

FERROL SAMS COLLECTION
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Descriptive Summary

Creator Sams, Ferrol, 1922-2013

Title Ferrol Sams Collection

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Biographical Note

Ferrol Sams, Jr., was born in Woolsey, Georgia on September 26, 1922. He received a bachelor's degree from Mercer University in 1942 and attended Emory University Medical School for a year before leaving to enlist in the military in World War II. After the War, he continued his studies at Emory, where he met and married his wife, Helen Fletcher, who was also studying medicine. Receiving his M.D. in 1949, Sams and his wife opened a family practice in Fayetteville, where they would work until retirement. At the age of 60, Sams published his first book based on his youth, *Run with the Horsemen*. He would continue to publish two more semi-biographical books with *The Whisper of the River* and *When All the World Was Young* in addition to five other published works. On January 29, 2013, Dr. Sams passed away at his home in Fayetteville, Georgia, survived by his wife, four children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Scope and Content Note

The Ferrol Sams collections contains eleven boxes of handwritten and typed book manuscripts, both edited and unedited; it also contains the author's correspondence and other personal papers.

Subjects

Sams, Ferrol, 1922-2013
Mercer University

Container List

- Folder 1/1: *Run with the Horsemen* with edits, chapters 11 and 12 (notebook)
- Folder 1/2: *Run with the Horsemen* various pages
- Folder 1/3: *Run with the Horsemen* covers and notes
- Folder 1/4: *Run with the Horsemen?* Porter Youth? (not published?)
- Folder 1/5: *Whisper of the River* cover
- Folder 1/6: *Whisper of the River* with edits, chapters 7 and 8 (notebook)
- Folder 1/7: *Whisper of the River* chapter 9 page 125 (notebook)
- Folder 1/8: *Whisper of the River* chapter 11 (notebook paper)
- Folder 1/9: *Whisper of the River* chapters 10,13, 12 (notebook)
- Folder 1/10: *Whisper of the River* chapter 12? (notebook)

- Folder 1/11: *Whisper of the River* chapter 14 page 204 (notebook)
- Folder 1/12: *Whisper of the River* chapter 15 (page 226)-chapter 16 (page 271) (notebook)
- Folder 1/13: *Whisper of the River* chapter 19 (notebook paper)
- Folder 1/14: *Whisper of the River* part I? part II chapter 18 (p.294)-chapter 19 (p.328) (notebook)
- Folder 1/15: *Whisper of the River* chapters 22 and 23 (notebook) (on display)
- Folder 1/16: *Whisper of the River* p.1-234 (chapters 1-10) (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/17: *Whisper of the River* p.348-529 (chapters 16-22) (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/18: *Whisper of the River* p.529-766 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/19: *Whisper of the River* p.1-143 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/20: *Whisper of the River* p.144-260 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/21: *Whisper of the River* p.261-406 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/22: *Whisper of the River* p.407-528 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/23: *Whisper of the River* p.1-123, chapters 1-9 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/24: *Whisper of the River* p.123-234, chapters 10-16 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/25: *Whisper of the River* p.235-381, chapters 16-22 (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/26: *Whisper of the River* p.382-517, chapters 23-end (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 1/27: *Whisper of the River* p.22-122
- Folder 1/28: *Whisper of the River* p.123-221 (chapters 9-14)
- Folder 1/29: *Whisper of the River* p.222-343 (chapters 15-20)
- Folder 1/30: *Whisper of the River* p.344-437 (chapters 21-26)
- Folder 1/31: *Whisper of the River* p.438-516 (chapters 26-29)
- Folder 1/32: *Whisper of the River* advanced reader's copy
- Folder 2/1: *Whisper of the River* advanced copy

- Folder 2/2: *The Passing* notebook
- Folder 2/3: *The Passing* with edits
- Folder 2/4: Widow's Mite
- Folder 2/5: Widow's Mite
- Folder 2/6: Widow's Mite no edits
- Folder 2/7: Widow's Mite play
- Folder 2/8: (WM) Big Star Woman with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/9: (WM) Big Star Woman with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/10: Big Star Woman (WM) p.131 full story with edits
- Folder 2/11: (WM) Big Star Woman with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/12: Big Star Woman
- Folder 2/13: (WM) Howdy Doody with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/14: (WM) Howdy Doody Time with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/15: Howdy Doody (WM) p.31 full story no edits
- Folder 2/16: SABA
- Folder 2/17: SABA
- Folder 2/18: (WM) SABA with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/19: (WM) SABA with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/20: Saba from Widow's Mite no edits
- Folder 2/21: Saba from Widow's Mite no edits
- Folder 2/22: Saba, Addie (Fulfillment); Sheriff short story
- Folder 2/23: Jim Parker Sheriff Story notebook?
- Folder 2/24: Jim Parker Sheriff Story notebook?

