection From The Prose and Verse of**  
**Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch** [PR 5194 .A4 B7 1949] Editor F. Brittain [Frederick]  
 The Story of Eleusis: A Lyrical Drama Louis V. LeDoux  
**Collected Poems of James Joyce** [PR 6019 .O9 A17 1936] James Joyce  
**Mill Talk & Other Poems** [PS 3519 .E717 M5] Leslie Nelson Jennings  
**Eloges and Other Poems** [PQ 2623 .E386 E4] St. John Perse  
**The American Story** [PS 3525 .A27 A77 1944] [2 copies] Archibald MacLeish  
**The Veil and Other Poems** [PR 6007 .E3 V3 1922] [2copies] Walter de la Mare  
**Ding Dong Bell (2)** [PR 6007 .E3 D5 1924] [2 copies] Walter de la Mare  
**Last Poems & Plays** [PR 5900 .A3 1940a] William Butler Yeats  
**Poems 1916-1918** [PR 6047 .O47 P6 1919] Francis Brett Young  
**Selected Poems** [PR 6037 .J8 S4] Edith Sitwell  
**Short is the Time Poems 1936-1943** [PR 6007 .A95 S5] C. Day Lewis  
**Poetry For You** [PN 1031 .D36 1947] C. Day Lewis  
**American Child** [PS 3509 .N44 A6 1944] Paul Engle  
**Break the Heart's Anger** [PS 3509 .N44 B7 1936] Paul Engle  
**Millennium 1: A Melodrama** [PS 3507 .W5 M5] W.A. Dwiggin  
 Prelude to "Icaros" John Williams Andrews  
 Poems Anna Maria Armi  
 Selected Poems of Herman Melville Editor F.O. Matthiessen  
**Parts of a World** [PS 3573 .T4753 P3] Wallace Stevens

- England Reclaimed and Other Poems** [PR 6037 .I83 E6 1949] Sir Osbert Sitwell
- Person Place and Thing** [PS 3537 .H27 P4] Karl Jay Shapiro
- Elbow Room** [PR 6013 .O28 E5 1942] Oliver St. John Gogarty
- Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats** [PS 3509 .L43 O55 1939] [2 copies] T.S. Eliot
- No Arch, No Triumph: New Poems** [PS 3503 .R563 N6] [1945] John Malcolm Brinnin
- Poems 1914-1934** [PR 6035 .E24 A17 1935] Herbert Read
- Fields of Wonder: A Book of Lyric Poems** [PS 3515 .U274 F4] Langston Hughes
- Time's Profile** [PS 3511 .L28 T6 1929] Hildegard Flanner
- A Man In the Divided Sea** [PS 3525 .E7174 M3] Thomas Merton
- Collected Poems of William Empson William Empson
- Right Royal John Masefield
- Slow Music** [PS 3539 .A23 S5] Genevieve Taggard
- Song of the Five Rivers and Stray Petals** [PS 3537 .I863 S6] Charan Singh
- Awake! and Other Wartime Poems** [PR 6035 .O615 A9 1942] W.R. Rogers
- Seventeen Poems** [PR 6025 .E923 S4 1945a] Francis Meynell
- In Noah's Ark** [PR 6013 .O2 I6 1949] Rumer Godden
- The Collected Poems of Laura Riding** [PS 3519 .A363 A17 1938] Laura Riding
- Tahl** [PS 3517 .N25 T3] Jeremy Ingalls
- The Old Mandarin** [PS 3525 .O71 O5] Christopher Morley
- Tumultuous Shore and Other Poems** [PS 3511 .I15 T8] [1942] Arthur Davison Ficke
- A Street in Bronzeville** [PS 3503 .R7244 S8] [1945] Gwendolyn Brooks
- King Jasper: A Poem** [PS 3535 .O25 K5 1935] [PS 3535 .O25 K5 1935a] Edwin Arlington Robinson
- Address to the Living John Holmes
- Cat-Calls** [PS 3503 .A198 C3 1935] Peggy Bacon
- The Dog Beneath the Skin** [PR 6001 .U4 D6 1935] [2 copies] W.H. Auden & Christopher I. Wood
- Collected Lyrics** [PR 3525 .I495 A17 1943] Edna St. Vincent Millay
- Seventeenth Century Lyrics From the Original Texts** Editor Norman Ault
- [PR 1029 .A8 1950]
- Poetry and Life: A New Anthology of English Compiled F.J. Sheed
- Catholic Poetry
- The White Pony: An Anthology of Chinese Poetry** Editor Robert Payne
- [PL 3277 .E3 P3] [2 copies]
- Lament for the Death of a Bullfighter & Other Poems** Federico Garcia Lorca
- [PQ 6613 .A763 L53 1937]
- Take Away the Darkness** [PS 3503 .Y45 T3] Witter Bynner
- Against The Cold** [PS 3508 .Y45 A73 1940] Witter Bynner
- The Pisan Cantos Ezra Pound
- Saint Peter Relates An Incident: Selected Poems** James Weldon Johnson
- [PS 3519 .O2625 A6 1935]
- The Private Memoirs & Confessions of a Justified Sinner** James Hogg
- [PR 4791 .P7 1947]
- Heavenly Discourse** [PS 3545 .O465 H4 1927] Charles Erskine Scott Wood
- Letters & Poems by Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots** Editor Clifford Bax
- [DA 787 .A36 A5 1947]
- The Airmen
- Firehead** [PS 3535 .I436 F5 1929] Selden Rodman
- Death At Sea** [PS 3531 .R78 D4 1940] Lola Ridge
- Poetry and Poets** [PN 1031 .L75] Frederic Prokosch
- The Selected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers** [PS 3519 .E27 A6 1938] Amy Lowell
- Be Angry at the Sun & Other Poems** [PS 3519 .E27 B4 1941] Robinson Jeffers
- Selected Poems by Marsden Hartley** [PS 3515 .A795 A6 1945] Marsden Hartley
- Bacchus and Krishna Horatio Colony

