



# **Preliminary Guide to the Will Inman Papers, 1910-2009**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Will Inman papers, 1910-2009

**Creator:**

Inman , Will, 1923-2009

**Abstract:**

Will Inman (1943-2009) was a poet, essayist, editor, and publisher. Collection contains correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, clippings, and printed material that document the life and literary career of Inman.

**Extent:**

69.5 Linear Feet

**Language:**

Materials in English.

**Collection ID:**

RL.00614

**Permalink:**

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, clippings, and printed material in the Will Inman Papers span from 1939-1999, and serve to document the life and literary career of the poet, essayist, editor, educator, and publisher.

Inman was a prolific correspondent and maintained regular correspondent relationships with his friends and family, as well as with his readers and other editors and authors. He also regularly wrote to political and social figures during the 1960s. These letters to public and political figures express

admiration and voice concerns about political events and social conditions. Inman protested in favor of civil rights, ending the war in Vietnam, and various environmental causes, and his letters reflect his thoughts and opinions on these subjects. Inman was also in regular contact with the editors and publishers of various literary magazines and the letters to these individuals document his efforts to publish his work. The collection holds many of Inman's out going correspondence as he regularly kept copies of his own letters.

Inman's copious diaries provide almost daily detail of his life from 1950-1994. In his diaries Inman recorded daily events, poetic inspirations, and his responses to world events. The diaries also include information about the poetry he is working on and several include typescripts of completed poems.

Inman also kept detailed records concerning his completed writings. He kept typescript copies of his poems and other writings, ordering them chronologically into notebooks, and recording publication information onto the typescripts. In organizing this collection, Inman's notebooks were discarded, but the typescripts maintain the order they held while bound in the notebooks, and serve to provide a chronological overview of Inman's published and unpublished writings.

This collection also contains copies of several of the anthologies and literary magazines where Inman published his work and several of the poetic monographs that Inman authored.

Inman regularly published his early work in newspapers in North Carolina. The collection contains clippings of these early published works as well as clippings of Inman's mid 1960's newspaper column "Conchsounds in the Hills."

There are also photographs of the McGirt family from ca. 1910, chiefly mounted in albums, as well as Inman's baby book from 1923. (16 accessions from 1998 and 1999) (35,475 items, 59 linear feet; dated 1910-1999)

The addition (accession #2001-0195) (1676 items, 2.7 linear feet; dated 1940-2001, bulk 1976-2001) comprises mainly personal correspondence to and from Inman and Jimmy Santiago Baca, 1971-1995, including typescript poetry. It also includes typescript poetry by Inman as Bill McGirt, 1940-1956; other poetry by Inman; professional correspondence; and a journal kept by Inman, 2000-2001.

The addition (accession #2002-0143) (2250 items, 3.60 linear feet; dated 1982-2001) consists primarily of incoming and outgoing personal correspondence. Topics include Inman's poems, publication work, and his political activities. There is also poetry and prose by Inman and others, and 20 black-and-white and 148 color photographs.

The addition (accession #2003-0124 and 2003-0181)(2775 items, 3.6 linear feet; dated 1957-2003, bulk 1970-1989) contains published and unpublished

typescript poetry written by Will Inman. Also includes literary newsletters, periodicals and brochures; a notebook containing poetry, biographical information and professional correspondence; and a paperweight.

Addition (2009-0263) (500 items, 0.6 lin. ft.; dated 1976-2009) includes correspondence, poetry by Inman and others, press releases and reviews, official documents (such as his birth certificate, insurance information, and medical documents), and materials from Inman's death and funeral.

Addition (2023-0142) (0.1 lin. ft.; dated 1963-1965) contains correspondence from Inman to Eugene Stelzig, as well as two issues of Kauri.

### Biographical/Historical

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1923, May 4	Born, Wilmington, North Carolina
1943	Graduated from Duke University
1964-1971	Editor and publisher of Kauri, a poetry newsletter,
1967	Artist in residence, American University, Washington DC
1969	Married Barbara Ann Sherman
1969-1973	Member of the English faculty, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD.
1973	Moved to Tucson, Arizona Divorced Legally Changed name from William A. McGirt, Jr. to Will Inman.
2009	Passed away

Will Inman was a poet, essayist, editor, and publisher. He was born William Archibald McGirt, Jr. in Wilmington, North Carolina where his father, William A. McGirt, was in the insurance and real estate business and his mother, Delia E. McGirt (maiden name Inman), was a registered nurse. He attended Duke University, graduating with an A.B in 1943. After college, Inman worked as a

union organizer for tobacco workers in North Carolina before moving to New York City in the late 1950s. He served as the Vice-president of Free University of New York in the mid 1960s. He has worked as an editor and publisher of various literary journals and has had his work published in numerous anthologies and literary journals as well as in individual volumes. His weekly column, "Conchsound in the Hills," was published in the Franklin, PA News-Herald in the 1960s. In addition to writing poetry, fiction, plays, and essays, Inman was also a prolific correspondent and diarist. He was active in numerous causes, including the War in Vietnam, the Civil Rights movement, gay rights, and various environmental issues. In 1956, he was questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee as to his relationship with the Communist Party. His activism continued into the 1990s; he led writing workshops in an Arizona State Prison, as well as teaching writing to homeless people in transition. Inman passed away in 2009.

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## **Administrative Information**

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Collection is open for research.

