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ACCESSION SHEET

Accession # 81 M 11, 82 M 11, 82 M 32

Location Annex 3-2-3(1)

Title MORRIS R. WERNER. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1920-1981; bulk dates: 1940-1950

Date of receipt Oct. 30, 1981, Mar. 30, 1982, Received from Mrs. Hazel R. Werner  
June 9, 1982 Mr. Thomas Whitehill

Volume on arrival 14 letter boxes, 1 envelope

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 5 AB

Condition Good (except for the carbons of some outgoing letters which are fragile/brittle)

Restrictions none

Description Morris R. Werner (1897-1981) was a journalist and writer in the fields of history, biography, and current events. He resided in New York City for many years.

The collection (1920-1981) is composed largely of correspondence, but also includes some writings and printed material. The correspondence (1920-1981) consists of letters with friends, family, colleagues, editors and publishers in chronological order. Most letters relate to Werner's literary contributions to various periodicals including Colliers, The New Yorker, The New Republic and The Saturday Evening Post, his work as a foreign correspondent for The Yorkshire Post (Leeds, England) and for the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune, and his books, especially his unpublished biography of Fiorello H. LaGuardia. The correspondence for 1920 contains letters by Werner while he was a sales agent for chemical dyes at Shanghai, China, for the Lamie Chemical Company of New York, describing conditions in China at the outbreak of the Civil War, the Chinese national character, bargaining with local buyers and the difficulties of penetrating the Chinese market in the face of competition from German, Japanese and other foreign suppliers. There are also letters from George E. Sokolsky (columnist, author, lecturer) at Shanghai concerning conditions in China, journalistic and personal matters (1921-1923, 1927) and a few letters (1930) by Werner written from Moscow in which he gives his impressions of that city and its people. The correspondence for 1948-1949 contains letters by Geoffrey Parsons in Paris describing financial and journalistic problems of the New York Herald Tribune, of which he was editor. Other correspondents include Sir William Linton Andrews, Bruce Bliven, Newbold Morris and William Shawn. Subsequent alphabetical additions of letters to Werner from literary figures including E(dward) E(stlin) Cummings, John Dos Passos, Harry Houdini, Abraham Henry Hummel, George Bernard Shaw, Frank Sullivan and Edmund Wilson (ca1922-1976) and a series of letters to Werner from writer and biographer, Gamaliel Bradford (1922-1931) are

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 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries Andrews, Sir William Linton; Belmont, August (Sr.); Bliven, Bruce; Carnegie, Andrew; Bradford, Gamaliel; Cummings, Edward Estlin; Hill, David B.; Houdini, Harry; Hummel, Abraham Henry; LaGuardia, Fiorello Henry; Morris, Newbold; Parsons, Geoffrey; Riis, Jacob; Rockefeller, John D., Jr.; Shaw, George Bernard; Shawn, William; Stone, William L; Sullivan, Frank; Sulzer, William; Wilson, Edmund; Authors, American, Biography; China; Journalism; Lamie Chemical Company; Accessioned by J.D. Stinson/S.E. Davis  
Newspapers; New York Herald Tribune;  
The New Yorker; The Yorkshire Post (Leeds, Eng.);  
1901-1925; 1926-1950; 1951-1975. Date August 4, 1982

Description (cont.)

filed at the end of the collection, along with five folders of historical manuscript letters collected by Werner, which were purchased (in part) from The Anderson Galleries. The latter includes letters by Andrew Carnegie, August Belmont (Sr.), David B. Hill, Jacob Riis, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., William L. Stone and William Sulzer.

The Writings consist of typescripts of articles by Werner (1920-1966) and a typescript in 13 chapters (chapter 11 missing) of his biography of LaGuardia. There is also a small amount of printed ephemera.