*January 23, 1959:*

- Milton** [PR 3581 .M17 1935] [PR 3581 .M17 1957] Rose Macaulay  
**The Riddle and Other Tales** [PR 6007 .E3 R5 1923b] Walter de la Mare  
 The Legend of Ghost Lagoon Joseph Schull  
**Alfred Edward Housman** [PR 4809 .H15 A85 1937] Katharine E. Symons et al  
**A Satire Against Mankind & Other Poems** [PR 3669 .R2 A7 1942] John Wilmot Earl of Rochester  
**Thomas Traherne: A Critical Biography** [PR 3736 .T7 W3] [1945] Gladys I. Wade  
 Spangled Unicorn: An Anthology Noel Coward  
**Point Valaine** [PR 6005 .O85 P56 1935] Noel Coward  
**Cavalcade** [PR 6005 .O85 C3 1933a] Noel Coward  
**Serena Blandish or the Difficulty of Getting Married** Enid Bagnold  
 [PR 6003 .A35 S4 1946]  
**Some Poems of Sir Thomas Wyatt** [PR 2401 .S8 1949] Editor Alan Swallow  
**Marginalia** [PS 3523 .O833 M3] H.P. Lovecraft  
**The Golden Hind: An Anthology of Elizabethan Prose & Poetry** Roy Lamson & Hallett Smith  
 [PR 1125 .L3] [1942] [2copies]  
**Medieval Man and His Notions** [DA 185 .H3 1947] Frederick Harrison  
**Modern British Poetry: A Critical Anthology** Editor Louis Untermeyer  
 [PS 316 .U58 1942]  
 Victorian Byeways Compiled Vera M. Snelling  
**French Literature and Its Masters** [PQ 119 .S18] [1946] George Saintsbury  
**Each To the Other** [PS 3523 .A266 S3 1939] Christopher La Farge  
**The Common Chord: Stories and Tales of Ireland** Frank O'Connor  
 [PR 6029 .D58 C65] [1948]  
**Crab Apple Jelly: Stories and Tales** [PR 6029 .D58 C82] [1945] Frank O'Connor  
**John Keats' Fancy** [PR 4837 .C25] [1945] James Ralston Caldwell  
 The White Cliffs Alice Duer Miller  
 Rudyard Kipling: A Friendly Profile Lucile Russell Carpenter

