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Sinclair Lewis collection of papers

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Summary

Creator: Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951

Title: Sinclair Lewis collection of papers

Date: 1914-1937

Size: 39 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, correspondence by the author, and legal documents.

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Creator History

Sinclair Lewis was an American novelist, short-story writer, essayist, playwright, poet, and journalist.

Custodial History

Previous owners includes W. T. H. Howe; Sid Hydeman; the literary agent, Ann Watkins; and the American Play Company.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, correspondence by the author, and legal documents. The manuscripts and typescripts consist of novels, articles, reviews and essays by the author, as well as reviews, plays, and articles relating to the author by Harvey Jerrold O'Higgins, Harriet Ford, and Mark Schorer. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1920] to 1937, to Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Sir Hugh Walpole, and others.

Key Terms

Names

Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951
Ford, Harriet, 1868-1949
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Hydeman, Sid
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
O'Higgins, Harvey Jerrold, 1876-1929
Schorer, Mark, 1908-1977
Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941
Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941
Watkins, Ann, 1885-1967
American Play Company

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts & Typescripts written by Lewis

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|----------------|---|
| Cased | He is my brother. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (30 p) (30 p)
With 6 mounted illustrations by Henry Raleigh. Inscribed by the author and the illustrator to Sid Hydeman |
| Cased | Mantrap; a novel. Typescript (carbon) with ms. corrections in an unidentified hand n.d. (318 p) (318 p)
Stamped: "Famous players-Lasky corporation. Legal dept."; Fastened in linen cover of Ann Watkins, agent |
| Manuscript box | New Europe and the new American, The. Typescript of article n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Signed Accompanied by his: TLS to Rudolf Thomas, editor of the Prager Tagblatt, Aug. 14, 1925. 1 l. |
| Oversize (+) | Queenie and the Jopes; a comedy. Typescript (carbon) with the author's ms. correction on p. 3-31 and other corrections in an unidentified hand.
Stamped: "Submitted by Richard J. Madden play company, A. and S. Lyons, inc. Paramount bldg., New York" n.d. (160 p) (160 p) |
| Manuscript box | Who is Hugh Walpole and why should you read him. Typescript 1914? (2 p) (2 p)
Published in: Hugh Walpole: Master Novelist. New York: G. H. Doran [1915] p. 1-4. B. |
| Manuscript box | Who is Hugh Walpole and why should you read him. Later typescript with the addition of 11 paragraphs and with ms. deletions 1929? (5 p) (5 p) |

Manuscripts & Typescripts relating to Lewis

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| Oversize (+) | McFee, William. Elmer Gantry. By Sinclair Lewis [Review] Holograph. "For the Forum" 1927 (3 p) (3 p)
With his: The wardens of the shoals. Holograph. Case labeled: Wardens of the shoals |
| Oversize (+)(Lewis) | O'Higgins, Harvey Jerrold and Harriet Ford. Main street; [a play in four acts] founded on the novel by Sinclair Lewis. Typescript (carbon) with ms. additions in unidentified hands 1921 (28 p., 28 p., 41 p) (28 p., 28 p., 41 p)
From the files of the American Play Co., No. 433 |
| (Lewis, S.) | Schorer, Mark. Sinclair Lewis: an American life. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections. In three soft-cover volumes n.d. (3 v) (3 v) |
| Manuscript box (Lewis) | Who's who in America, v. 14, 1926-1927. Proof of personal sketch about Sinclair Lewis with his ms. corrections 1927 (1 item) (1 item)
With TLS dated Nov. 7, 1927 |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | American Play Company. TLS to the 1921 Jan. 5 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Karsner, Dave. ALS to [1922?] Sept. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Lucas, E. V. Postal card to 1923 Oct. 18 (1 item) (1 item)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Marsh, Edward Howard. ALS to Sir 1923 Apr. 12 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Cased | Taylor, [Harvey]. LS to 1931 Aug. 26 (3 p) (3 p)
With ms. postscript in the hand of Lewis. H. |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box | Thomas, Rudolf. TLS to the editor of the Prager Tagblatt 1925 Aug. 14 (1 leaf)
(1 leaf)
With his: The New Europe and the new America. Typescript of article, undated. 2 p. |
| Manuscript box | Walpole, [Sir Hugh]. LS to [1920] Apr. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | Walpole, [Sir] Hugh. ALS to 1921 Mar.? (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
B. |
| Manuscript box | Walpole, [Sir Hugh]. ALS to [1921?] June 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to [1923] Aug. 14 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. AL to [1924?] May 10 (3 p) (3 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to [1924] Dec. 26 (2 p) (2 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to 1926 June 26 (2 p) (2 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. ALS to [1928] May 5 (3 p) (3 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. ALS to [1928?] July 13 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to 1929 Apr. 19 (2 p) (2 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to 1929 May 7 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to 1929 Oct. 31 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. LS to 1930 Nov. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | Walpole, Sir Hugh. LS to 1937 May 27 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | [Walpole], [Sir] Hugh. ALS to 19--? (1 p) (1 p)
B. |

Legal Documents

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| Manuscript box
(Lewis, S.) | Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning Sinclair Lewis n.d. (5 folders) (5 folders)
From the files of the American play company |
| Manuscript box
(Lewis, S.) | Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning Sinclair Lewis. Refers to adaptation for stage of his Main Street by Harvey Jerrold O'Higgins and Harriet Ford n.d. (1 folder) (1 folder)
From the files of the American play company |