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Collection Description

The Charles Williams Collection features a variety of books and articles by and about Williams (1886-1945). It also includes letters and typescripts written by Williams, in addition to rare and first editions of his books.

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Collection Inventory

- *Table references to Charles Williams are abbreviated to CW*
- *“n.d.” indicates publication date unknown*
- *“n.a.” indicates author name is unknown*

Series 1: First and Rare Editions Authored by Williams

This series consists of various original and special editions of works by Charles Williams, including books and published booklets. This series is organized by date published.

Series 2: Letters and Typescripts

This series contains documents handwritten or typed by Charles Williams, in the form of drafts and letters. This series is organized into two subseries by types, and within the subseries items are organized by date.

Series 2A: Letters

Series 2B: Typescripts

Series 3: Articles, Essays, and Serial Contributions by Williams

This series contains various news clippings, introductions, anthologized essays, and published poems by Charles Williams. Books edited or compiled by Williams are also included here. This series is organized by date published.

Series 4: Scholarship and Secondary Sources about Williams

This series contains various essays, reflections, biographies, and analyses of the life and works of Charles Williams. Reviews of his published works written by his contemporaries are also included here. This series is organized by date published.

Series 1: First and Rare Editions Authored by Williams

Book Title	Date	Additional Information	Ref. ID
The Place of the Lion	n.d.		618
Religion and Love in Dante: The Theology of Romantic Love	n.d.		1346
The Silver Stair	n.d.	Inscribed by CW	604
Windows of Night	n.d.		610
Poems of Conformity	1917	First edition; inscribed by CW	594
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Divorce	1920		572
A Book of Victorian Narrative Verse	1927		568
The Carol of Amen House	1927	Private printing; words by CW	606
A Myth of Shakespeare	1928		588
The Masque of Perusal	1929		1347
Heroes & Kings	1930	Number 112 of 300 copies; inscribed by CW	624
Poetry at Present	1930		595
Victorian Narrative Verse	1930	Impression of first edition	1218
War in Heaven	1930	First edition	612
Many Dimension	1931	Inscribed by CW	586
The Place of the Lion	1931		591
The Place of the Lion	1931		592
Three Plays	1931	First edition	608
The English Poetic Mind	1932		573
The Greater Trumps	1932	First edition; inscribed by CW	578
Bacon	1933		567
Reason and Beauty in the Poetic Mind	1933		597
Shadows of Ecstasy	1933		601
James I	1934		583
The New Book of English Verse	1935		589
Rochester	1935	First edition	599
Queen Elizabeth	1936	First edition	596
Thomas Cranmer of Canterbury	1936	First edition	609
Cranmer of Canterbury	1936	Inscribed by CW	1344

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Henry VII	1937	First edition	580
Descent into Hell	1937 (Sept)		570
Charles Williams 1886-1945: Selected Poems	1986		1348
He Came Down from Heaven	1938	First edition	579
He Came Down from Heaven	1938	Owned and inscribed by Dorothy L. Sayers	522
Taliessin Through Logres	1938	First edition	607
The Descent of the Dove: A Short History of the Holy Spirit in the Church	1939	First edition	1214
The Descent of the Dove: A Short History of the Holy Spirit in the Church	1939	First edition	571
The Passion of Christ: Being the Gospel and Narrative of the Passion with Short Passages Taken from the Saints and Doctors of the Church	1939		590
Judgment at Chelmsford	1939 (Sept 23)	Includes leaflet and three handwritten pages "for Owen Write"	584
Witchcraft	1941 (Mar)	First edition	611
The Forgiveness of Sins	1942	First edition	576
The New Christian Year	1942	Second impression	587
The Figure of Beatrice: A Study in Dante	1943	First edition	574
The Region of the Summer Stars	1944		598
All Hallows' Eve	1945	First edition	566
The House of the Octopus: A Play in Three Acts	1945	First edition	1215
The House of the Octopus: A Play in Three Acts	1945	Second impression	581
Flecker of Dean Close	1946	First edition	575
Arthurian Torso: Containing the Posthumous Fragment of the Figure of Arthur by Charles Williams and a	1948		851

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Commentary on the Arthurian Poems of Charles Williams by C. S. Lewis			
Seed of Adam and Other Plays	1948		600
All Hallows' Eve	1948 (Nov)	Second printing	615
Descent into Hell	1949	First American edition	616
Many Dimensions	1949	First American edition	617
War in Heaven	1949		620
The Greater Trumps	1950	Reprint edition	1209
Shadows of Ecstasy	1950		619
The Greater Trumps	1954	British edition	1223
The Image of the City, and Other Essays	1958		582
Outlines of Romantic Theology	1960		625
Collected Plays	1963		569
Taliessin Through Logres	1969		605
The Greater Trumps	1969 (Oct)		577