### **Use Restrictions**

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## Acquisition Information

The Will Inman papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a purchase from Will Inman in 1998-1999, as gifts in 2001-2003 and 2009, and as a gift from Eugene Stelzig in 2023.

## Processing Information

Processed by Don Sechler

Completed August 11, 1998; Further additions accessioned in 1999 by Lisa Stark

2001-2003 Additions processed by Michelle Garcia; Joshua Kaiser; Douglas Brown

Accession 2009-0263 added by Meghan Lyon, December 2009

Accession 2023-0142 added by Leah Tams, November 2023.

Encoded by Don Sechler; Lisa Stark; Danielle McGregor; Ruth E. Bryan; Joshua Kaiser; Douglas Brown; Meghan Lyon

This collection is unprocessed: materials may not have been ordered and described beyond their original condition.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Duke University -- Students
- Editors -- United States
- American literature -- 20th century -- Periodicals
- Authors, American -- 20th century
- Homosexuality -- Literary collections
- Erotic poetry, American
- Diaries -- American authors
- Inman, Will, 1923-. Manuscripts
- Authors, American -- Southern States -- Political and social views
- College students -- North Carolina -- Correspondence
- Communism -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Tucson (Ariz.) -- Social life and customs
- Authors, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence
- Authors, American -- 20th century -- Diaries

- Authors, American -- Southern States
- Authors, American -- Southern States -- Correspondence
- Wilmington (N.C.) -- Description and travel
- Tucson (Ariz.) -- Description and travel
- Wilmington (N.C.) -- Social life and customs
- Diaries
- Color photographs
- Black-and-white photographs
- Notebooks
- Protest poetry, American
- Poets, American -- 20th century -- Diaries
- Political activists -- United States -- Correspondence
- Political poetry, American -- 20th century
- Prisoners -- Correspondence
- Homosexuality -- Poetry
- Indians of North America -- Poetry
- Poets, American -- 20th century
- Poets, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence
- McGirt, William Archibald, 1923-2009
- Baca, Jimmy Santiago, 1952-
- Free University of New York
- Inman , Will, 1923-2009

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## Collection Inventory

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### Accession (1998-0338)

#### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence with various individuals, organizations, and literary magazines, arranged in alphabetical order. Some correspondence is foldered by subject and incorporated into the alphabetical arrangement. Also included with this accession are miscellaneous published and unpublished poetry and essays, diaries, and miscellaneous clippings and notes.

Correspondence

Box 1

#### Scope and Contents note

The correspondence includes the letters Inman received from his parents, Delia E. and William A. McGirt, while a student at Duke University from 1940-1943. The series maintains Inman's original folder titles and alphabetical arrangement.

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Angry Arts, [St. Patrick's Day Church Protest]

Box 1

Araay, Hailu	Box 1
Artists of Conscience	Box 1
Ashley, George	Box 1
Bailey, Mary	Box 1
Baird, Martha - Society for Aesthetic Realism	Box 1
Baldwin, James	Box 1
Bassil, Robert - Michigan Voices	Box 1
Benes, Barton Lidice	Box 1
Blair, Ed	Box 1
Blake, Tom	Box 1
Bleakley, Harriet	Box 1
Blessed Damned	Box 1
Berke, Joe	Box 1
Bonitz, Fred	Box 1
Brandt, Barbara	Box 1
Boyd, Sue Abbott	Box 1
Breakthru Magazine	Box 1
Brown, Norman O.	Box 1
Chase, Rod	Box 1
Chimney Rock	Box 1
Communist Party	Box 1
"Conchsound in the Hills" - [Newspaper Column]	Box 1
Conscientious Objector Letters	Box 1
Coordinating Council for Literary Magazines	Box 1

COSMEP - Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers	Box 1
Cousins, Norman	Box 1
Crooks Family	Box 1
Day, Ashely T.	Box 1
McGirt, Delia Ellen (Inman), 1939-1942 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 1
McGirt, William A., Sr., 1940-1943 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 1
McGirt, William A., Sr., 1940-1943 <b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	Box 2
McGirt, William A., Sr. and McGirt, Delia Ellen, 1946-1948	Box 2
Miscellaneous Acquaintances, 1959-1970	Box 2
Whishnart, Charleen - Charlotte Observer/Red Clay Reader	Box 2
Wilkinson, Bethell	Box 2
Williamson, Eula - Raleigh News and Observer	Box 2
<b>Writings/Journals</b>	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
The writings include Inman's published poetry and essays for his newspaper column "Conchsound in the Hills." The journals include one diary with miscellaneous poetry from the 1960s and one diary from 1986.	
" Conchsound in the Hills"- Poetry and Essays <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 2
Journal / Miscellaneous Poetry 1960s <b>Physical Description:</b> 1 folder	Box 2
Journal 1986	Box 2
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	

Clippings and Notes	Box 2
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**Physical Description:** 6 folders

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### Accessions (1998-0346) and (1998-0367)

#### Scope and Contents note

These two accessions include copies of the books and literary journals featuring Inman's work; published and unpublished writings (chronological order); diaries form 1950-1994;and correspondence with various individuals and organizations (alphabetical order).

