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### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Material pertaining to biography of Sinclair Lewis,

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**Origination:** Schorer, Mark, 1908-

**Extent:** Number of containers: 10 boxes and 8 cartons

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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.

**Languages Represented:** English

**Access**

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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**

Box 3

**Li - M**

Box 4

**N - Z**

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**

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Carton 3	<b>Copy of script of "NBC Biography in Sound: Sinclair Lewis"</b> <b>Manuscript, "I Visit Twin Farms," by Dale Warren</b> <b>First draft of manuscript</b> <b>Manuscript as submitted to the publisher</b> <b>Printer's copy</b>
Carton 4 (Unarranged and unavailable for use)	<b>Corrected galleys and page proofs</b> <b>Proofs of illustrations</b> <b>First unbound copy</b>
Carton 5	<b>Copies of books written by Lewis and about Lewis</b>
Carton 6	<b>Copies of the English and paperback editions; book reviews; and film (bibliographic)</b>
carton Cartons 7-8	<b>Card Files</b> <b>4 card files, "Working notes"</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> 4" x 6" cards, arranged chronologically.  <b>Wooden card file, "Working bibliography"</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> 4" x 6" cards, arranged alphabetically by name of author.
Box 7	<b>Copies of periodicals containing material about Lewis</b>
Box 8	<b>Corrected copy of the biography (Schorer's corrections in ink)</b> <b>Articles and speeches by Schorer about Lewis</b> <b>"Main Street" ( <i>American Heritage</i>, v. XII, no. 6, Oct. 1961)</b> <b>"Sinclair Lewis and the Nobel Prize" ( <i>Atlantic</i>, v. 208, no. 4, Oct. 1961)</b> <b>Introductory remarks to a lecture called "Sinclair Lewis: Midwest Protest" given at the University of Minnesota in the spring of 1961 (MS)</b> <b>"The Burdens of Biography" - MS of Avery Hopwood Memorial Lecture delivered May 23, 1962, at Ann Arbor</b> <b><i>Book-of-the-Month Club News</i>, September 1961, announcing Schorer's book as the October selection</b> <b>Schorer's list of correspondents and of manuscripts given in February 1963</b> <b>Miscellany</b>
Box 9	<b>Correspondence re permissions and additional folder of fan mail</b>
Box 10	<b>Photographs</b>
	<b>A Miscellany (single letters)</b> <b>Allen, Robert Joseph, 1902-</b> <b>Letter, Apr. 23, 1953</b> <b>Arvin, Newton, 1900-</b> <b>Letter, Mar. 18, 1959</b> <b>Allen, Samuel Edward, 1873-</b> <b>2 letters, 1954-1959</b> <b>Aswell, Edward C. 1900-1958</b> <b>See McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.</b> <b>B Miscellany (single letters)</b> <b>Bacon, Peggy, 1895-</b> <b>Letter, June 14, 1959</b> <b>Ball, Lucille, 1911-</b> <b>Letter, Jan. 7, 1957</b> <b>Barrett, Clifton Waller</b> <b>Letter, June 2, 1954</b> <b>Basso, Hamilton, 1904-</b> <b>Letter, Feb. 22, 1959</b>