Series 2: Letters and Typescripts

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Series 2A: Letters

Addressee	Date	Ref. ID
Sansom	1936 (Aug 7)	261
Sansom	1937 (Mar 3)	262
Witteredge	1945 (Apr 18)	259

Series 2B: Typescripts

Title	Date	Additional Information	Ref. ID
Apologue on the Parable of the Wedding Garment	n.d.		260
For H. S. M. 1917-1939	1939 (Sept)	Unpublished poem to Sir Humphrey Milford	258

Series 3: Articles, Essays, and Serial Contributions

Title	Date	Format	Additional Information	Ref. ID
A Short Life of Shakespeare with the Sources	1933	Book	CW's abridgment of Sir Edmund Chambers	602
The London Mercury	1935 (Dec)	Serial	Vol. 33, no. 194; CW short story "Et in Sempiternum Pereant"	614
Theology: A Monthly Review	1939 (May)	Serial	Vol. 38, no. 227; CW essay "Sensuality and Substance"	144
Theology: A Monthly Review	1939 (Dec)	Serial	Vol. 39, no. 234; CW poem "Divites Dimisit"	148
Theology: A Monthly Review	1940 (Apr)	Serial	Vol. 40, no. 238; CW review of F. M. Ford's "The March of Literature"	150
Theology: A Monthly Review	1941 (Jan)	Serial	Vol. 42, no. 247; CW review of C. S. Lewis's "Problem of Pain"	152
Theology: A Monthly Review	1941 (Mar)	Serial	Vol. 42, no. 249; CW review of George Every's "Christian Discrimination"	154
The Poetry Review	1941 (May-Jun)	Serial	Vol. 32, no. 3; "Deportment in Criticism" note by CW in "Controversial Correspondence" section	111
Theology: A Monthly Review	1941 (Aug)	Serial	Vol. 43, no. 254; CW review of "The New Testament in Basic English"	155
Theology: A Monthly Review	1941 (Sept)	Serial	Vol. 43, no. 255; CW poem "On the Sanctissimum: With an Epilogue"	140
Grand Theatre & Opera House, Croydon	1942 (Dec 14)	Program	Includes CW's play "The House by the Stable"	199

Series 3: Articles, Essays, and Serial Contributions, continued

Socratic Digest	1943 (Jun)	Serial	No. 1; CW article "Are There Any Valid Objections to Free-Love?"	118
The Letters of Evelyn Underhill	1944	Book	Edited by CW	585
The Grasshopper Broadsheets	1944 (Oct)	Pamphlet	No. 10, series 3; CW poem "To Michal: After Marriage"	257
Solway Ford and other poems	1945	Book	First edition; poem selection by CW	613
Theology 1948	1948	Serial		1071
Nine: A Magazine of Literature and the Arts	1950 (Dec)	Serial	No. 6; ad for books by CW	504
The Evelyn Underhill Reader	1962	Book	Published edition of Underhill's letters edited by CW	1249

Series 4: Scholarship and Secondary Sources

Title	Author	Date	Format	Additional Information	Ref. ID
Britain To-Day	n.a.	1945 (Aug)	Serial	No. 112; C. S. Lewis poem "On the Death of Charles Williams"	315
Essays Presented to Charles Williams	Multiple	1947	Book	Inscribed by Owen Barfield	907
Modern Verse for Little Children	Williams, Michal	1955	Book	Author is wife of CW	621
Charles Williams	Lewis, C. S. and Dorothy L. Sayers	1955 (May 10)	Newspaper Clipping	Article calls for tribute to CW on 10th anniversary of his death	159
A Divine Geometry	Young, Kenneth	1958	Newspaper Clipping	Review of "Image of the City, and Other Essays" by CW	115
An Introduction to Charles Williams	Hadfield, A. M.	1959	Book	Robert Hale Limited	623
Encounter	n.a.	1963 (Jun)	Serial	Vol. 20, no. 6, issue 117; ad for CW "Collected Plays"	165
Charles Williams: Starmont Reader's Guide	Spencer, Kathleen	1986	Book	Starmont House	603
The "Other" Inkling	Howard, Thomas	2006	Lecture	Thomas Howard's address at Lewis & Friends Colloquium, 2006	289