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

Summary Information

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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.

Location: Original materials in this collection are stored in special vault facilities at Firestone Library.
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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.

## Access and Use

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## Acquisition and Appraisal

### Custodial History

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

### Provenance and Acquisition

Gift of Jonathan Slocum.
Preferred Citation
Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Craig House Medical Records on Zelda Fitzgerald, Box and Folder Number; Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Encoding

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

Subject Headings

- Fitzgerald, Zelda, 1900-1948 -- Mental health.
- Fitzgerald, F. Scott (Francis Scott), 1896-1940.
- Women -- Mental health -- 20th century.
- Correspondence.
- Psychiatric records.
- Reports.
- American literature
- Women's studies
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From F. Scott Fitzgerald to Dr. Rex Blankenship, TLS 2, 1934 May 4

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Request for Mrs. Fitzgerald to buy some inexpensive summer dresses, OK’d by Dr. Jonathan Slocum to TN 1, 1934 May 8

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From Mrs. A. D. Sayre to Dr. Jonathan Slocum, ALS 1, 1934 May 31

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From Dr. Jonathan Slocum to Mrs. A. D. Sayre, TL (copy) 1, 1934 June 4

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From Dr. Ross Chapman to Dr. Jonathan Slocum, TLS 1, 1934 June 18

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From F. Scott Fitzgerald to Zelda Fitzgerald, ANS 1, 1934 May

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"Wire me...what time you'll reach Grand Central", undated

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From Zelda Fitzgerald to F. Scott Fitzgerald, ANS 1, 1934 May

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"Arrive ten thirty eight", undated

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From Zelda Fitzgerald to Mrs. A. D. Sayre, ANS 1, 1934 May

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"Happiest remembrances for Mother's Day", undated

Psychiatric Reports on Zelda Fitzgerald, 1927-1934 March 14

psychiatric evaluation, "The patient's temperament before the marriage...," TMs, undated, 3 pp., undated

"Five Year Chronological Record (from middle of 7th year of marriage)," TMs, 1927-1932, 2 pp., 1927-1932

psychiatric evaluation, "Resume de la consultation de M. Le Professeur Dr. Bleuler et de M. le Dr. Forel a l'egard de Madame Fitzgerald, Diagnostic: Schizophrenie," TMs (in French), 1930 November 22, 2 pp., 1930 November 22

files from Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1933 April 18

2 copies of a letter by F. Scott Fitzgerald to Dr. Squire, April 4, 1932, with the "Five Year Chronological Record," 5 pp., dates not examined

1 copy of "Les Rives de Prangins" by Dr. O. L. Forel, Prangins, pres Nyons, Switzerland, TMs, undated, 3 pp., undated

1 TL (copy) by Adolf Meyer to F. Scott Fitzgerald, 1933 April 18, 2 pp., with copies of the Forel and Bleuler reports, 6 pp., 1933 April 18

"Stenographic Report of Conversation Between Mr. & Mrs. F. Scott Fitzgerald and Dr. Thomas A. C. Rennie," LaPaix, Rodgers Forge, Towson, Maryland, TMs (carbon), May 28, 1933, 114 pp., with note by Thomas A. C. Rennie to Dr. Slocum, 1934 March 14

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