

Collection #
SC 3322

GAAR WILLIAMS COLLECTION, 1942–1975

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder, 1 black-and-white photo folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1942–75

PROVENANCE: Williams R. Ehrich, Indianapolis, IN; August 2000

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Gaar Williams and Blanch Stillson letters SC 2294

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000.1101

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gaar Campbell Williams was born on 12 December 1880 in Richmond, Indiana to George R. Williams, longtime clerk of Wayne County, and Sarah Elizabeth Campbell. Williams attended Cincinnati Art Academy and the Chicago Art Institute. He married Magdalena "Lena" Englebert in Richmond on 22 April 1911.

In 1904, Williams became staff illustrator and cartoonist for the *Chicago Daily News*. From 1909 to 1921 he was front-page cartoonist for the *Indianapolis News*. In 1921 he returned to Chicago to become cartoonist for the *Chicago Tribune*. His work was also nationally syndicated and appeared in places such as the *New York Daily News*. Some of Williams' cartoons were political, but others pursued generally humorous themes under such recurring titles as "A strain on the family ties," "Our secret ambition," and "Among the folks in history." Some of his work was published posthumously.

Toward the end of his life he spent a good deal of time in Brown County, Indiana, mailing his work from there. Williams died on 15 June 1935.

Sources:

Collection materials.

Latham, Charles. Collection guide. SC 2294 Gaar Williams and Blanch Stillson letters, 1920–35. Indiana Historical Society. (Guide completed November 1990)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to cartoonist Gaar Williams, including a black-and-white photo of Williams, notes on Williams' life, a photocopy of Williams' entry in the *Dictionary of American Biography*, and copies of two news clippings about Williams.

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Gaar Williams photo, n.d.

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