**Benjamin, Curtis G, 1901-  
Letter, Mar. 13, 1959**

**Bottome, Phyllis, 1884-  
Letter, Aug. 25, 1959**

**Braider, Donald  
Letter, Apr. 24, 1959**

**Bransten, Joseph M.  
Letter, Apr. 11, 1960**

**Breasted, Charles  
Letter, Jan. 17, 1957**

**Breit, Harvey  
Letter, July 14, 1952**

**Brink, Carol (Ryrie), 1895-  
Letter, Mar. 30, 1954**

**Bryson, Lyman, 1888-  
Letter, Jan. 22, 1958**

**Babcock, Frederic, 1896-  
4 letters, 1959-1960**

**Baker, Carlos Heard, 1909-  
2 letters, 1954**

**Banning, Margaret Culkin, 1891-  
3 letters, 1957**

**Barnes, Nellie  
3 letters, 1954**

**Behrman, Samuel Nathaniel, 1893-  
6 letters, 1960**

**Belgion, Montgomery  
3 letters, 1959**

**Billwiller, Primrose Sandiford  
4 letters, 1952**

**Binder, Dorothy (Walton)  
2 letters, 1954 & n.d.**

**Brandt & Brandt  
120 letters, 1952-1962. Written primarily by Carol Brandt.**

**Bunn, George Wallace, 1890-  
3 letters, 1959 & n.d.**

**Butcher, Fanny  
2 letters, 1959**

**C Miscellany (single letters)**

**Cain, James Mallahan, 1892-  
Letter, Jan. 7, 1957**

**California. University, Berkeley. Library  
Letter, June 14, 1961. Written by Donald Coney.**

**Cantwell, Robert Emmett, 1908-  
Letter, Feb. 17, 1959**

**Carter, Hodding, 1907-  
Letter, Feb. 7, 1959**

**Chidester, Ann, 1919-  
Letter, July 22, 1956. Signed: Ann Chidester O'Meara**

**Clark, James Mitchell  
Letter, Feb. 2, 1959**

**Connelly, Marcus Cook, 1890-  
Letter, June 6, 1960**

**Conrad, Barnaby, 1922-  
Letter, June 29, 1956**

**Cousins, Margaret, 1905-  
Letter, Jan. 31, 1961**

**Cowley, Malcolm, 1898-  
Letter, Sept. 25, 1959**

**Cane, Melville Henry, 1879-  
See Ernst, Cane & Berner**

**Cape, Jonathan  
2 letters, 1958-1959**

**Cayton, Horace Roscoe  
2 letters, 1959-1961**

**Cerf, Bennett Alfred, 1898-  
5 letters, 1960**

**Cerwin, Herbert  
2 letters, 1955-1961**

**Charnley, Mitchell Vaughn, 1898-  
5 letters, 1953-1954**

**Collins, Alan C.  
2 letters, 1959**

**Compton, Ida L  
7 letters, 1954-1960**

**Cozzens, Bernice (Baumgarten) (Mrs. James Gould Cozzens)  
3 letters, 1960**

**D Miscellany (single letters)**

**Davis, Curtis Carroll  
Letter, Aug. 23, 1961**

**Degnan, June Oppen  
Letter, Feb. 10, 1961**

**Dos Passos, John, 1896-  
Letter, Feb. 18, 1959**

**Decker, Clarence Raymond, 1904-  
2 letters, 1959**

**de Kruif, Paul, 1890-  
5 letters, 1959**

**Derleth, August, 1909-  
6 letters, 1958-1960**

**Dozier, William, 1908-  
3 letters, 1957-1958**

**E Miscellany (single letters)**

**Evjue, William Theodore, 1882-  
Letter, Jan. 18, 1954**

**Elias, Robert Henry, 1914-  
2 letters, 1959**

**Ernst, Cane & Berner  
65 letters, 1952-1962. Written primarily by Melville H. Cane.**

**Ernst, Morris Leopold, 1888-  
2 letters, 1959-1961**

**F Miscellany (single letters)**

**Ferber, Edna  
Letter, Jan. 11, 1957**

**Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-  
Letter, Jan. 8, 1958**

**Frere, Alexander Stewart, 1896-  
Letter, July 6, 1953**

**Fadiman, Clifton, 1904-  
2 letters, 1953**

**Fenton, Charles A.  
15 letters, 1954-1960**