Folder 2/25: Jim Parker short story with handwritten edits

Folder 2/26: Jim Parker

Folder 2/27: Jim Parker

Folder 2/28: Sheriff Story—Jim Parker

Folder 2/29: (WM) Fulfillment (Addie)

Folder 2/30: (WM) Addie (now called Fulfillment) (no edits)

Folder 2/31: (WM) Unfulfilled with handwritten edits (An Unfulfilled Woman)

Folder 2/32: Fulfillment (WM) p. 94 full story without edits

Folder 2/33: (WM) Fulfillment with handwritten edits

Folder 2/34: Judgment (WM) p. 63 full story no edits (Ruthie Lee)

Folder 2/35: (WM) Judgment with handwritten edits (To Judge a Thunderstorm)

Folder 2/36: (WM) Judgment with handwritten edits (To Judge a Thunderstorm)

Folder 2/37: Judgment

Folder 2/38: Judgment (WM) p.63 with edits, full story x3

Folder 2/39: (WM) Judgment with handwritten edits

Folder 2/40: The Judgment (WM) the play script with photos

Folder 2/41: FUBAR (WM) with handwritten edits

Folder 2/42: FUBAR

Folder 2/43: FUBAR (WM) p.171 full story with edits

Folder 2/44: FUBAR

Folder 2/45: (WM) Porphyria's Lover with handwritten edits

Folder 2/46: (WM) Porphyria's Lover with handwritten edits

Folder 2/47: Porphyria's Lover (WM)

- Folder 2/48: (WM) Porphyria's Lover with handwritten edits
- Folder 2/49: Porphyria's Lover
- Folder 2/50: *Christmas Gift* (notebook)
- Folder 2/51: *Christmas Gift* with handwritten edits (full story)
- Folder 2/52: *Christmas Gift!* Minor edits, full story
- Folder 2/53: *Christmas Gift!* With edits, full story
- Folder 2/54: *Christmas Gift!* With edits, full story
- Folder 2/55: *Christmas Gift* full story
- Folder 2/56: *Christmas Gift* full story no edits
- Folder 3/1: *When All the World was Young* cover
- Folder 3/2: *When All the World was Young* notebook
- Folder 3/3: *When All the World was Young* notebook???
- Folder 3/4: *When All the World was Young* unused beginning (notebook)
- Folder 3/5: *When All the World was Young* rough draft, start of book (notebook)
- Folder 3/6: *When All the World was Young* chapter 1, p. 8-??? (notebook)
- Folder 3/7: *When All the World was Young* chapters 2 (p.14) 9 (p.80) 14 (p.119) 16 (p.152) part of 21 (nb)
- Folder 3/8: *When All the World was Young* chapters 3 (p.26) 4 (p.32) 8 (p.77) 11 (p.92) 12 (p.98) notebook
- Folder 3/9: *When All the World was Young* chapters 5 (p.39) 10 (p.86) 6 (p.49) 15 (p.138) 18 (p.177) (nb)
- Folder 3/10: *When All the World was Young* chapters 19, 15?, 25, and 29 (notebook)
- Folder 3/11: *When All the World was Young* chapters 17 (p.165) and 20 (p.194) (notebook)
- Folder 3/12: *When All the World was Young* chapters 21 (p.203) and 24 (p.244) (notebook)

- Folder 3/13: *When All the World was Young* chapters 22 (p.226) 23 (p.232) 32 (p.392) 35 (p.441) (notebook)
- Folder 3/14: *When All the World was Young* chapters 26 (p.292) and 34 (p.428) (notebook)
- Folder 3/15: *When All the World was Young* chapters 27 (p.305) and 30 (p.339) (notebook)
- Folder 3/16: *When All the World was Young* chapters 28 (p.310) and 31 (p.363) (notebook)
- Folder 3/17: *When All the World was Young* chapters 33 (p.409) 36 (p.455) 39 (p.534) 42 (p.570) (notebook)
- Folder 3/18: *When All the World was Young* chapters 37 (p.489) 40 (p.548) 44 (p.591) (notebook)
- Folder 3/19: *When All the World was Young* chapters 38 (p.507) 41 (p.562) 43 (p.584) (notebook)
- Folder 3/20: *When All the World was Young* chapters 44 (p.596) to 45 (end) (notebook)
- Folder 3/21: *When All the World was Young* chapter 10 (p.86)—13 (p.118) (typed)
- Folder 3/22: *When All the World was Young* chapters 23 p.232 no edits (typed)
- Folder 3/23: *When All the World was Young* chapters 10-29 (typed)
- Folder 3/24: *When All the World was Young* chapters 30-34 (typed, with handwritten edits)
- Folder 3/25: *When All the World was Young* chapters 35-40 (typed, with handwritten edits)
- Folder 3/26: *When All the World was Young* chapters 41-46 (typed, with handwritten edits)
- Folder 4/1: Relative and Absolute from *Epiphany* with edits, 4p. handwritten
- Folder 4/2: Relative and Absolute from *Epiphany* with edits
- Folder 4/3: *Epiphany* no edits, full book 7/20/94
- Folder 4/4: Relative and Absolute from *Epiphany* with edits 7/20/94
- Folder 4/5: Relative and Absolute
- Folder 4/6: *Epiphany* no edits full book 7/14/94
- Folder 4/7: *Epiphany* no edits full book 7/14/94

