Claire, William F.

William Claire collection related to James T. Farrell
1969

Abstract: American writer and educator Edgar M. Branch wrote to the editor of the literary magazine Voyages William Claire to request a recent issue, in which the first chapter of James T. Farrell's unpublished novel The Vast Present appeared.
Descriptive Summary

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Title: William Claire collection related to James T. Farrell
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Extent: 2 items
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Notes

James T. Farrell

American novelist James T. Farrell, born February 27, 1904, in Chicago, Illinois, was best known for his Studs Lonigan trilogy.

Much of Farrell's fiction is set in his hometown of Chicago and addresses issues of the city's working class. Farrell published more than twenty-five novels during his lifetime, as well as numerous collections of stories and works of criticism. In addition to the Studs Lonigan trilogy, he wrote a series of five novels centered around the character Danny O'Neill.

Farrell was also active in contemporary politics and is generally associated with writers of the American left who emerged during the 1930s and 1940s. In his later years, Farrell devoted much of his writing to a cycle of novels titled *A Universe of Time*, which he began writing in the early 1960s and which he projected to include approximately thirty titles.

James T. Farrell died on August 22, 1979, in New York City.

William F. Claire

American writer and editor William F. Claire was born October 4, 1935, in Northampton, Massachusetts.

William Claire was founding editor and publisher of Voyages, a national literary magazine published in Washington, D.C., during the 1960s and 1970s. Additionally he has edited and published books relating to Alan Swallow, Mark Van Doren, the poetry of Michelangelo, and physicians as writers. He is also the author of several books of poetry, *From a Southern France Notebook* (1974), *The Strange Coherence of Our Dreams: Poems* (1973) and *Poems: a Selection* (2004).

Sources:


Edgar M. Branch

American writer and educator Edgar M. Branch wrote *A Bibliography of James T. Farrell's Writings, 1921-1957*.

Born on March 21, 1913 in Chicago, Illinois, Edgar Marquess Branch also wrote several biographical works on Farrell, as well as works on Mark Twain. Branch, who was the literary executor of the James T. Farrell estate, died on August 14, 2006.

Sources:

American writer and educator Edgar M. Branch wrote to the editor of the literary magazine Voyages to request a recent issue, in which the first chapter of James T. Farrell's unpublished novel The Vast Present appeared.

Branch mentioned in the letter that James T. Farrell had written to him about the excerpt. William Claire, who donated Branch's letter, has included a copy of the Spring 1969 issue of Voyages.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names
Farrell, James T. (James Thomas), 1904-1979--Correspondence.
Branch, Edgar Marquess, 1913- --Correspondence.

Topical Terms
Novelists, American--History--20th century--Correspondence.

Form/Genre Terms
Correspondence.
Periodicals.

Occupation
Novelists.

Personal Contributors
Branch, Edgar Marquess, 1913-, correspondent.

Related Materials in this Repository
This item forms part of MSS 099 Miscellaneous Literary and Historical Manuscripts.
MSS 214, James T. Farrell papers
MSS 368, Gene Phillips collection of James T. Farrell papers
MSS 548, Barry Wallenstein - James T. Farrell collection
MSS 099, F925, James T. Farrell letters to William F. Claire
Detailed Description of the Collection

Edgar M. Branch typed and signed letter to William Claire, 1969 June 15 [Box 64 F935]
1 item (1 p.)

Issue of Voyages, 1969 Spring [Box 64 F935]
1 item (112 p.)

This issue of Voyages includes chapter one of James T. Farrell's unpublished novel The Vast Present.