Craig House Medical Records on Zelda Fitzgerald, 1932-1934: Finding Aid

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Abstract: Zelda Fitzgerald, wife of the American novelist and storywriter F. Scott Fitzgerald, wrote of their turbulent life and marriage in her novel Save Me the Waltz (1932). This collection consists of psychiatric evaluations, correspondence, and reports concerning Zelda Fitzgerald when she was a patient at Craig House, Beacon, N.Y., under the care of Dr. C. Jonathan Slocum.
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# Biography/History

Craig House was an American private psychiatric clinic located in Beacon, N.Y.

Zelda Fitzgerald, wife of the American novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald, was a patient at Craig House, under the care of Dr. C. Jonathan Slocum.

# Description

The collection consists of psychiatric evaluations, correspondence, and reports concerning Zelda Fitzgerald when she was a patient at Craig House, Beacon, N.Y., under the care of Dr. C. Jonathan Slocum. Included are 18 letters, telegrams, and notes by F. Scott Fitzgerald, letters by various doctors and from Mrs. A. D. Sayre (Zelda's mother), copies of reports, some in French, and statements from Johns Hopkins Hospital and Prangin, Switzerland, as well as a stenographic transcript (114 pp.) of a conversation between Mr. and Mrs. F. Scott Fitzgerald and Dr. Thomas Rennie in 1933.

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# Acquisition and Appraisal

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The records were a gift from Dr. Slocum's son, Jonathan Slocum (Princeton Class of 1936).

Provenance and Acquisition

Gift of Jonathan Slocum.
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Encoding

Descriptive Rules Used
Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

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