OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: James C. Kilgore
Title: James C. Kilgore Collection
Date: 1967-1982
Abstract: Manuscripts, letters, printed material, and memorabilia
Quantity: .6 cu. ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF

James C. Kilgore was born in Jackson Parish, (Ansley) Louisiana on May 2, 1928 to James Wilson and Ruth (Bell) Kilgore. He married a teacher, Alberta Gunnels, in June of 1960. They had three children; Kenneth, Steven, and Sheila. He died on December 16, 1988 in a house fire in Beachwood, Ohio.

Kilgore is referred to as a poet and essayist. He earned his B.A. in English at Wiley College and his M.A. at the University of Missouri. He taught English at high schools in Arkansas, New Jersey, and Missouri. He was also an assistant professor of English at the Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, and an adjunct professor of Afro-American literature at the University of Akron.

University Journal of Race and Culture. He received fellowships from Case Western Reserve University in 1964, University of Nebraska in 1966, and University of California, Santa Barbara in 1968. In 1982, he was named Ohio Poet of the Year.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

There are two boxes of material contained in this collection, covering the years 1967-1982. The material is arranged according to subject: (1) Manuscripts "by" Kilgore, (2) manuscripts "about" Kilgore, (3) "special" letters, (4) "general" letters, (5) correspondence, (6) printed material "by" Kilgore, (7) printed material "about" Kilgore, (8) memorabilia, and (9) a collection of "duplicate" materials. This collection does not contain "published" works by James C. Kilgore. Those are catalogued in the Ohioana Collection of Archives and Special Collection.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

Series I: MANUSCRIPTS
   Series I: 1 Manuscripts by Kilgore
   Series I: 2 Manuscripts about Kilgore

Series II: LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Series III: PRINTED MATTER
   Series III: 1 Printed Matter by Kilgore
   Series III: 2 Printed Matter about Kilgore

Series IV: MEMORABILIA

Series V: DUPLICATES

Abbreviations with in content list:

   TLS - Typed letter, signed
   TL - Typed letter
   CTLS - Copy of typed letter, signed
   ALS - Handwritten letter, signed

RELATED MATERIALS

Contemporary Authors, Vols. 33-36, p. 469
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

Accession Number: Unknown

Provenance: The Ohio University Archives received the collection as a gift from James C. Kilgore on July 8, 1980.

Property Rights: Ohio University retains all property rights to the collection.

Copyrights: Ohio University retains all copyrights unless retained by the donor, other correspondents, or other artists.

Photoduplication: Ohio University will entertain requests to photocopy reasonable amounts of material from the collection for the convenience of individual researchers.

Processing: Charlie Rotunno processed the collection in July 1986.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.
## CONTAINER LIST

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### Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

#### Series I: 1 Manuscripts by Kilgore

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- "As Years Rain On," Typescript, 3 pgs.
- "Intro. to James Baldwin," Typescript, 4 pgs.
- *African Violet, New and Selected Poems Spanning Ten Years*, Typescript, 43 pgs.

### Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

#### Series I: 2 Manuscripts about Kilgore

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- "James C. Kilgore," Typescript, 1 pg.
- "My Tall Black Oak Tree," Typescript, 1 pg.
- "For James Kilgore," Typescript, 1 pg.
- "To James," Typescript, 1 pg.
- "A Day in English," Typescript, 1 pg.

### Series II: LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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Letters (General letters plus special letters of Ralph J. Bunche, Barbara H. Nicks, Coretta Scott King, George McGovern, and Louis Stokes) 1970-1980, 32 letters (25 TLS, 1 TL, 4 ALS, 2 CTLS)

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- Bunche, Ralph J. TLS, April 29, 1971, 1 pg.
- Hicks, Barbara H. TLS, April 22, 1971, 1 pg.
- King, Coretta Scott, TLS, April 5, 1971, 1 pg.
- King Coretta Scott, TLS, June 28, 1972, 1 pg.
- McGovern, George, TLS, May 7, 1971, 1 pg.
- Stokes, Louis, LTLS, July 26, 1976, 1 pg.

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Correspondence (Conference collection) 1974-1980, 2 letters, LTLS
Series III: PRINTED MATTER
Series III: 1 Printed Matter by Kilgore

"Let It Pass," Back Talk, November 1977

"Nikki Giovanni," Black Ascensions, Winter 1974


"If I Listen," Black Ascensions, Summer-Fall 1975


"It's Thundering Again," Dark Tower, Winter 1976

"Ambrosial Brim," Essence, February 1976

"XYZ," Everyman '72, 1972

"Nail," Everyman '72, 1972

"The Long White Hill," The Green Apple, 1969

"Night Ride," The Green Apple, 1969

"Waiting," The Green Apple, 1969

"Light Blast," The Green Apple, 1969

"Storm in Kansas City," The Green Apple, 1969

"Heart Boom," The Green Apple, 1969

"Of Modern Man," The Green Apple, 1969

"Assassination," The Green Apple, 1969

"Nails," The Green Apple, 1969

"What Color Are You?" Ju-Ju, Winter 1974
"I Am Programmed for Heartbreak," Negro American Literature Forum, Summer 1976

"It's Thundering Again," Negro American Literature Forum, Summer 1976


"Little Will be Done," The Commentator, March 28, 1968

"A Black Bicentennial," The High Point, November 19, 1975

"Prof. Kilgore Gives Views on Library," The High Point, February 11, 1976

"Bennie's Last Season," Montu Drum, January 20, 1972

"Waiting," Montu Drum, January 20, 1972

"The Big Buffalo," WCLV Cleveland Guide, April 1974

"Of Modern Man," WCLV Cleveland Guide, April 1974

"Violated," WCLV Cleveland Guide, April 1974

"What Color Are You?" Four Poets, March 7, 1974

"Night Song," Four Poets, March 7, 1974

"Nails," Four Poets, March 7, 1974

"Ripe Plum Lips," The Dream of '76, April 9, 1976

"The Hooves of a Powerful Horse," The Dream of '76, April 9, 1976

"A Lonesome Time," The Dream of '76, April 9, 1976
"A Late Monsoon Rain," *The Dream of '76*, April 9, 1976

"It's Thundering Again," *The Dream of '76*, April 9, 1976

"Doors," *The Dream of '76*, April 9, 1976


"Until I Met You," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978


"I Shall Remember You," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978

"When I Was a Child," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978

"Not Even an Echo," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978

"Sometimes," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978

"Return to Tribal Life," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978

"Meditation #1," *And There Was Poetry*, April 20, 1978

"Examination," *Read Out Read-In*, April 1971

"Desert Places," *Read Out Read-In*, April 1971

"A Time of Black Devotion," *Read Out Read-In*, April 1971

"He Had Waited," *The Strong Voice*, April 1972

"When It's Freezing," *The Strong Voice*, April 1972


"En Route to Toledo, The Strong Voice, May 1973


**Series III: 2** Printed Matter about Kilgore

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**Series IV: MEMORABILIA**

4 Memorabilia (Brochures, articles, flyers), 16 items

**Series V: DUPLICATES**

5 Duplicates, 27 items

6 (Continued) Duplicates, 27 items