**1March 31, 1959:**

- Gaily the Troubadour** [PS 3513 .U7 G3 1936] Arthur Guiterman  
**Landscape West of Eden** [PS 3501 .I5 L3 1935] Conrad Aiken  
 Monticello and Other Poems Lawrence Lee  
**The Twelve Seasons: A Perpetual Calendar for the Country** Joseph Wood Krutch  
 [PS 3521 .R86 T8] [1949]  
**At the Long Sault & Other New Poems** [PR 9199.2 .L3 A8 1943] Archibald Lampman  
**Collected Poems of Henry Thoreau** [PS 3041 .B6 1943a] Henry Thoreau  
**Collected Poems by Henry Treece** [PR 6039 .R38 1946] Henry Treece  
 Parade of Doves Eve Triem  
**Selected Poems** [PR 6045 .A825 A6 1948] Vernon Watkins  
**The Mayfield Deer** [PS 3543 .A557 M3 1941] Mark Van Doren  
**Our Lady Peace and Other War Poems** [PS 3543 .A557 O8] [1942] Mark Van Doren  
**Trivial Breath** [PS 3545 .Y45 T7 1928] Elinor Wylie  
**The Shape of Memory** [PS 3545 .E523 S5] [1944] Winifred Welles  
**Rendezvous With America** [PS 3539 .O334 R4 1942] Melvin B. Tolson  
 The High Plains Poems by Kenneth Porter Kenneth Porter  
**Selected Poems** [PR 6003 .A68 A6 1941] George Barker  
 Lines at Intersection Josephine Miles  
**The Proud People** [PS 3521 .E342 P7] [1943] Joseph Joel Keith  
**Oh Millersville!** [PS 3515 .A363 O5] [1940] Fern Gravel  
 A Tearless Glass Louis Grudin  
**Against the Circle** [PS 3513 .H5 A7] [1946] Brewster Ghiselin  
 Where The Moment Was Henry McLaughlin

- Soldiers and Strangers  
**West of Midnight** [PS 3509 .N44 W4 1941]  
 Atropos and Other Poems  
 Poems Etta Blum  
**Poems** [PS 3503 .E744 P6] [1942]  
**Wild Heron** [PS 3515 .I26 W5 1940]  
 The Quiet Center  
**The Boar & Shibboleth With Other Poems**  
 [PS 3507 .O734 B6 1933]  
**My Country: A Poem of America** [PS 3507 .A6652 M8] [1944]  
 Sunday in Virginia and Other poems  
**Time Without Number** [PS 3503 .E734 T5] [1957]  
**Never A Greater Need** [PS 3503 .E588 N4] [1948]  
**Spirit Level and Other Poems** [PS 3525 .O71 S66 1946]  
 Far From the Land and Other Poems  
**All Our Lives – Alice Duer Miller** [PS 3525 .I515 Z75] [1945]  
**No Road Back Poems by Walter Mehring**  
 [PT 2625 .E24 N6 1944]  
**Mayakovsky and His Poetry** [PG 3476 .M3 A25 1946]  
**The Blue Hen's Chickens: Poems, Verses, Blues**  
 [PS3525 .A2457 B5] [1947]  
 I Sing America: A Pageant of the Regions  
**Brady's Bend & Other Ballads** [PS 3521 .E393 B7]  
 Private Papers: Poems of An Army Year  
**Rime, Gentlemen, Please** [PR 6029 .F35 R5] [1945]  
**The Residual Years: Poems** [PS 3509 .V65 R4 1948]
- 1No Moat No Castle  
**Proud Riders and Other Poems** [PS 3507 .A7327 P7] [1942]  
**The Song of Lazarus** [PR 6005 .O388 S6]  
**The Middle Voice** [PS 3505 .A77355 M5] [1955]  
 Sacred and Secular Elegies  
 The Collection Poems of Sidney Keyes  
 Brief Enterprise  
 An Acre in the Seed  
**The Broken Landscape** [PS 3545 .I5286 B7] [1949]  
**The Collected Poems of William Alexander Percy**  
 [PS 3531 .E65 1943]  
**Edwin Arlington Robinson and His Manuscripts**  
 [PS 3535 .O25 Z56] [1944] [2 copies]  
**E.A.R. [Edwin Arlington Robinson]**  
 [PS 3535 .O25 Z82] [1936] [3 copies]  
**The Lion and the Rose Poems** [PS 3537 .A832 L5]  
 The Weaver Birds  
**Ritual For Myself** [PS 3537 .C967 R5 1941]  
 Only More Sure  
**Songs of the Coast Dwellers** [PS 3537 .K53 S6 1930]  
**The Man With the Blue Guitar & Other Poems**  
 [PS 3537 .T4753 M3 1952]  
**A Winter Tide: Sonnets & Poems** [PS 3527 .A74 W5 1940]  
**The Spectre Image** [PS 3527 .E52 S6]  
 The Triumphant Footman  
 The Book of New Zealand Verse 1923-45
- Edward Fenton  
 Paul Engle  
 John Buxton  
 John Berryman  
 Daniel Whitehead Hicky  
 Edith Henrich  
 Edward Doro  
 Russell W. Davenport  
 Gertrude Claytor  
 Daniel Berrigan  
 Walter Benton  
 Christopher Morley  
 James Monahan  
 Henry Wise Miller  
 Translator S.A. De Witt  
 Compiled Herbert Marshall  
 Vincent McHugh  
 Clara Lambert  
 Martha Keller  
 William Justema  
 Robert Farren  
 William Everson  
 Donald F. Drummond  
 H.L. Davis  
 Alex Comfort  
 Constance Carrier  
 George Barker  
 Editor Michael Meyer  
 Alice Monks Mears  
 Theodore Spencer  
 John Williams  
 William A. Percy  
 Esther Willard Bates  
 Laura E. Richards  
 May Sarton  
 Ian Serrailier  
 Anderson M. Scruggs  
 Daniel Smythe  
 Constance Lindsay Skinner  
 Wallace Stevens  
 Robert Nathan  
 John Nerber  
 Edith Olivier  
 Chosen by Allen Curnow

