

# Guide to the Bliss Carman Papers, approximately 1888-1926

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## Collection Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
<b>Creator:</b>	Carman, Bliss, 1861-1929
<b>Title:</b>	Bliss Carman Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	approximately 1888-1926
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.8 cubic feet (3 boxes)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, a scrapbook and other material relating to the life and work of the poet, Bliss Carman.

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## Biographical Note

Canadian poet, born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, 15 April 1861. Descended from Loyalists who fled to Canada after the American Revolution, Carman was the son of William Carman and Sophia Mary Bliss Carman. He graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1881 with honors in classics. He received his M.A. from New Brunswick as well, in 1884. He also studied at Harvard and the Universities of Oxford and Edinburgh.

In 1888 Carman began working as a journalist in New York for *Cosmopolitan* and other magazines. In subsequent years, he established the short-lived *The Chapbook* and then moved to Boston and worked with a number of other magazines, including the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Boston Transcript*, and *The Literary World*. Carman's first volume of poetry, *Low Tide on Grand Pre*, garnered much acclaim. Other

publications include Songs from Vagabondia, The Poetry of Life, The Making of Personality, Sappho: One Hundred Lyrics, and other collections of essays and poetry.

At the end of Carman's career, he lectured widely and received a number of honorary degrees and awards including the Lorne Pierce Medal, Canada's highest literary distinction. Soon after receiving that degree, on 8 June 1929, he died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage.

For more information, see Carman's biography in the Literature Online (LION) database.

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## **Subject Headings**

### **Subjects:**

- Canadian Poetry
- Authors, Canadian
- Poets, Canadian

### **VCL Categories**

- Literature and Writing

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## **Encoding Information**

Encoded by Laura Streett, November 2006.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

Bliss Carman Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

### **Processing Information**

Original processing date unknown.

Updated by Dean Rogers and Laura Streett, November 2006.

## **Acquisition Information**

Provenance is currently unclear, but at least some part of the collection was donated by Mitchell Kennerley in 1931.

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## **Container List**

There is no container list currently available for this collection.

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Finding Aid Date

Dates: approximately 1888-1926