

MSS 562

The Fred W. Todd Tennessee Williams Collection

Financial and Legal Documents: Items 906-931 *Preliminary Inventory*
10/11/03

Includes a production contract dated May 8, 1940 between Tennessee Williams and The Dramatists Guild of the Author's League of America, Inc., and a October 5, 1953 agreement with Paramount Pictures regarding the filming of *The Rose Tattoo*. Also included are miscellaneous documents related to his domestic life in Key West, and correspondence which is essentially legalistic in nature. Items are arranged chronologically.

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Item 906 1940 May 8. 19-page dramatic production contract for *Battle of Angels* between Tennessee Williams and The Dramatists' Guild of the Author's League of America, Inc.

Item 907 1940 May 28. One page letter from Warren P. Munsell, Business Manager of The Theatre Guild Inc., New York to Tennessee Williams, New York. Confirming an agreement that The Theatre Guild will pay Williams \$100 for a reading option on his next play. The agreement is signed by Williams and countersigned by Don Angus Douglas of the Dramatist's Guild of the Authors' League of America Inc.

Item 908 1945 May 17. One page letter from Edward H. Dodd of the Dodd, Mead and Company, Inc. to Miss Margaret Mayorga c/o Harmony Book Shop, New York. The letter confirms that [Dodd, Mead, and Company, Inc] will pay [Miss Margaret Mayorga] a royalty of two and one-half percent on the published retail list price of the regular edition after five thousand copies of *The Last of My Solid Gold Watches*.

Item 909 1953 October 5. 55 page agreement between Tennessee Williams and Paramount Pictures Corporation regarding *The Rose Tattoo*. The agreement is not signed.

Item 910 1958 January 30. Prescription to treat Williams' English bulldog's chronic ear fungus problem.

Item 911 1961 March 20. One page letter from Audrey Wood to Miss Floria Lasky, New York listing items that should not be included in the pre-production expenses for *The Night of the Iguana*.

Item 912 [1961] Contract between Williams and Two Rivers Enterprises, Inc. promising Williams house seats and opening night seats for the entire run of *The Night of The Iguana*. Contract is not signed.

Item 913 1962 May 14. One page letter from Howard Kaufman of Julius Lefkowitz and Company certified public accountants, New York to Tennessee Williams, Key West, Florida. Enclosed are six pages of financial statements including a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for Tennessee Williams, a schedule of royalty income for *The Night of the Iguana*, and statements of receipts and disbursements for Two Rivers Enterprises, Moon Lake Productions, and Key West Pinsetter Inc. With attached note "Already Opened When received May 29, MBV [Marion Black Vaccaro]"

Item 914 1962, July 24. A letter addressed to Mr. Tennessee Williams c/o Alan Schwartz, Greenbaum, Wolff and Ernst, New York outlines an arrangement in which Ashley-Steiner-Famous Artists, Inc. would service all contracts effective July 23, 1962, Williams would not be subject to double commission, with respect to the twelve pages of contracts which is enclosed with this letter, Williams will pay the agency the full amount of the agency commission, that the agency will pay MCA fifty percent of the commission, and that Williams and MCA release each other fully from any and all actions, claims, obligations and demands of any and every nature. The arrangement is not signed.

Item 915 1962 August 6. The Chase Manhattan Bank principal account balance for Tennessee Williams as of the close of business August 6, 1962.

Item 916 1962 August 6. The Chase Manhattan Bank income account balance for Tennessee Williams as of the close of business August 6, 1962.

Item 917 [1962 December 20] Societe Des Auteurs and Compositeurs Dramatiques, Bulletin De Declaration.

Item 918 1963 April 24. An arrangement between Tennessee Williams and the Societe Des Auteurs et Compositeurs Dramatiques.

Item 919 [1965] Renewal certificate for Tennessee Williams' automobile insurance policy with INC [Insurance by North America] included are: renewal certificate, identification card, identification card holder, brochure about "safe driver" status. Seven items total.

Item 920 1967 March 29 Statement from Ace Jordan Electric, Key West, Florida to Tennessee Williams regarding the installation of a conduit line. The total cost is noted along with an itemized list of the cost of the materials needed dated March 27. Three items total.