Diaries	Box 1
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1950, May4. - 1978, Apr. 13	Box 1
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**Physical Description:** 16 folders

Diaries	Box 2
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1978, Apr. 14- 1994, Dec. 30	Box 2
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**Physical Description:** 14 folders

Writings	Box 3
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Published Poems 1940s-1950s	Box 3
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1940-1947	Box 3
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1948-1952	Box 3
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1951	Box 3
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1953-1954	Box 3
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1955	Box 3
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1956-1958	Box 3
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1958-1960	Box 3
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1959	Box 3
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1959-1963	Box 3
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1960	Box 3
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1961-1962	Box 3
1963	Box 3
1964	Box 3
1967	Box 3
1968	Box 3
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
1970-1974	Box 3
1975	Box 3
1975-1976	Box 3
1976	Box 3
1977	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
1978	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
1979-1980	Box 4
1980	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
1981	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
1982	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
1983	Box 4
1984	Box 4
1985 - Stretchings: Selected Poems, 1985	Box 4
1985	Box 4

1987	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Writings 1987-1988	Box 5
1988	Box 5
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
1989	Box 5
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Correspondence	Box 6
Eller, James	Box 6
EPOS - Evelyn Thorne	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Evans, Richard	Box 6
Evans, William McKee	Box 6
Eventorium	Box 6
Faber, Robert	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Falleder, Arnold	Box 6
Faulkner, Stanley	Box 6
Faust, Seymour	Box 6
FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation	Box 6
Feldman, Eugene	Box 6
Ferlinghetti, L. ( City Lights)	Box 6
Fiddlehead - Fred Cogswell	Box 6
Flowers, Shirley	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	

Flynn, Grace	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Foster, Musa	Box 6
Fowler, Gene	Box 6
Fowler, John	Box 6
Fox, Hugh	Box 6
Fox, Leonard (Leonid)	Box 6
Frances, Thomas	Box 6
Frantz, Laurent and Marge	Box 6
Freelance	Box 6
Free University - NY	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
French, Elizabeth	Box 6
French, Elizabeth	Box 7
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
French, Warren	Box 7
Friends World Institute	Box 7
Fromm, Erich, Dr.	Box 7
Gauthier, Carol Anne	Box 7
Genesis (theatre)	Box 7
Georeakas, Dan	Box 7
Gerstman, Eric	Box 7
Giles, Dolores	Box 7
Glassman, Marlene	Box 7
Glaze, Andrew	Box 7

Glenn, Jerome Clayton	Box 7
Golden, Harry (Carolina Israelite)	Box 7
Goliards, Paul and Mariah	Box 7
Gottesman, Marie	Box 7
Gove, James ( Showcase)	Box 7
Greigs, N.A. and Beth	Box 7
Greiger, William (Bill)	Box 7
Grinberg, Miguel ( Argentina)	Box 7
Harpers	Box 7
Harrington, Donald Szantho	Box 7
Harriot, Samuel	Box 7
Harris, Barry ( Theiner Well)	Box 7
Hayden, James L. and Barbara Lee	Box 7
Head, Robert (NOLA)	Box 7
Heifferon, B.	Box 7
Hirschhorn, Paul	Box 7
Hoag, Bonnie Elizabeth	Box 7
Hoffman, Jill (Steinberg)	Box 7
Hodges, Walter	Box 7
Holcomb, Della and Lester	Box 7
Holland, Barbara	Box 7
Homik	Box 7
Honey in Hot Blood	Box 7
Hopkins, Velma	Box 7

Horn, Jon	Box 7
Hubbard, Grigsby	Box 7
Hughes, Tom	Box 7
I am the Snake Handler: Lament and Psalm	Box 7
I Ching	Box 7
Inman, Samuel Guy	Box 7
Janes, Kelly	Box 7
Jawarski, Richard	Box 7
Jerome, Sister Gail	Box 7
Jervay, T.C. ( Wilmington Journal)	Box 7
Johnson, Anne Rhodes	Box 7
Johnson Lyndon B.	Box 7
Jones, Leroi	Box 7
Jones, Mrs. Prescott ( Aunt Nell Inman)	Box 7
Jones, Thomas L.	Box 7
Joseph, Clifford	Box 7
Joshi, Ratanlal	Box 7
Kauri	Box 7
Kempton, Karl and Sylvia	Box 7
Katz, Menke - Bitter Root	Box 7
Kennedy, Laura	Box 7
Published Materials - Books and Literary Journals	Box 8
Vincent: The Mad Brother of Theo	Box 8
New North Carolina Poetry: The Eighties	Box 8

The Unitarian Universalist Poets	Box 8
Images from the High Plains	Box 8
Lament and Psalm	Box 8
Of Poetry and Power: Poems Occasioned by the Presidency and by the Death of John F. Kennedy	Box 8
Mad Windows	Box 8
Gay Sunshine Journal: Gay Fiction Anthology	Box 8
TOPO	Box 8
Samisdatt	Box 8
Transports	Box 8
Songs for Our Time	Box 8
Poet: An International Monthly	Box 8
Brother Word	Box 8
Selected Poems: Will Inman and Charles Taylor	Box 8
The Friendly World	Box 8
REAL: Re Arts and Letters	Box 8
Cross-Fertilization	Box 8
South and West: An International Literary Quarterly	Box 8
Uroboros	Box 8
Minotaur 7	Box 8
Southwest: A Contemporary Anthology	Box 8
Ironwood 19	Box 8
Pembroke Magazine	Box 8