a number of purchase orders for books for SLU Library for the Benet Collection

Correspondence:

[n.d.] Dear Mrs. Benet from Andrew K. Peters (Librarian SLU)

1957, April 16. Dear Andrew (Andrew K. Peters) from Emerson Hugh Lalone (editor *The Universalist Leader*)

1958, February 3. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Marjorie Flack Benet

1958, February 24. Memo to A.K. Peters, from E.G. Bewkes, President SLU

1958, Mary 23. "Dear Andy" from "Emerson"

1958, November 24. "Dear Mr. Peters" from James T. Babb (University Librarian – Yale University)

1958, December 3. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Norman von Rosenvinge (Attorney At Law – Boston)

1958, December 17. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Norman von Rosenvinge

1958, December 22. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Norman von Rosenvinge

1959, January 2. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Robert S. Wilbur (Gramercy Book Shop – NYC)

1959, January 21. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Donald Gallup (Curator Yale University Library)

1959, January 27. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Robert S. Wilbur

2 1959, February 4. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Donald Gallup

1959, February 7. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Robert S. Wilbur

1959, February 9. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Robert S. Wilbur

1959, February 25. "Dear Andy" from Norman von Rosenvinge

1959, March 2. "Dear Mr. Peters" from Donald Gallup

1959, March 18. "Dear Sir" (Andrew K. Peters) from Burton A. Robie (Head Gifts Exchange Yale University Library)

1959, March 20. "Dear Andy" from Norman von Rosenvinge

1959, May 22. "Dear Andy" from Norman von Rosenvinge

[n.d.] August 31. *New York Times* article "Marjorie Flack, Author, 61, Dead" (Widow of William Rose Benet)

Inventory Lists of books in Benet book collection

dated: January 10, 1959

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Assorted smaller publications:

*At Midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March* by Josephine Young Case (unbound folios)

*The Ballad of Keith of Ravelston* by Sydney Dobell (Rhyme Sheet)

*Bradford's Memoir of Elder Brewster* Old South Leaflets No. 48

*George Sterling* with comments by Robinson Jeffers Letters of Western Authors Number One  
*Hangtown Ballads*

*Manuscripts: Writing at the University of Pittsburgh* May 1949

*My One Contribution to Seventeenth Century Scholarship* by Christopher Morley 1927

*Part 3 School Journal* Spring 1955

*Poems* by William J. Rice (3 copies)

*Short Short True Stories* compiled by Alexandra Tolstoy

*The Wide Plains Roar: Verses of Protest and Prophecy* by George Abbe

3 Galleys for some of the books in the Benet collection:

*What Cheer An Anthology of American and British Humorous & Witty Verse* compiled by David McCord

*A Choice of English Romantic Poetry* edited by Stephen Spender

*Cry Cadence* Howard Griffin June 13, 1947

*Golden Book of Catholic Poetry* edited by Alfred Noyes  
*The Canticle of the Rose Poems 1917-1949* Edith Sitwell  
*The Wakeful Stars* Peter Bowman September 17, 1945  
*Mid-Century* by Frances Frost