**Fishbein, Morris, 1889-  
6 letters, 1958-1959**

**Forgue, Guy Jean**  
4 letters, 1958-1959

**Frank, Waldo David, 1889-**  
2 letters, 1959

**G Miscellany (single letters)**

**Galantiere, Lewis, 1895-**  
Letter, Jan. 8, 1959

**Gelhorn, Martha**  
Letter, ca. Jan. 13, 1959

**Gish, Lillian**  
Letter, n.d.

**Goetz, Ruth Goodman**  
Letter, Feb. 17, 1954

**Gregory, Horace**  
Letter, Nov. 5, 1959

**Gunther, John, 1901-**  
Letter, Jan. 28, 1958

**Gallup, Donald Clifford, 1913-**  
See Yale University.

**Gannett, Lewis Stiles, 1891-**  
4 letters, 1954-1956

**Gill, Brendan, 1914-**  
2 letters, 1954-1955

**Guthrie, Ramon**  
4 letters, 1953-1960

**H Miscellany (single letters)**

**Hamilton, Hamish, 1900-**  
Letter, May 1, 1953

**Harcourt, Alfred, 1881-1954**  
Letter, Oct. 25, 1953

**Harcourt, Ellen Knowles (Mrs. Alfred Harcourt)**  
Letter, July 2, 1954

**Harrison, Gilbert A., 1915-**  
Letter, Dec. 23, 1955

**Hart, James David, 1911-**  
Letter, Apr. 9, 1959

**Hart-Davis, Rupert**  
Letter, July 13, 1959

**Hepburn, Katharine, 1909-**  
Letter, n.d.

**Herron, Ima Homaker**  
Letter, Feb. 22, 1959

**Hicks, Granville, 1901-**  
Letter, Mar. 1, 1959

**Hornblow, Arthur, 1893-**  
Letter, n.d.

**Haessler, Carl, 1888-**  
3 letters, 1959

**Haggard, Edith**  
5 letters, 1958-1960

**Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc.**  
10 letters, 1953-1962

**Harris, Markham**  
2 letters, 1957-1959

**Hepburn, Thomas N.**  
2 letters, 1958

**Hersey, John, 1914-**

- 3 letters, 1954-1960  
Hillman, Serrell  
13 letters, 1957-1960  
Hoffman, Arthur Sullivant, 1876-  
4 letters, 1957-1961  
Huebsch, B. W.  
7 letters, 1958-1960  
I-J Miscellany (single letters)  
Irwin, Inez (Haynes), 1873-  
Letter, Apr. 27, 1959  
Johnson, Nunnally, 1897-  
Letter, Jan. 28, 1957  
Jones, Howard Mumford, 1892-  
Letter, Oct. 10, 1960  
Johansen, Gunnar  
2 letters, 1954  
Jones, Bessie (Zaban) (Mrs. Howard Mumford Jones)  
4 letters, 1960  
K Miscellany (single letters)  
Knopf, Blanche (Wolf)  
Letter, Dec. 4, 1958  
L Miscellany (single letters)  
Langner, Lawrence, 1890-  
Letter, Mar. 24, 1959  
Lehman, Benjamin Harrison, 1889-  
Letter, Oct. 14, 1960  
Lippman, Walter, 1889-  
Letter, Dec. 11, 1956  
Lochner, Louis Paul, 1887-  
Letter, Oct. 7, 1957  
Longstreet, Stephen, 1907-  
Letter, Jan. 6, 1956  
Luhan, Mabel Dodge, 1879-  
Letter, Jan. 28, 1959  
Lynn, Kenneth S.  
Letter, Aug. 8, 1955  
Lewis, Claude B.  
4 letters, 1952-1954  
Lewis, Grace Hegger  
15 letters, 1959-1961. Signed Grace Hegger de Casanova and Grace Casanova.  
[Library Correspondence]  
Correspondence with libraries and other institutions possessing Sinclair Lewis materials.  
Longwell, Daniel, 1899-  
2 letters, 1959  
Lyons, Leonard, 1906-  
2 letters, 1959  
M Miscellany (single letters)  
McKelway, St. Clair  
Letter, May 28, 1959  
Marquand, John Phillips, 1893-  
Letter, Feb. 17, 1959  
Mayes, Herbert Raymond, 1900-  
Letter, June 13, 1960  
Mizener, Arthur Moore, 1907-  
Letter, Nov. 4, 1959  
Munson, Gorham



