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Guide to the

**Upton Sinclair collection of papers**

1906-1962

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## Summary

**Creator:** Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968

**Title:** Upton Sinclair collection of papers

**Date:** 1906-1962

**Size:** 185 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 a manuscript, a typescript, correspondence, and a portrait photograph.

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## Creator History

Upton Sinclair was an American novelist, playwright, essayist, and journalist.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Helen Rosen Woodward and William E. Woodward.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of a manuscript, a typescript, correspondence by and about the author, and a portrait photograph. The manuscript is by Helen Woodward, and the typescript is an essay by Sinclair. The correspondence consists of letters by the author, dating from 1906 to 1962, to Devere Allen, Howard Fast, Ernest S. Greene, Alfred Kazin, Frances Steloff, Helen Rosen Woodward, and William E. Woodward, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1906 to 1959, between various correspondents including Eugene Filteau, Ernest S. Greene, Helen Rosen Woodward, William E. Woodward, and others. There are letters to Sinclair from Joseph Banks Rhine, Helen (Rosen) Woodward, William E. Woodward, dating from 1932 to 1944.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968

Allen, Devere, 1891-1955

Fast, Howard, 1914-2003

Greene, Ernest S.

Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998

Rhine, J. B. (Joseph Banks), 1895-1980

Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989

Woodward, Helen Rosen, 1882-

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Woodward, William E., 1874-1950

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## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Sinclair

- Manuscript box Introduction to "Thunder over Mexico." Typescript (carbon) n.d. (4 p) (4 p)  
With copies of letters, etc. by Sinclair and others, several with ms. marginal annotations by M. C. K. Sinclair, relating to S. M. Einstein's Thunder over Mexico. 12 items. Sinclair, U. TL to [B. M. L.] Ernst; TL to the editor of Modern monthly; etc.; Came with his correspondence with W. E. and H. R. Woodward

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Sinclair

- Manuscript box [Woodward, Helen (Rosen)] [Sinclair, Upton] Holograph notes n.d. (2 p) (2 p)  
(Sinclair, U.) Came with Sinclair's correspondence with W. E. and H. R. Woodward

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Allen, Devere. TLS to 1928 May 23 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Dell, Floyd. TL (copy) to 1933 Feb. 25 (1 p) (1 p)  
Enclosed in his: 51 TLS, 3 ALS, 2 telegrams to William E. Woodward. 1930-1944. Letter of Feb. 25, 1933. Folder 3
- Manuscript box Ernst, [Bernard Morris Lee]. TL (carbon) to 1933 July 21 (2 p) (2 p)  
With his: Introduction to "Thunder over Mexico." Typescript (carbon). Folder 1
- Manuscript box Fast, Howard. ANS to 1962 Nov. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Fox, William. TL (carbon) to 1932 July 18 (3 p) (3 p)  
Enclosed in his: 51 TLS, 3 ALS, 2 telegrams to William E. Woodward. 1930-1944. Letter of July 18, 1932. Folder 3
- Manuscript box Greene, Ernest S. Telegram (carbon) to 1933 Sept. 14 (1 p) (1 p)  
(Sinclair, U.) Enclosed in: Greene, Ernest S. 2 TLS to Helen Rosen Woodward. Letter of Sept. 15, 1933
- Manuscript box Kazin, Alfred. 2 TLS to 1942 Oct. 31, 1942 Dec. 14 (2 letters) (2 letters)
- Manuscript box Modern monthly. TL (carbon) to the editor 1933 July (5 p) (5 p)  
With his: Introduction to "Thunder over Mexico." Typescript (carbon). Folder 1
- Manuscript box Pinker and son, James B. LS, ALS, etc. to 1906 - 1915 (11 letters) (11 letters)
- Manuscript box Roosevelt, Franklin Delano. TL (copy) to 1933 Apr. (12 p) (12 p)  
Enclosed in his: 51 TLS, 3 ALS, 2 telegrams to William E. Woodward. 1930-1944. Letter of April 18, 1933. Folder 3
- Manuscript box Steloff, Frances. TLS to 1920 Aug. 9 (1 p) (1 p)  
(Gotham)
- Manuscript box Woodward, Helen Rosen. 18 TLS, 1 TNS, 2 TN, 6 telegrams to 1932 Feb. 28  
- 1942 Feb. 23 (27 letters in 6 folders) (27 letters in 6 folders)
- Manuscript box Woodward, William E. 51 TLS, 3 ALS, 2 telegrams to 1930 Mar. 18 - 1944 Dec.  
30 (56 letters in 12 folders) (56 letters in 12 folders)  
Enclosed in letter of July 18, 1932: Sinclair, Upton. TL to William Fox. July 18, 1932. Folder 3; Aug. 3, 1932: Dell, Floyd. TL to John Farrar, Aug. 3, 1932. Folder 3; etc.; also Sinclair, U. Our lady; outline of a sketch...in folder 8
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to [1912?] Aug. 17 (2 p) (2 p)  
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#### Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents to  
(Sinclair, U.) Sinclair 1944 (5 letters) (5 letters)