NYQ: The New York Quarterly (1972)	Box 8
NYQ: The New York Quarterly (1975)	Box 8
A River of Laughter	Box 8
Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time	Box 8
Passages	Box 8
We Sing Our Struggle	Box 8
A Geography of Poets	Box 8
In a Time of Revolution	Box 8
The East Side Scene: American Poetry, 1960-1965	Box 8
Honey in Hot Blood	Box 8
Black Men, White Men: A Gay Anthology	Box 8
A Still Wind	Box 8
Ohzone	Box 8
Thirteen	Box 8
Image	Box 8
Cafe Solo	Box 8
I Am the Snake Handler	Box 8
Fennel Stalk	Box 8
Spectacular Diseases 8: Sexuality and the Argument of Art	Box 8
The Windless Orchard	Box 8
Scree	Box 8
Swords of Darkness	Box 8
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Correspondence	Box 1
Ailey, Alvin	Box 1
Akivah	Box 1
Allen, Robert and Pam	Box 1
Allerdice, John	Box 1
Allyn, George	Box 1
AMERIKA (cases in point)	Box 1
Anderson, Sidney	Box 1
Anthony, Philip	Box 1
Approach	Box 1
Archer, Norman	Box 1
Arnoni, M.	Box 1
Avital, Samuel	Box 1
Barrett, Alice	Box 1
Barry, Donald	Box 1
Barth, John	Box 1
Berge, Carol	Box 1
Berkman, Jack and Eleanor	Box 1
Berry's - Writer's Forum	Box 1
Bertois, Michele	Box 1
Bethell-Wilkson	Box 1
Bibbs, Hart Leroi	Box 1

Black Mask	Box 1
Bloom, Gene	Box 1
Brennan, Peg	Box 1
Brill, Father Earl	Box 1
Brooks, Jim David	Box 1
Broome, Harry Travis	Box 1
Brown, Jacqueline	Box 1
Brown University	Box 1
Brown, Michael	Box 1
Burns, Jerry	Box 1
Business, Miscellaneous	Box 1
Callahan, Jim	Box 1
Cebulski, Paul	Box 1
Chodes, John	Box 1
Christie, Elaine	Box 1
Cintron, Wilfredo	Box 1
Clarke, Michael and Frederica	Box 1
Cohen, Joseph	Box 1
"Conchsound in the Hills" (4 folders)	Box 1
Cooper, P.	Box 1
Corbitt, W.Z.	Box 1
Cornish, Sam	Box 1
"Cosmos" (clippings)	Box 1
Couch, Philip	Box 1

Cox, Harvey A. (3 folders)	Box 1
Crews, Judson	Box 1
Coelho, Art	Box 1
Currier, Raymond	Box 1
Dane, Barbara	Box 1
D.C. Acquaintances	Box 1
DeBaggio, Thomas and Joyce	Box 1
Dentists	Box 1
Dorn, Alfred	Box 1
Dubois. Dr. WEB	Box 1
Duke University	Box 1
Duncan, Helen Zoe ( Wheaton College)	Box 1
Edinburgh, Lee	Box 1
Editors, Small Magazines (3 folders)	Box 1
Kennedy, Sen. Robert	Box 2
Kent, Art	Box 2
Kriby, Rev. Roderick	Box 2
Kitson, Worth	Box 2
Kiviat, Erik	Box 2
Kurson, Rissa	Box 2
Kramer, Aaron	Box 2
Krawchek, Karen and Bob	Box 2
Lafferty, Michael	Box 2
Laks, Rhoda	Box 2

Landlords, leases, etc.	Box 2
Larkins, William	Box 2
Larson, Carl	Box 2
Lawrence, Gale	Box 2
Len, Gladys	Box 2
Leal, Father John A.	Box 2
Leber, Eric and Jennifer, Lorn and Jeremy	Box 2
Legman, G.	Box 2
Le Monde	Box 2
Leslie, Joe	Box 2
Levy, Bill and Rachel	Box 2
Lhaman, Judy	Box 2
Little, Bill and Holly	Box 2
Love, Louise - Mrs. T.D. Love (2 folders)	Box 2
Luce	Box 2
Lynx - Margaret Lee Johnson	Box 2
McAlister, Mr. Lacy	Box 2
McClammy, Margaret	Box 2
McDowell, David	Box 2
McGirt, Archibald - Family History	Box 2
McGirt, Ellen Inman (3 folders)	Box 2
McGirt Family (7 folders)	Box 2
McGirt, W.A., Sr. - Business	Box 2
McGirt, W.A., Sr. (1 folder)	Box 2

McGirt, W.A., Sr., and Delia Inman (7 folders)	Box 3
McGrath, Wm. (6 folders)	Box 3
McGovern, Sen. George	Box 3
McLaren, Ken	Box 3
Major, Clarence	Box 3
Manana, Herbert	Box 3
Marco, Anton (Tony)	Box 3
Marty, Martin E.	Box 3
Martin, Sarah	Box 3
Martin, Neal	Box 3
Mason, Lenise	Box 3
May, James Boyce	Box 3
Mazurova, Alexandra	Box 3
Melegrito, Elvira and Jonathon	Box 3
Melvilles (3 folders)	Box 3
Melvilles (1 folder)	Box 4
Mielke, Thelma	Box 4
Mills, Barriss	Box 4
Mintz, Ellen (see also McGirt, Ellen Inman)	Box 4
Montgomery, George	Box 4
Moraff, Barbara	Box 4
Morgan, John, USMC (6 folders)	Box 4
Mornin	Box 4
Morris, Richard	Box 4

Motive	Box 4
Montgomery College - Students	Box 4
Montgomery College	Box 4
Mugge, Robert (3 folders)	Box 4
Murphy, Frank	Box 4
Mutiny	Box 4
National Guardian	Box 4
NYU Library	Box 4
News and Observer, Raleigh	Box 4
Nolan, David	Box 4
Norman, Ron	Box 4
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### Accessions (1998-0395) and (1998-0404)

Correspondence, 1950s-1980s Box 1

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence in alphabetical order by correspondent's last name, M through Y. Some folder titles pertain to subjects, journals and poem titles, or classes Inman taught. This portion of the collection chiefly covers the early 1950s through the late 1980s. In many cases, Inman has included copies of his responses to the correspondence received.

