
Larry Williams papers

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Note

Formerly known as Collection of scripts for medical and health related television programs, 1952-1969

Title: Larry Williams papers

Collection number: PASC 155

Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 6.7 linear ft. (16 boxes)

Date (inclusive): 1952-1969

Abstract: Larry Williams was a producer of medical documentaries and TV programs, including the first live televised open-heart surgery. The collection consists of scripts, production materials, and photographs related to Williams' career writing and producing medical and health-related television productions.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

Creator: Williams, Larry

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of Lawrence A. Williams, President of Lawren Productions, 1981.

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Biography

Lawrence (Larry) A. Williams was a native of Ottawa, Ill. and a student at the University of Arizona. He moved to San Francisco in 1944 where he wrote radio scripts for *First Nighter*, *Skippy Hollywood Theater*, and *Dink Templeton*. During this time, Williams also worked for Drury Co. advertising agency. In 1950, he became a writer-producer for the award winning series, *Science in Action*, produced by the California Academy of Sciences and wrote and produced Dr. Harvey Whites first television appearances. His additional credits include, *A Life in Your Hands* (Oct. 1953-Mar. 1954), *The Wall Outside* (1955), *House Call* (1956-58), *Doctors News Conference* (1956), *Medicine of the 1960s* and *Vital Signs*. His programs won awards from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the American Cancer Society and the American and California heart associations. In 1959, Williams, along with his wife, Mary, incorporated Lawren Productions. Williams, who had a lifelong battle with osteomyelitis, died in May 1996.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of materials related to the career of Larry Williams. Included are scripts, production materials, and photographs for television programs centered around medical and health issues. Programs written by Larry Williams and produced by Lawren Productions, Inc. Programs represented include *Doctors at Work*, *House Calls*, *Medicine of the 60s*, *A Life in Your Hands*, *Lifespan*, *Your Child and the Expert*, and *Science in Action*. Also includes a crime and crime prevention program, *The Wall Outside*. Programs were aired on KRON-TV, KPIX-TV, and KTVU-TV.

Organization and Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by production titles.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Williams, Larry -- Archives.

Health promotion.

Television writers--Archives.

- Box 1 **ALCOHOLIC CITY (KRON-TV) 1959 June 16**
 General note
 Script written and produced by Larry Williams. An inquiry into the impact of alcohol.
- Box 13 **CITY IN WHITE. 1963 June.**
 General note
 Script and production materials.
- Box 6 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1960-1962.**
 General note
 Scripts and working scripts with production materials. 2 folders representing 2 seasons.
- Box 16 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1960s.**
 General note
 Photographs and news clippings.
- Box 15 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1960-1962.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials. With pilot and one radio script. 3 folders.
- Box 14 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1961-1962.**
 General note
 20 scripts, written by Larry Williams. 20 folders.
- Box 13 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1960-1961.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials. With sale of series to Desilu. 4 folders.
- Box 7 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1960-1962.**
 General note
 Production materials.
- Box 12 **DOCTORS AT WORK (KRON-TV). 1960.**
 General note
 Correspondence, 43 states, 28 folders.
- Box 11 **DOCTORS NEWS CONFERENCE (KTVU-TV). 1960-1961, 1963-1965.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials (1963-1965). With correspondence (1960 - 1961).
- Box 5 **DOCTORS NEWS CONFERENCE (KTVU-TV). 1961 Jan-Dec 1962.**
 General note
 80 scripts for panel discussion with production materials. 3 folders presenting 2 seasons.
- Box 10 **DOCTORS NEWS CONFERENCE (KTVU-TV). 1966-1969.**
 General note
 Scripts. 4 folders.
- Box 16 **DOCTORS NEWS CONFERENCE (KTVU-TV). 1960s.**
 General note
 Photographs and news clippings.
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- Box 9 **DOCTORS NEWS CONFERENCE (KTVU-TV). 1966-1969.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials.
- Box 5 **GOLDEN GATEWAY (KRON-TV). 1954 March-May.**
 General note
 Annotated scripts #1 - #5, written by Larry Williams. With production materials and correspondence. History of San Francisco.
- Box 2 **HOUSE CALL (KPIX-TV). no date.**
 General note
 Scripts #1 - #25, written by Larry Williams. Health care issues with visits to various hospitals and clinics.
- Box 3 **HOUSE CALL (KPIX-TV). 1957 Oct-April 1958.**
 General note
 Scripts, second season, #1 - #22. Written by Larry Williams. Health care issues with visits to various hospitals.
- Box 2 **HOUSE CALL (KPIX-TV). 1957 Oct-April 1958.**
 General note
 Production materials for second season with photographs.
- Box 7 **LIFE IN YOUR HANDS (A) (KRON-TV). early-1960s.**
 General note
 Script approvals and correspondence.
- Box 2 **LIFE IN YOUR HANDS (A) (KRON-TV). 1953 Oct -April 1954.**
 General note
 Scripts #1 - #13, written by Larry Williams. Live reports of surgeries and other medical procedures accompanied with a panel discussion.
- Box 1 **LIFESPAN (KPIX-TV). 1958-1959.**
 General note
 Scripts #1 - #12, written by Larry Williams. A panel discussion of doctors regarding health care issues. With production materials, including blue prints and photographs.
- Box 1 **LUNG CANCER (KPIX-TV). 1959 April 24.**
 General note
 Annotated script written by Larry Williams. With news articles and correspondence.
- Box 1 **MD-EDUCATION OF A DOCTOR (KPIX-TV). 1958 April-May.**
 General note
 News clippings and publicity.
- Box 1 **MD-EDUCATION OF A DOCTOR (KPIX-TV). 1958 April-May.**
 General note
 Shows #1 - #4. Written and produced by Larry Williams in cooperation with Stanford University School of Medicine.

- Box 7 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1960-1962.**
 General note
 Signed releases and waivers. 3 folders representing 2 seasons. With correspondence and handwritten notes.
- Box 8 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1960-1961.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials. 13 folders representing 13 shows.
- Box 9 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1961-1962.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials. 9 folders representing 9 shows.
- Box 13 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1961.**
 General note
 Screen Gem legal files. With press kit. 2 folders.
- Box 14 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1959 Oct-Jan 1960.**
 General note
 Scripts and production materials with correspondence. Produced by Larry Williams. 4 shows in 4 folders.
- Box 16 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1960s.**
 General note
 Photographs and news clippings.
- Box 5 **MEDICINE OF THE SIXTIES (KRON-TV). 1961.**
 General note
 Correspondence with Screen Gems and other assorted letters. Syndicated.
- Box 1 **OPEN HEART SURGERY (KPIX-TV). 1958 June 23.**
 General note
 Script written by Larry Williams in cooperation with the San Francisco Medical Society. With production materials and medical information.
- Box 4 **SCIENCE IN ACTION (KGO-TV). 1950 Sept -Feb 1952.**
 General note
 32 annotated scripts (without 5), written by Larry Williams. With production materials and correspondence.
- Box 1 **WALL OUTSIDE (The) (KRON-TV). 1959-1960.**
 General note
 Scripts #1 - #13, written by Larry Williams. Weekly news reports on crime and crime prevention.
- Box 5 **WITH THESE GUNS (KPIX-TV). no date.**
 General note
 Annotated scripts #1 - #4, written by Larry Williams; with production materials. Health care.
- Box 3 **YOUR CHILD & THE EXPERTS (KRON-TV). 1956 April-Nov 1956.**
 General note
 Annotated scripts #1 - #26, written and produced by Larry Williams; with production materials. For Children's Hospital of the East Bay re. Children's health care issues.
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