Correspondence (cont.)  
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Rhine, Joseph Banks. TLS (incomplete) to Sinclair. One page wanting 1943 Aug. 17 (1 p) (1 p)  
With Mary Craig Kimbrough Sinclair's holograph note to Helen Rosen Woodward at top
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) [Woodward, Helen (Rosen)]. 7 TL (carbons) to Sinclair 1933 July 17 - 1938 Apr. 15 (7 letters) (7 letters)
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Woodward, William E. 22 TL (carbons), 1 telegram (holograph copy) to Sinclair 1932 July 26 - 1941 Sept. 1 (23 letters in 5 folders) (23 letters in 5 folders)

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box Dell, Floyd. TL (copy) to John Farrar. Relates to Upton Sinclair and others 1932 Aug. 3 (2 p) (2 p)  
Enclosed in: Sinclair, Upton. 51 TLS, 3 ALS, 2 telegrams to William E. Woodward. 1930-1944. Letter of Aug. 3, 1932. Folder 3
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Filteau, Eugene. 3 TLS to Helen Rosen Woodward. Relate to Upton Sinclair's Our lady 1937 Jan. 2 - 1937 Feb. 25 (3 letters) (3 letters)
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Filteau, Eugene. TLS to William E. Woodward. Relates to Upton Sinclair's Our lady 1937 May 7 (1 p) (1 p)
- (Shaw) Greene, Ernest S. LS to Earl Mesnier. Headed: "Shaw in New York" Also relates to Upton Sinclair 1959 Dec. 12 (2 p) (2 p)  
Accompanied by: Academy of political science, New York. [Program] Special meeting in honor of George Bernard Shaw given at the Metropolitan Opera house, New York...April 11, 1933; also a photograph "G.B.S. aboard ship in New York"; clipping of Shaw
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Greene, Ernest S. 2 TLS to Helen Rosen Woodward. Relate to Upton Sinclair 1933 July 17, 1933 Sept. 15 (2 letters) (2 letters)  
Enclosed in letter of Sept. 15, 1933: Sinclair, Upton. Telegram (copy) to Ernest S. Greene, Sept. 14, 1933. 1 p.; with carbon of letter from Mrs. Woodward to Greene, July 21, 1933. 1 p.
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Greene, Ernest S. 2 TLS to William E. Woodward. 1932 Feb. 21, 1934 Jan. 4 (2 letters) (2 letters)
- Manuscript box (Pinker, J. B., firm) Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc. to the firm of James B. Pinker and son as literary agents for Upton Sinclair 1906 - 1918 (5 letters) (5 letters)  
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- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc., from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to William E. and Helen Rosen Woodward. Relate largely to Upton Sinclair 1932 - 1942 (10 letters) (10 letters)
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Taylor, Helen K. 6 TLS to Helen Rosen Woodward. Several letters relate to Upton and Craig Sinclair 1940 Mar. 25 - 1945 Feb. 13 (6 letters) (6 letters)
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Woodward, Helen (Rosen) TL (draft) to the editor of The nation. Relates to Upton Sinclair and Sergei Eisenstein 1933 Aug. 8 (3 p) (3 p)  
Enclosed in: Sinclair, Mary Craig (Kimbrough) 51 ALS, 18 AL (incomplete), 7 TLS, 2 miscellaneous pieces to Helen Rosen Woodward. Letter of [ca. 1933] Folder 2
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Woodward, Helen (Rosen). TL (copy?) fragment to [Edmund Wilson] Relates to William E. Woodward and Upton Sinclair n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
Came with Upton Sinclair's correspondence with William E. Woodward
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) Woodward, William E. TL (carbon) to Harold Stanley Pollard. Relates to Upton Sinclair 1942 Apr. 5 (1 letter) (1 letter)  
Came with Upton Sinclair's correspondence with William E. Woodward
- Manuscript box (Sinclair, U.) [Woodward, William E.] 7 TL (carbons) to Mary Craig Kimbrough Sinclair. Letter of Dec. 20, 1933 relates to Westbrook Pegler 1932 Oct. 19 - 1944 May 3 (7 letters) (7 letters)

Portraits

Portraits (cont.)

Manuscript box      **Portrait photograph** n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed by Sinclair. Gift of Helen Rosen Woodward