McGirt, Harry	Box 1
Notables	Box 1
O'Brien, Jane	Box 1
"Of Poetry and Power"	Box 1
Officials	Box 1

"One Hundred and Eight Events"	Box 1
"One Hundred and Eight Prayers for J. Edgar"	Box 1
"One Hundred and Eight Verges Unto Now"	Box 1
Overmeyer, Barbara	Box 1
Overton, Marcia	Box 1
Owen, Guy	Box 1
Owens, David	Box 1
Paredes, Juan	Box 1
PARADOX reading	Box 1
Parrish, Juanita	Box 1
Pavlovits, A.	Box 1
Payne, John	Box 1
Poetry Subscriptions	Box 1
Peart, Rosalind	Box 1
Peress, Dr. Irving	Box 1
Perkins, Michael	Box 1
Perniciaro, Tony	Box 1
Perry, Phil	Box 1
Phillips, Milton	Box 1
Pierson, Virginia (2 folders)	Box 1
Pike, Steve	Box 1
Planz, Allen	Box 1
Plummer, Paul	Box 1
POET - American Issue	Box 1

Poetry Submitted [Accepted]	Box 1
Poetry Magazine	Box 1
Poetry Society of America	Box 1
Pollack, Felix	Box 1
Politicians	Box 1
Pride - American University Course	Box 1
Progressive Party	Box 1
Protests	Box 1
Protest Letters	Box 1
Quakers	Box 1
Quasebarth, Ron	Box 1
Rafalsky, Steve	Box 1
Rafferty, Michael	Box 1
Ragan, Sam	Box 1
Ramirez, Louise	Box 1
Raphael, Lennox	Box 1
Rasey, David	Box 1
Raskin, Marc and Barb	Box 2
Rather, Linda	Box 2
Ray, Stanli	Box 2
Reed, Ishmael	Box 2
Relatives, Irregular	Box 2
Renata, Ralph	Box 2
Reyes, Carlos	Box 2

Reynolds, Jack	Box 2
Richards, Howard	Box 2
Richardson, Tom	Box 2
Right Wing	Box 2
Rivera, René	Box 2
Roddewig, Louis	Box 2
Rose, Leanna	Box 2
Rosen, Jeff	Box 2
Rosen, Jon	Box 2
Rosen, Rose	Box 2
Rosenberg, Marc	Box 2
Rosenbaum, Jean	Box 2
Rother, Rev. Charles	Box 2
Rubb, Cliff	Box 2
Ruiz, Dennis	Box 2
Russell, Bertrand	Box 2
Rustin, Bayard	Box 2
Saint-Geraud	Box 2
Salamon, Russell	Box 2
Sander, Margaret	Box 2
Sanders, C.R..	Box 2
Schramm, Irene	Box 2
Seiffer, Sam	Box 2
Sensitivity	Box 2

Shapiro, Nancy Jane	Box 2
Sherman, Bob	Box 2
Sherry, Ruth Forbes	Box 2
Sheviakava, Clara	Box 2
Siegel, Alan	Box 2
Sierra, Gil	Box 2
Simon, Alvin	Box 2
Simpson, Bessie Maude	Box 2
Singer, James	Box 2
Sitaramayya, K.B.	Box 2
Smith, James	Box 2
Smoot, Paul	Box 2
Spoor, Dale	Box 2
Srinivas, Krishna	Box 2
Standish, Jim	Box 2
St. Marks	Box 2
Stanley, Will	Box 2
Stanton, Robert	Box 2
Starbuck, Jeff	Box 3
Stelzig, Eugene	Box 3
Stepleton, Jim	Box 3
Stetler, Russell	Box 3
Stewart, David	Box 3
Stone, I.F. [ Ethan Stone]	Box 3

Studies on Will Inman	Box 3
Susshoetz, Michael	Box 3
Sussman, Vic	Box 3
Swallow, Alan	Box 3
Swensen, Karen	Box 3
Swift, Beulah	Box 3
Tagliabue, John	Box 3
Tagore Society	Box 3
Tanner, Powell	Box 3
Targets	Box 3
Taylor, Bill	Box 3
Terrialles, Vincent	Box 3
Terzian, Larry	Box 3
Teunis, William	Box 3
Thomas, Neal	Box 3
Tignor, Marian	Box 3
Tompkins Square Press	Box 3
Touchet, Francis	Box 3
Trunzo, Russ	Box 3
Tucker, Harry	Box 3
Tyrka	Box 3
Tyson, Brady	Box 3
Umbra	Box 3
United Peoples	Box 3