MORRIS WERNER  
PAPERS

Container List

Box

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|   | Correspondence   |
| 1 | 1920-1949 (gaps)   |
| 2 | 1950-1965  |
| 3 | 1966-1981  |
|   | Writings   |
| 4 | Articles, 1920-1966, n.d. (gaps)<br>LaGuardia biography - typescript<br>(incomplete) of unpublished<br>biography with notes and<br>some miscellaneous papers |
|   | Printed Material   |
| 5 | Letters from literary and public figures (82 M 11)<br>Gamaliel Bradford letters (82 M 32)  |

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P A P E R S

(81 M 11)

SEPARATION RECORD

The following papers were removed from the Morris R. Werner Papers and transferred to the Fiorello H. LaGuardia Papers (Box 76 - Addenda):

1. Congressional correspondence (1919-21, 1925) of Fiorello H. La Guardia relating to aviation matters with a few collateral papers (in 2 folders)
2. Flight logbook (1917-19) kept by La Guardia while a student pilot on the Italian front containing comments in Italian by La Guardia's flight instructor and brief notes by La Guardia of his combat missions. Title on cover: "Batt. Scuole Aviatori / Libretto Personale di Volo". (in folder with above.)

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Accession # 85M27

Location Annex, 3-1-3/4(L)

Title Morris Werner. Additions.

Approximate inclusive dates 1950s, 1960s, 1980

Date of receipt April 1985

Received from Mrs. Hazel H. Werner

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing)

Condition good

Restrictions none

Description A few letters, 1950s-1980, dealing with Werner's work as a writer, some material related to The Formerly Club, photographs of Morris Werner and his family and of E.E. Cummings, John Lardner, Andre LeGuerre and of a bust of Werner by Gaston LaChaise, typescripts and clippings of articles by Werner, and a cartoon of Werner by Walt Kelly.

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 Other (list) cartoon

Temporary catalog card added entries Cummings, E.E.; Kelly, Walt ;Lardner, John, LeGuerre, André

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Date 6-17-85

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Accession # 83 M 9 Location ANNEX  
3-C-3/4 (L)

Title Morris R Werner. Additional papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1939-41 & undated

Date of receipt Feb. 1, 1983 Received from Mrs. Hazel Hawthorne Werner

Volume on arrival 1 pkg.

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 1 AB

Condition Fair. Many white and yellow carbons are very fragile and will distinegrate with  
research use.

Restrictions None

Description Typescripts of articles and book reviews written by Morris R. Werner for  
The New Yorker, Town and Country, and other magazines; typescript of several  
chapters of his autobiography entitled "Notes of an Angry Optimist"; some correspondence  
(1939-41) with editors relating to his writings; research notes, and clippings of  
articles.

Box 6. Additional papers. 83 M 9

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Accession # 83 M 10 Location ANNEX  
3-i-3/4 (L)

Title Morris R. Werner. Additional papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1920-78

Date of receipt Feb. 2, 1983 Received from Thomas Whitehill

Volume on arrival 1 carton

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 AB

Condition Fair. Many white and yellow carons are fragile and will disintegrate with research use.

Restrictions None

Description

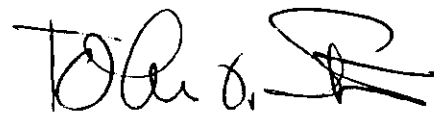
Correspondence (1968-78) of Morris R. Werner with editors, personal correspondence (1930-32) with Mary Callery and with a member of the U.S. Foreign Service at Mukden, China; typescripts of his diaries (1920, 1935-43, 1956); a typescript of his autobiography, "Memoirs of an Angry Optimist"; photographic portraits of Morris Werner and of friends and acquaintances; and copies of magazines and journals containing articles by Werner.

Boxes 7-8 Additional papers. 83 M 10

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ANNEX  
3-i-3/4(L)

Accession # 83 M 54

Location

Title Morris R. Werner. Additional papers.

Approximate inclusive dates Undated

Date of receipt July 11, 1983

Received from Hazel H. Werner

Volume on arrival 1 binder

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 1/2 AB

Condition Fair (some pages torn)

Restrictions None

Description "Free Lance", by Morris R. Werner. Carbon typescript with editorial corrections in pencil of Werner's autobiography, 416 p.

Box 2. Additional papers. (83 M 54)

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 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries

Accessioned by

*John S.*

Date

7/13/83