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Abstract: Correspondence re Lewis and re the book after its publication; research notes; bibliography; books by and about Lewis; transcripts of Lewis; diaries, 1900-1907; Schorer's interview notebooks; copies of the ms.; galley and page proofs; first unbound copy; copy with Schorer's corrections; his speeches re Lewis. Includes correspondence with Upton Sinclair.
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Scope and Content

This material was given to The Bancroft Library by Professor Schorer in December 1962 and February 1963.

Boxes 1-4  Correspondence re Lewis, 1952-1962.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence with Lewis' family, friends, associates, etc. and with libraries and institutions possessing Lewis material. Included also is Schorer's correspondence with his publisher and agent. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization, with copies of Schorer's letters interfiled chronologically in each folder. Single letters are in miscellanies preceding each letter of the alphabet. A list of the more important correspondents is included herein.

Box 1  A - D
Box 2  E - Lh
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Boxes 5-6  Correspondence re the book after its publication, 1961-1962.

Scope and Content Note

Mainly fan mail. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, with miscellanies for single letters. Schorer's replies are with the incoming letters. A list of the more important correspondents is included herein.

Box 5  A - L
Box 6  M - Z

Carton 1  Working materials.

Scope and Content Note

Included are photocopies and transcripts of letters to and from Lewis, recollections of Lewis written by some of Schorer's correspondents, clippings concerning Lewis and reviews of his books, photocopies of magazine articles written by him and a photocopy of his will. This material was arranged chronologically by Schorer, covering the period 1885-1951. There are copies of letters from Jack London, H. L. Mencken, Edith Wharton, Upton Sinclair, Zona Gale, Horace Walpole, Mark Van Doren, Dorothy Thompson, Malcolm Cowley, W. E. Woodward and many others.

Carton 2  Working materials (cont'd.)

Scope and Content Note

Notes on Lewis' character and his autobiographical comments, photocopy of his record of his manuscripts, clippings concerning his literary reputation, transcripts and notes of correspondence, Lewis' itinerary, etc.

Photographs

Bibliographies and checklists

Interview notebooks kept by Schorer

Material re permissions and acknowledgments

Plot summaries of short stories by Lewis

Transcripts of his diaries, 1900-1907
Key to Arrangement

Carton 3
Copy of script of "NBC Biography in Sound: Sinclair Lewis"
Manuscript, "I Visit Twin Farms," by Dale Warren
First draft of manuscript
Manuscript as submitted to the publisher
Printer's copy
Corrected galleys and page proofs
Proofs of illustrations
First unbound copy

Carton 5
Copies of books written by Lewis and about Lewis
Carton 6
Copies of the English and paperback editions; book reviews; and film (bibliographic)

Card Files
4 card files, "Working notes"
Scope and Content Note
4" x 6" cards, arranged chronologically.

Wooden card file, "Working bibliography"
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4" x 6" cards, arranged alphabetically by name of author.

Box 7
Copies of periodicals containing material about Lewis
Box 8
Corrected copy of the biography (Schorer's corrections in ink)

Articles and speeches by Schorer about Lewis
"Main Street" (American Heritage, v. XII, no. 6, Oct. 1961)
"Sinclair Lewis and the Nobel Prize" (Atlantic, v. 208, no. 4, Oct. 1961)
Introductory remarks to a lecture called "Sinclair Lewis: Midwest Protest" given at the University of Minnesota in the spring of 1961 (MS)
"The Burdens of Biography" - MS of Avery Hopwood Memorial Lecture delivered May 23, 1962, at Ann Arbor
Book-of-the-Month Club News, September 1961, announcing Schorer's book as the October selection
Schorer's list of correspondents and of manuscripts given in February 1963

Miscellany
Correspondence re permissions and additional folder of fan mail

Photographs

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