

# Finding Aid for the William G. B. Carson Papers

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: William G. B. Carson.

Title: William G. B. Carson Papers.

Dates: 1905-41.

Quantity: 5 items.

Language: English.

## **Biographical Note**

Carson was first a student at Washington University (A.M. 1916), and then later taught the widely acclaimed drama class known as English 16 for twenty-eight years. Many plays written by students in this class were performed by Thyrsus, a successful student-run theatrical group that was overlooked by Carson. Highly popular with his students, Carson tutored Tennessee Williams, David Merrick, Marvin Miller, and Mary Wickes.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

This collection is comprised of musical scores with annotations by Carson, a brief history of Thyrsus and English 16, and a photocopy of a scrapbook compiled by Carson. If you are interested in additional theatrical materials held by University Archives, please consult the finding aids for the Thyrsus Collection and the Papers of Mary Wickes. Additional W.G.B. Carson papers are held by the Manuscript Division of Washington University's Department of Special Collections.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Source of Collection**

This material was donated to University Archives by Mrs. William G. B. Carson in April 1980.

### **Accruals**

There are no accruals.

### **Processing Information**

Compiled by Jay Kempen in November 2005.

## Restrictions

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## Collection Contents

Box No.	Folder
01	A Brief History of Thyrsus, written by W.G.B. Carson in 1945
	Notes on English 16, a class in which students wrote plays, n.d.
	Musical Score, "The Love Star," 1914 (by W. Gus Haenschen, with Carson's annotations)
	Musical Score, "The Sun of O = Gun, A Fantasy of the Far East," 1912. (by Arthur Proetz, with Carson's annotations)
	Copy of Scrapbook compiled by W.G.B. Carson entitled, "Thyrsus Doings," 1905-41.