Ussery, Harvey and Evelyn	Box 3
Village Voice	Box 3
Vining, Kay	Box 3
Vira, Soma	Box 3
Von Bretzel, Philip	Box 3
Vrbovska, Anca	Box 3
Wachtel, Joel	Box 3
Wakowski, Dianne	Box 3
Waller, Bill	Box 3
Walser, Richard	Box 3
WAMU- FM	Box 3
War Resisters League	Box 3
Warley, Elliot	Box 3
WBAI-FM	Box 3
Weitzner, Rénee	Box 3
Weddings	Box 3
Wellman, John	Box 3
West, Don	Box 3
Wheaton College	Box 3
White, Bob	Box 3
White, Grace	Box 3
Wilkinson, Ned	Box 3
Willard, Robert	Box 3
Williams, Jonathan	Box 3

Williams, Vincent B.	Box 3
Wilson, May	Box 3
Winchester, Kermit	Box 3
Winston Salem	Box 3
Women's Group	Box 3
Wolfe, Thomas	Box 3
Wood, John	Box 3
Writers and Editors - War Tax Protest	Box 3
Writers Exchange - Herb Vernon	Box 3
Yale Club Library	Box 3
Yglesias, Roberto	Box 3
Correspondence, 1980s-1990s	Box 4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
<p>Later correspondence, primarily with friends and other poets, arranged in alphabetical order. In almost all cases, Inman has included copies of his responses to the correspondence he received.</p>	
Bagby, Jeanne	Box 4
Cage, Taylor (2 folders)	Box 4
Constable, Pam and Arturo Venezuela	Box 4
Craven, Jerry	Box 4
del Vecchio, Gloria	Box 4
Falleder, Arnold	Box 4
Fenton, Sharon (2 folders)	Box 4
French, Elizabeth (2 folders)	Box 4
Gholsen, Christien (2 folders)	Box 4

Gove, Jim (5 folders)	Box 4
Grumman, Bob (2 folders)	Box 4
Hanni, Carl	Box 5
Huffstickler, Albert (9 folders)	Box 5
Ingalls, Jeremy	Box 5
Leber, Eric (2 folders)	Box 5
Luce, Ralph	Box 5
Mariah, Paul	Box 5
McAnally, Mary	Box 6
Moore, Bob	Box 6
Phillips, Milton	Box 6
Robson, William	Box 6
Rutowski, Thad	Box 6
Sullivan, Kevin Patrick (2 folders)	Box 6
Taylor, Valerie	Box 6
Thorn, Lee	Box 6
Woods, Christopher (3 folders)	Box 6
Yamrus, John	Box 6
Writings (2 folders)	Box 6

**Scope and Contents note**

Miscellaneous unsorted manuscripts, notes, fragments, and related clippings.

Clippings (2 folders)	Box 6
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**Scope and Contents note**

Primarily clippings of "Conchsound in the Hills," Inman's newspaper column from the early 1970s.

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Miscellaneous (3 folders)	Box 6
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**Scope and Contents note**

Assorted clippings, personal documents, and unsorted correspondence.

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**Accessions (1998-0414) and (1998-0415)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Accessions received in September of 1998. These additions to the collection consist of correspondence with prisoners, correspondence with family members and other individuals, miscellaneous writings and notes, and published literary journals, magazines, and poetry anthologies.

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Miscellaneous (2 folders)	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Miscellaneous unsorted notes, writings, and papers.

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Correspondence with prisoners, 1975-1998

**Scope and Contents note**

Inman's correspondence with the prisoners began in the mid 1970s, when Inman first started teaching a writing workshop in several prisons near Tucson, and continued through to 1998. The letters themselves contain many examples of the writings that the prisoners produced during and after Inman's workshop and provide insights into the intense and supportive relationships that Inman developed with the prisoners. While this portion of the collection is open for research, those using it may not quote the names of individual prisoners. This correspondence has been arranged chronologically to the year level, but may need further processing before use.

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Letters, 1975-1977 (1 folder)	Box 1
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Letters, 1978	Box 1
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Letters, 1979 (2 folders)	Box 1
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Letters, 1980	Box 1
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Letters, 1981	Box 1
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Letters, 1982	Box 1
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Letters, 1983	Box 1
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Preliminary Guide to the Will Inman Papers, 1910-2009

Letters; 1984	Box 1
Letters, 1985 (3 folders)	Box 1
Letters, 1986	Box 1
Letters, 1987	Box 1
Letters, 1989 (2 folders)	Box 1
Letters, miscellaneous 1990s	Box 1
Letters, 1990 (1 folders)	Box 1
Letters, 1990 (1 folders)	Box 2
Letters, 1991 (5 folders)	Box 2
Letters, 1992 (2 folders)	Box 2
Letters, 1993 (4 folders)	Box 2
Letters, 1994 (2 folders)	Box 2
Letters, 1995 (2 folders)	Box 2
Letters, 1996 (2 folder)	Box 3
Letters, 1997	Box 3
Letters, 1998	Box 3
Letters, undated	Box 3
<b>Correspondence, general</b>	
McGirt, William A., Sr. (2 folders)	Box 3
McGirt, Harry G. (2 folders)	Box 3
Brigham, Besmilr	Box 3
Giancola, Dan	Box 3
Hill, Walter	Box 3
Napora, Joe (6 folders)	Box 3
Thorne, Evelyn (2 folder)	Box 3

Tisdale, Walter	Box 3
Tritica, John (2 folders)	Box 3
Published Materials	Box 4

**Scope and Contents note**

Poetry journals, anthologies, and literary magazines, many featuring Inman's poetry and prose writings.