Folder 4/8: *Down Town* covers

Folder 4/9: *Down Town* artwork sketches

Folder 4/10: *Down Town* chapters 1-3 (p.30) notebook

Folder 4/11: *Down Town* chapters 3-7 (p.38-57) notebook

Folder 4/12: *Down Town* chapters 13-14 (p.122-143) notebook

Folder 4/13: *Down Town* chapters 14-15 (p.143-170) notebook

Folder 4/14: *Down Town* chapters 16-17 (p.171-195) notebook

Folder 4/15: *Down Town* p.254-266 chapter 21, etc. (notebook)

Folder 4/16: *Down Town* p.280-281, p.282 (notebook)

Folder 4/17: *Down Town* Benediction p.303-end, chapter 23 (p.279-282) (notebook)

Folder 4/18: *Down Town* variety of pages from chapters 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23 (notebook)

Folder 4/19: *Down Town?* McCollum? (notebook)

Folder 4/20: *Down Town* Notebook #3

Folder 4/21: *Down Town* p.1-109, first edit (typed)

Folder 4/22: *Down Town* p.110-221, first edit (typed)

Folder 4/23: *Down Town* p.222-310, first edit (typed)

Folder 4/24: *Down Town* p.1-100, first edit #2 typed with handwritten edits

Folder 4/25: *Down Town* p.101-200, first edit #2 with handwritten edits (typed)

Folder 4/26: *Down Town* 201-329, first edit #2 with handwritten edits

Folder 4/27: *Down Town* chapter 1 to p.138 first revision

Folder 4/28: *Down Town* p.138-300 first revision

Folder 5/1: *Down Town* second edit, full story

Folder 5/2: *Down Town* second edit, full story continued

- Folder 5/3: *Down Town* p.1-103 (handwritten edits)
- Folder 5/4: *Down Town* p. 104-219 (handwritten edits)
- Folder 5/5: *Down Town* p.220-317 (handwritten edits)
- Folder 5/6: *Down Town* edits mixed
- Folder 5/7: *Down Town* chapters 17-18 (p.195-211)
- Folder 5/8: *Down Town* chapters 18-20 (p.211-253) from notebook 9
- Folder 5/9: *Down Town* with edits p.299-end
- Folder 5/10: *Down Town* p.1-149 (fourth edit)
- Folder 5/11: *Down Town* p.151-316 (fourth edit)
- Folder 5/12: *Down Town* p.1-169
- Folder 5/13: *Down Town* p.170-308
- Folder 5/14: *Down Town* MU Press (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 5/15: *Down Town* MU Press (with handwritten edits)
- Folder 5/16: The Blue Legacy
- Folder 5/17: Clyde Book IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/18: Clyde Book II of IV; V of IV, XII of IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/19: Clyde Book III of IV, X of IV, XIII of IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/20: Clyde Book VII of IV, VIII of IV, XI of IV, XV of IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/21: Clyde Book IX of IV, XIV of IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/22: Clyde Book XVI of IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/23: Clyde Book XVII of IV (notebook)
- Folder 5/24: Guidelines for being a parent (found in Clyde notebook XVIII)
- Folder 5/25: Clyde book XVIII of IV (notebook)

Folder 5/26: Clyde book? Number book?

Folder 5/27: Number book 4

Folder 5/28: Number book (1?) and 5

Folder 5/29: Number book p.17-150

Folder 5/30: Number book chapter 8 and 9

Folder 5/31: Unidentified book 10

Folder 5/32: Silly and Miss Rosie? John McCollum, possibly Down Town

Folder 5/33: Story about Porter set circa Whisper of the River?

