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**Willa Cather Collection**  
**Collection Number: 1580 WFCHS/THL**

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**EXTENT:** 0.21 linear feet

**DATE:** 1912 - 2019

**LANGUAGE OF MATERIALS:** English.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This is an artificial collection containing a variety of material related to Willa Cather, to include articles, newspaper articles, photographs, artwork, and correspondence.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Willa Cather was born on December 7, 1873, in the village of Gore in Frederick County, VA. She was the eldest child of Charles Cather, a deputy sheriff, and Mary Virginia Boak Cather. At age seven, the family moved to Nebraska. In 1913, *O Pioneers!* was published and in 1917, she wrote *My Antonia*. By 1923, she had won the Pulitzer Prize for *One of Ours*. She died on April 24, 1947, and was buried in New Hampshire.

**ACQUISITION INFORMATION:** Materials acquired from various sources.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Letter, Willa Cather to Miss Deane, August 25, no year given.

Letter, C. F. Cather to Catherine C. Lupton, June 25, 1912

Cather, Willa, "A Night at Greenway Court," reproduced from Virginia Faulkner, ed. *Willa Cather's Collected Short Fiction, 1892-1912*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1970, 483-92.

Stamp. Commemorative stamp of Willa Cather issued on September 20, 1973

Magazine articles

Newspaper articles

Willa Cather Institute of Shenandoah University

- Program, Conference 2019
- Guide to Winchester sites associated with Cather and her work, 2010
- Willa Cather bus tour, Frederick County, Va., undated

**ARTWORK** [**Physical Location:** VR Oversize]

Boak House, Exterior, Birthplace of Willa Cather, copy of pen and ink drawing by William A. Gura, 2013

Willow Shade, 1858, detail of print from painting by Dorothy Henkle in 2004.

[**Location of Original:** Shenandoah University]

**PHOTOGRAPHS** [**Physical Location:** Filed with collection]

Red Cloud, Nebraska

- 241 N. Cedar Street, Willa Cather's Childhood Home
- 241 N. Cedar Street in Winter, Willa Cather's Childhood Home
- Garber Bank (3 views)

[**Location of Originals:** Nebraska State Historical Society]