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**Accessions (1998-0418) and (1998-0438)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Accessions received in September 1998. These accessions consist of small amounts of clippings from gay newspapers and literary journals and correspondence with editors and publishers of literary journals where Inman submitted work.

Correspondence with Editors, 1960s-1995	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Inman's correspondence with editors and publishers of small literary journals spans 1966-1996 (bulk 1980-1995), and is chiefly concerned with the publication of his work. The letters of several editors who Inman corresponded with on a regular basis are arranged alphabetically by correspondent at the front of the collection. The bulk of the material, Inman's correspondence with miscellaneous editors, is arranged chronologically by the year.

Boyd, Greg, "Asylum Arts"	Box 1
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Chorlton, David and Roberta, "The Signal" (16 folders)	Box 1
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes some correspondence with Joan Silva, co-editor of "The Signal."

Daggy, Robert, " Thomas Merton Studies Center"	Box 1
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Dame, Enid, "Home Planet News"	Box 1
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De Frates, Steven, (3 folders)	Box 1
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De Frates, Steven, (2 folders)	Box 2
Hathaway, Michael, "Chiron Review"	Box 2
Katz, Menke, "Bitterroot"	Box 2
Kopelke, Kendra, "Passager"	Box 2
Moe, Frederick, "Color Wheel"	Box 2
Morse, Carl, Open Lines: Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time	Box 2
Packard, William, New York Quarterly	Box 2
Page, Carolyn, "Potato Eyes"	Box 2
Rogers, Norma, "Cultural Dimensions"	Box 2
Stephenson, Shelby, "Pembroke Magazine"	Box 2
Stone, Ken, Thirteen M.A.F. Press (2 folders)	Box 2
Miscellaneous Editors, 1960s	Box 2
Miscellaneous Editors, 1970s (2 folders)	Box 2
Miscellaneous Editors, 1980	Box 2
Miscellaneous Editors, 1981 (2 folders)	Box 2
Miscellaneous Editors, 1982	Box 2

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### **Accession (1998-0481)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Accession received October, 1998. Includes copies of Inman's literary journal Kauri, other literary journals, and Inman's daily journal for 1995-1997.

Literary Journals	Box 1
Kauri, 1964-1971 (6 folders)	Box 1
Intrepid	Box 1

Gargoyle	Box 1
<b>Writings</b>	
Miscellaneous (2 folders)	Box 1
1964 (2 folders)	Box 1
Works and Commentary, 1983-1986 (7 folders)	Box 1
Poetry and Commentary, 1990 (3 folders)	Box 1
Journals, 1995-1997 (3 folders)	Box 1
Miscellaneous	Box 1

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### **Accession (1998-0534)**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Nine-box unprocessed accession received in December, 1998. Chiefly correspondence from the 1970s, poetry (1986), and literary magazines and pamphlets from the 1980s and 1990s.

Correspondence	Box 1
Correspondence	Box 2
Correspondence	Box 3
Correspondence	Box 4
Correspondence	Box 5
Correspondence	Box 6
Correspondence	Box 7
<b>Writings</b>	
Poetry, 1986	Box 7
Correspondence	Box 8
Literary Magazines	Box 8

**Scope and Contents note**

Various literary magazines and poetry journals, chiefly from the 1980s and 1990s.

Literary Magazines Box 9

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**Accession (1999-0030)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Materials range in dates from 1938 through 1998

Correspondence, 1970s-1990s (unsorted)	Box 1
Correspondence, 1970s-1990s (unsorted)	Box 2
Correspondence, 1970s-1990s (unsorted)	Box 3
Correspondence, 1970s-1990s (unsorted)	Box 4
Correspondence, 1970s-1990s (unsorted)	Box 5
Correspondence, 1970s-1990s (unsorted)	Box 6
Clippings, 1960s	Box 7
Personal and Financial Papers	Box 7
Diary, 1952	Box 7
Poetry, 1991-1992	Box 8
Typescripts, ca.1950	Box 8
Typescripts, 1980s-1990s	Box 8
School Yearbooks, 1938-1939	Box 8
Journals, 1990s	Box 8

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**Accession (1999-0156)**

**Scope and Contents note**

One box unprocessed accession, chiefly correspondence, 1960s-1980s. Correspondents include Eugene Feldman, Robert Faber and Brother William McGrath.

William McGrath	Box 1
Robert Feldman	Box 1
Robert Faber	Box 1

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**Accession (1999-0192)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Two boxes unprocessed correspondence and writings.

Randall, Margaret	Box 1
Wise, Greg	Box 1
Taylor, Charles	Box 1
Allen, Chude	Box 1
Whitebread, J.	Box 1
Unsorted (8 folders)	Box 1
Writings and miscellaneous printed materials	Box 2
Baby book, 1923	Box 2

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**Accession (1999-0258)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Materials date: 1941-1994 (bulk 1966-1977)

Writings (5 folders)	Box 1
Correspondence (2 folders)	Box 1

Photographs, slides, and negatives	Box 1
Printed Materials (7 folders)	Box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Includes clippings, newsletters, and journals	
Printed Materials (6 folders)	Box 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Primarily clippings of his column Conchsound in the Hills	
Oversize Materials	Box 3
Clippings	Box 3
Volumes:	
The Best of Ralph Waldo Emerson	Box 3
Walden, with Inman's marginalia	Box 3
Scrapbook	Box 4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
All materials in this box arrived together pasted to a poster-size pad of paper, essentially used as a scrapbook. Includes clippings, letters, and other miscellaneous materials.	