Folder 5/34: Short story: characters Osbornes and Darcys

Folder 6/1: Song of a Proper Lady

Folder 6/2: Changing Cultural Politics of religious fundamentalism

Folder 6/3: Dr. Ferrol Sams journal 13 September 1986—16 December 1986

Folder 6/4: Unidentified personal reflection? Fayette Co.

Folder 6/5: Commencement Address Program 1986

Folder 6/6: Dear Dudley Letter

Folder 6/7: 1986 Mercer Commencement Address

Folder 6/8: 1986 Letters

Folder 6/9: 1987 Letters and Addresses

Folder 6/10: ? Dr. Sams, Lou Jones, Mich Wallace

Folder 6/11: Unidentified WWII

Folder 6/12: Unidentified Loose Leaf

Folder 6/13: Whisper of the River notebook? (not marked)

Folder 6/14: Unidentified notebook

Folder 6/15: Unidentified manuscript p.165-339

Folder 6/16: ? Names include Dorman Hunnicutt

Folder 6/17: ? Names include Marcia

Folder 6/18: Dr. Al Morris?

Folder 6/19: English journal of Robb Yarbrough 1954-55

Folder 6/20: Creative Writing book Barclay Nichol

Folder 6/21: Short Story written by Al Printz

Folder 6/22: Jessie's Story

Folder 6/23: Background on the Sams Family

Folder 6/24: When All The World Was Young p.1-306

Folder 6/25: When All The World Was Young p.307-610

Folder 6/26: Writing on Fayette Hospital

Folder 6/27: J.R. Colvin's Funeral

Folder 6/28: Commencement (Mercer) Draft

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Folder 7/2: Biographical 2 of 2

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Folder 7/4: Genealogical

Folder 7/5: Interview – VHS tape – 1991

Folder 7/6: Medical Practice

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Folder 8/3: Correspondence, An-Au
Folder 8/4: Correspondence, Ba-Bec
Folder 8/5: Correspondence, Bel-Bet
Folder 8/6: Correspondence, Bi-Bo
Folder 8/7: Correspondence, Bra-Bre
Folder 8/8: Correspondence, Bri-Bro
Folder 8/9: Correspondence, Bru-By
Folder 8/10: Correspondence, Ca
Folder 8/11: Correspondence, Ch-Cl
Folder 8/12: Correspondence, Cob-Col
Folder 8/13: Correspondence, Com-Cri
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Folder 8/17: Correspondence, Ea-EI
Folder 8/18: Correspondence, Em-Ey

Folder 9/1: Correspondence, Family

Folder 9/2: Correspondence, Fa-Fleming

Folder 9/3: Correspondence, Fletcher-Fr

Folder 9/4: Correspondence, Ga-Ge

Folder 9/5: Correspondence, Gh-Go

Folder 9/6: Correspondence, Gr-Gw

Folder 9/7: Correspondence, H-Har

Folder 9/8: Correspondence, Hat-HI

Folder 9/9: Correspondence, Hobbs-Hoover

Folder 9/10: Correspondence, Hopkins-Humphrey

Folder 9/11: Correspondence, Hunt-Hyde

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Folder 9/18: Correspondence, Le

Folder 9/19: Correspondence, Li-Long

Folder 10/1: Correspondence, Longstreet Press 1988-1989

Folder 10/2: Correspondence, Longstreet Press 1990-April 1992

Folder 10/3: Correspondence, Longstreet Press May 1992-1999

Folder 10/4: Correspondence, Lopez-Ly

Folder 10/5: Correspondence, M-Map

Folder 10/6: Correspondence, Mar-Max

Folder 10/7: Correspondence, McB-McD

Folder 10/8: Correspondence, McE-McR

Folder 10/9: Correspondence, Mea-Meg

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Folder 10/14: Correspondence, N

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Folder 10/16: Correspondence, P-Peabody

Folder 10/17: Correspondence, Peachtree Publishers, 1981-1983

Folder 10/18: Correspondence, Peachtree Publishers, 1984

Folder 10/19: Correspondence, Peachtree Publishers, 1985-1988

Folder 10/20: Correspondence, Peachtree Publishers, 1989-2006 & undated

Folder 10/21: Correspondence, Peacock-Ph

Folder 11/1: Correspondence, Pi-Py

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Folder 11/3: Correspondence, Ra-Re

Folder 11/4: Correspondence, Ri

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Folder 11/21: Correspondence, Wo-Wy
Folder 11/22: Correspondence Y
Folder 11/23: Correspondence Z-[no name]