Item 921 1967 April 4 Receipt from Diamond T. V., Key West Florida

Item 922 1967 April 5 Proposal from C.B.S. Construction Co. of Key West, Inc. for the labor and material necessary to construct a pool at Williams' 1431 Duncan St. address in Key West, Florida.

Item 923 1967 April 6 Receipt for the purchase of paint from The Sherwin-Williams Co., Key West, Florida.

Item 924 1967 April 7 Service Order for the fumigation of Drywood Termites at Williams' 1431 Duncan St. address in Key West from the Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc. Signed by Tennessee Williams.

Item 925 1967 April 10 Receipt for the purchase of painting supplies from The Sherwin Williams Co., Key West, Florida.

Item 926 1967 April 11 Receipt from Diamond T. V., Key West, Florida.

Item 927 1967 April 12 Proposal from C.B.S. Construction Co. of Key West, Inc. for the construction of a swimming pool at Williams' 1431 Duncan St. address in Key West, Florida. Signed by Williams.

Item 928 1967 April 13 Receipt for the purchase of painting supplies from the Sherwin Williams Co., Key West, Florida.

Item 929 [1968] Request from Dan M. Stirrup to "Gentlemen" regarding payment to Mr. Frank Fontes for \$165 for plantings around the swimming pool at Williams' 1431 Duncan St. address in Key West, Florida. The planting was requested by Bill Glavin. Attached is an invoice from Mr. Fontes.

Item 930 1968 April 3 Letter from John Kale of the Morgan and Brother Manhattan Storage Company, Inc., New York to Tennessee Williams [15 West 72nd Street Apt. 33-B, New York]. The letter confirms Mr. Williams' instructions regarding the removal of his household effects and their storage by the Manhattan Storage Company. Attached is the storage contract indicating that the move will take place June 26-28, 1968.

Item 931 1968 May 17 An agreement sent to Tennessee Williams and Edwina D. Williams c/o Ashley Famous Agency Inc., New York from

Talent Associates Ltd., New York. The agreement is regarding the right to distribute and broadcast *The Glass Menagerie*, also granted is the right to dub the production into Japanese.

Item 932 1968 June 17 Letter from Audrey Wood, New York to Tennessee Williams, New York. The letter is regarding the Japanese TV broadcast of *The Glass Menagerie*. She mentions that she is sending three copies of the agreement and asks that he sign and return them all to her.

Item 933 1969 March 12 Letter from Bob Simon of Julius Lefkowitz and Company, New York to Tennessee Williams, New York. Mr. Simon indicates that he is enclosing, a renewal application for Florida Homestead Exemption, Florida 1969 Intangible Personal Property Tax Return, U.S. individual income tax return for 1968, U. S. Individual estimated tax declaration for 1969 and also notes that he is enclosing a Longchamps credit card.

Item 934 1971 July 13 Citation for drunk and disorderly conduct given to William D. Glavin. Paid fine in the Municipal Court, City of Key West, Florida.

Item 935 1980 March 29 One page letter signed by Tennessee Williams to Elliot Martin agreeing to pay 20,000 dollars to keep *Clothes for a Summer Hotel* at the Cort Theatre for one more week. The letter is countersigned by Elliot Martin for the Hotel Company.

Item 936 1983 February 25 Order admitting will and codicil with a Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Tennessee Williams [September 11, 1980] In the circuit court for Monroe County, Florida Probate Division File Number 83-66[cp12].

Item 937 [year unreadable] July 25. Credit to Tennessee Williams account at the Chase Manhattan Bank for the sum of \$25.

Item 938 [no year] August 23. Contract between William Glavin and Macy's department store to have some slip covers made. Contract number 54216.

Item 939 [no year] August 23. Contract between William Glavin and Macy's department store for upholstery work. Contract number 1184.

Item 940 [undated] Four page Estimate for the extermination of Drywood termites at Williams' 1431 Duncan Street address in Key West, FL by the Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc. With the estimate is an advertisement for Vikane fumigant.

Item 941 [undated] receipt for the purchase of paint and supplies from the Sherwin Williams Co., Key West, Florida.