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### Accession (2001-0195)

#### Access Restrictions:

Some of the materials in this collection are restricted: The correspondence may not be published.

#### Processing Information:

[In addition, some of the materials in this accession are not immediately accessible, because they require further processing before use. Please contact Research Services staff before visiting the Special Collections Library to use this collection.]

Typescript poetry, 1997-2000; Journal/Diary (includes glued-in weather reports from the Tucson Citizen for each day), 2000 January

1- 2001 August 9; Correspondence/Poetry,  
1976-1996 Box 1

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Correspondence, 1977-1996; Paperback  
poetry journal, La Confluencia, 1978 March;  
Typescript poetry by Jimmy Santiago Baca, ca.  
1977 and 1988 Box 2

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Correspondence, 1977-1995; Typescripts of  
Inman's and Baca's poetry, 1977-1996 Box 3

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Correspondence and Poetry, 1977-1980; "A  
Resonance of Begetting," typed manuscript by  
Inman, 1999 January 8-9; Typescript poetry by  
Baca; Correspondence 1977-1978; "Healing  
Earthquakes," by Baca, undated Box 4

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Oversized material  
Typescript poetry by Inman as Bill McGirt,  
1940-1956, and as Inman, 1953-1957; Framed  
"thank-you" regarding the magazine Kauri  
to Inman from Louie Roddewig containing a  
poem, a hand-written note, and a two-dollar  
bill, undated Box 5

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**Processing Information:**

[Technical Services staff need to reformat newspaper clippings and brittle  
paper before use.]

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**Accession (2002-0143)**

**Processing Information:**

Some of the materials in this accession are not immediately accessible, because  
they require further processing before use. Please contact Research Services  
staff before visiting the Rubenstein Library to use this collection.

Contents of Box 1: Box 1

**Processing Information:**

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newsprint before use.]

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Correspondence (A-D)	Box 1
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Contents of Box 2:	Box 2
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**Processing Information:**

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Correspondence (D-I)	Box 2
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**Processing Information:**

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Correspondence (I-K)	Box 3
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Correspondence (K-M)	Box 4
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**Processing Information:**

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Correspondence (M-R)	Box 5
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**Processing Information:**

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Correspondence (R-W)

Box 6

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### **Accessions (2003-0181) and (2003-0124)**

#### **Processing Information:**

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Contents of Box 1:

Box 1

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[Loose Materials of Poetry and Prose Primarily  
by Inman.] 1957-2003

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Contents of Box 2:

Box 2

#### **Processing Information:**

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[Loose Materials of Poetry and Prose Primarily  
by Inman.] 1957-2003

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[Loose Materials of Literary Periodicals and  
Collections of Poetry and Prose.] 1957-2003

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Contents of Box 3:

Box 3

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[Loose Materials of Poetry and Prose Primarily  
by Inman.] 1957-2003

Box 3

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[Loose Materials of Literary Periodicals and  
Collections of Poetry and Prose.] 1957-2003

Box 3

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Contents of Box 4:

Box 4

<b>Processing Information:</b>	
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[Loose Materials of Literary Periodicals and Collections of Poetry and Prose.] 1957-2003	Box 4
Contents of Box 5:	Box 5
[Loose Materials of Literary Periodicals and Collections of Poetry and Prose.] 1957-2003	Box 5
Contents of Box 6:	Box 6
<b>Processing Information:</b>	
[Technical Services staff need to process materials in envelopes and reformat newsprint before use.]	
[Loose Materials of Literary Periodicals and Collections of Poetry and Prose.] 1957-2003	Box 6
[Loose Materials of Poetry and Prose by Inman.] 1957-2003	Box 6
Contents of Box 7:	Box 7
[Poetry and Prose Primarily by Inman.] 1957-2003	Box 7
Contents of Box 8:	Box 8
[Poetry and Prose Primarily by Inman.] 1957-2003	Box 8
Paperweight	Box 8

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### **Accessions (2009-0263) and (2023-0142), 1963-2009**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**Scope and Contents note**

Addition (09-263) (500 items, 0.6 lin. ft.; dated 1976-2009) includes correspondence, poetry by Inman and others, press releases and reviews, official documents (such as his birth certificate, insurance information, and medical documents), and materials from Inman's death and funeral.

Addition (23-142) contains one folder of correspondence from Inman to Eugene Stelzig, as well as two issues of Kauri.

General poetry, 2007-2009	Box 1
Poetry by Inman	Box 1
Correspondence, 1976-2009 (2 folders)	Box 1
Press releases and reviews	Box 1
Newspaper articles, 2005-2007	Box 1
Official documents (legal and insurance materials)	Box 1
Poets	Box 1
Sierra Rx	Box 1
Vam Tran	Box 1
The Waterways Project	Box 1
Home Planet News	Box 1
Photographs	Box 1
Devon Gables Health Care Center, 2009	Box 1
Inman's death and funeral, 2009	Box 1
Cigar box with stamp collection and ephemera	Box 1
Correspondence with Eugene Stelzig, 1963-1965	Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Includes two issues of Kauri (June/July 1964 and July/August 1964).

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