Letter, Jan. 14, 1959  
McComas, Gene (Baker)  
7 letters, 1954-1956  
McCormick, Kenneth Dale, 1906-  
3 letters, 1959  
McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.  
154 letters, 1952-1962. Include letters from Harold W. McGraw, Jr., Edward Aswell,  
Edward Kuhn, Robert Gutwillig and Sonia Levinthal.  
Manfred, Frederick Feikema, 1912-  
4 letters, 1953-1954  
Maule, Harry Edward, 1886-  
5 letters, 1958-1960  
Mencken, Henry Louis, 1880-1956  
3 letters, 1954-1956. Written for him by his secretary.  
Murphy, Edward Francis, 1892-  
2 letters, 1959  
N Miscellany (single letters)  
North, Sterling, 1906-  
Letter, Jan. 26, 1954  
Nowell, Elizabeth  
Letter, Nov. 6, 1956  
O Miscellany (single letters)  
O'Hara, John, 1905-  
Letter, Feb. 17, 1959  
Olds, Irving S., 1887-1963  
Letter, July 21, 1954  
Perkins, Frances, 1882-  
2 letters, 1958-1959  
Powers, Marcella  
9 letters, 1959-1961  
R Miscellany (single letters)  
Rogers, Samuel Greene Arnold, 1894-  
Letter, Nov. 12, 1953  
Runyon, Alfred Melton, 1905-  
Letter, June 29, 1959  
Raphaelson, Samson, 1896-  
2 letters, 1958  
Reyher, Ferdinand  
3 letters, 1959  
Rous, Peyton, 1879-  
2 letters, 1955-1958  
S Miscellany (single letters)  
Schary, Dore, 1905-  
Letter, Jan. 8, 1957  
Schlesinger, Arthur Meier, 1917-  
Letter, Jan. 21, 1957  
Secondari, John H.  
Letter, Apr. 28, 1959  
Sheean, Diana (Forbes-Robertson) [Mrs. Vincent Sheean]  
Letter, Jan. 20, 1958  
Sheean, Vincent, 1899-  
Letter, Mar. 5, 1959  
Shirer, William Lawrence, 1904-  
Letter, June 11, 1960  
Shulman, Max, 1919-  
Letter, Mar. 11, 1959  
Smith, Harrison, 1888-

Letter, Jan. 21, 1958  
Smith, Henry Nash, 1906-  
Letter, Feb. 16, 1959  
Steele, Wilbur Daniel, 1886-  
Letter, n.d.  
Steinbeck, John, 1902-  
Letter, Feb. 19, 1959  
Stout, Rex Todhunter, 1886-  
Letter, Nov. 6, 1955  
Strong, Anna Louise  
Letter, Aug. 30, 1957  
Seldes, George  
2 letters, 1959  
Seldes, Gilbert, 1893-  
5 letters, 1959  
Shaplen, Robert  
2 letters, 1959  
Sions, Harry  
2 letters, 1959  
Smith, William Jay  
2 letters, 1955-1961  
Soule, George Henry, 1887-  
2 letters, 1957  
T Miscellany (single letters)  
Thurber, James, 1894-1961  
Letter, Aug. 11, 1955  
Thompson, Dorothy, 1894-1961  
30 letters, 1953-1961  
Traeger, Cornelius Horace  
3 letters, 1960-1961  
Troubridge, Una Vincenzo  
2 letters, 1953  
U-Z Miscellany (single letters)  
Ueland, Brenda  
Letter, Dec. 29, 1956  
Van Doren, Irita, 1891-  
Letter, Jan. 29, 1959  
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-  
Letter, Jan. 9, 1959  
Vorse, Mary (Heaton)  
Letter, n.d.  
West, Rebecca, pseud., 1892-  
Letter, June 29, 1953  
Weybright, Victor, 1903-  
Letter, Feb. 16, 1959  
White, Katharine (Sergeant), 1892-  
Letter, July 28, 1955  
White, Poppy (Cannon) [Mrs. Walter F. White]  
Letter, Mar. 18, 1959  
Wilder, Thornton, 1897-  
Letter, Feb. 29, 1959  
Williams, Ronald John, 1906-  
Letter, Sept. 14, 1955  
Williams, William Carlos, 1883-  
Postcard, ca. Jan. 10, 1959  
Wray, Fay  
Letter, Jan. 8, 1957

**Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-**

**3 letters, 1956-1958**

**Warren, Dale**

**7 letters, 1958-1960**

**Werner, Morris Robert, 1897-**

**2 letters, 1958-1959**

**Yale University**

**36 letters, 1952-1961. Mainly from Donald C. Gallup, Curator, Collection of American Literature.**

**A - B Miscellany (single letters)**

**Babb, James Tinkham, 1899-**

**Letter, Oct. 31, 1961**

**Baker, Carlos Heard, 1909-**

**Letter, Oct. 13, 1961**

**Baker, Dorothy, 1907-**

**Letter, [Dec. 1961]**

**Behrman, Samuel Nathaniel, 1893-**

**Letter, Oct. 22, 1961**

**Busch, Niven, 1903-**

**Letter, Oct. 24, 1961**

**Belgion, Montgomery**

**6 letters, 1962**

**Bliven, Bruce, 1889-**

**2 letters, 1961**

**C-D Miscellany (single letters)**

**Caen, Herbert Eugene, 1916-**

**Letter, Sept. 27, 1961**

**Cane, Melville Henry, 1879-**

**Letter, Oct. 30, 1961**

**Cayton, Horace Roscoe**

**Letter, Oct. 11, 1961**

**Cerf, Bennett Alfred, 1898-**

**Letter, Oct. 11, 1961**

**Chidester, Ann, 1919-**

**Letter, Nov. 26, 1961**

**De Kruif, Eleanor (Mrs. Paul de Kruif)**

**Letter, [Dec. 1961]**

**Derleth, August, 1909-**

**Letter, Sept. 16, 1961**

**Conrad, Barnaby, 1922-**

**2 letters, 1961**

**E-G Miscellany (single letters)**

**Frank, Waldo David, 1889-**

**Letter, Apr. 1962**

**Gannett, Lewis Stiles, 1891-**

**Letter, Jan. 27, 1962**

**Gaus, John Merriman, 1894-**

**Letter, Mar. 3, 1962**

**Guthrie, Ramon**

**Letter, Aug. 11, 1961**

**Gunther, John, 1901-**

**2 letters, 1961**

**H-I Miscellany (single letters)**

**Haggard, Edith**

**Letter, Sept. 26, 1961**

Harris, Mark  
Letter, June 27, 1962

Hersey, John, 1914-  
Letter, Nov. 17, 1961

Huebsch, B. W.  
Letter, June 28, 1962

Isherwood, Christopher, 1904-  
Letter, ca. Nov. 10, 1961

J-K Miscellany (single letters)

Jones, Howard Mumford, 1892-  
Letter, Sept. 2, 1961

Katkov, Norman  
Letter, Oct. 21, 1961

Kent, Sherman, 1903-  
Letter, June 1, 1962

Kerr, Clark, 1911-  
Letter, n.d.

L Miscellany (single letters)

Laughlin, James, 1914-  
Letter, Oct. 2, 1961

Lehman, Benjamin Harrison, 1889-  
Letter, Feb. 3, 1962

Lehman, Henriette (Blanding)  
Letter, Dec. 6, 1961

Loeb, Harold  
Letter, Dec. 17, 1961

M Miscellany (single letters)

Miller, Nolan  
Letter, Sept. 19, 1961

Murphy, Edward Francis, 1892-  
Letter, Oct. 17, 1961

McComas, Gene (Baker)  
2 letters, 1961

N-R Miscellany (single letters)

Orton, Vrest Teachout, 1897-  
Letter, Feb. 8, 1962

S-T Miscellany (single letters)

Seldes, George  
Letter, Sept. 26, 1961

Sinclair, Upton Beall, 1878-  
Letter, Sept. 17, 1961

Snow, Charles Percy, 1905-  
Letter, Nov. 22, 1961

U-Z Miscellany (single letters)

Warren, Austin, 1899-  
Letter, Nov. 20, 1961

Weybright, Victor, 1903-  
Letter, Oct. 10, 1961

White, Katharine (Sergeant), 1892-  
Letter, Dec. 13, 1961

Updegraff, Allan  
5 letters, 1961-1962

Warren, Dale  
4 letters, 1960-1961