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Ball, John.
Beach, Joseph Warren, 1880-1957.
Bill, Earl Gordon, 1884-
Bowling, Lawrence.
Bradford, Gamaliel, 1863-1932.
Brooks, Cleanth, 1906-
Brown, Margaret.
Bush, Douglas, 1896-
Campbell, Oscar James, 1879-1970.
Cather, Willa, 1873-1947.
Chadsey, C. P.
Chalmers, Gordon K.
Chapman, Warren.
Chase, Harry Woodburn, 1887-
Coffey, Hubert Stanley.
Conrath, John.
Coyle, William.
Crane, Ronald Salmon, 1886-
Davies, Graham R.
Elliot, William Foster.
Elliot, George Roy, 1883-1963.
Elton, Oliver, 1861-1945.
Falk, Robert.
Foerster, Donald.
Foerster, Norman, 1887-
Gauss, Christian Frederick, 1878-1951.
Gohdes, Clarence Louis Frank, 1901-
Goldberg, Maxwell Henry, 1907-
Goodell, Charles E., Mrs.
Greene, Theodore M.
Guttmann, Allen.
Hart, James David, 1911-
Havens, Raymond Dexter, 1880-
Hicks, Philip M.
Howarth, Herbert.
Howe, W. D.
Hubbell, Jay Broadus, 1885-
Jessup, Walter Albert, 1877-
Jones, Harry Stuart Veddes, 1878-
Kelly, Robert, 1935-
Kirby, Thomas A.
Lambert, John S.
Long, Percy Waldron, 1876-
L udeke, H.
Mc Grath, Earl James, 1902-
McNeill, Louise.
Meiklejohn, Alexander, 1872-1964.
Moore, C. A.
More, Paul Elmer, 1864-1937.
Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1957.
Parkman, Francis.
Rafton, Harold R.
Ramsay, Robert L.
Reilly, Robert James, 1925-
Robinson, Frederick.
Rulard, Richard, 1932-
Ryan, Alfred S.
Sandeen, Ernest Emanuel, 1908-
Schneider, W. B.
Seldes, Gilbert Vivian, 1893-
Shapiro, Karl Jay, 1913-
Slote, Bernice.
Smith, D. Michel.
Spilles, Robert Ernest, 1896-
Spring, Samuel, 1746-1819.
Stevens, David H., 1860-
Stiles, Lindley Joseph, 1913-
Stokowska, Evangeline.
Stroud, J. B.
Stung, Arthur, N.
Su, Wei-Hsiung.
Van Doren, Carl, 1885-1950.
Wellek, Ren e.
Ferrar and Rinehart, Inc.
Houghton Mifflin Company.
Macmillan Company.
University of Iowa.

Additional Note

Norman Foerster Papers

Section I: Works By Norman Foerster.

Box 1, Folder 1
Address given to the Rotary Club of Montecito, California, March 3, 1953, 5 pp.

Box 1, Folder 2
American Ideals and the Annihilation Of Germany, 5 pp., written c. 1914 - 1917.

Box 1, Folder 3
American Literature, carbon ts., 23pp., written for the World Book Encyclopedia.

Box 1, Folder 4
Irving Babbitt, carbon ts., 3 pp., written for The Dictionary Of American Biography.

Box 1, Folder 5
Fragment on Irving Babbitt, autograph manuscript, 8 pp.

Box 1, Folder 6
Biography Of Thoreau, fragment never completed, ts., 16 pp.

Box 1, Folder 7

Box 1, Folder 8
Essays and notes written while Foerster was at Harvard College, 1907 - 1910,(20),
including a bound ts. of poems, Spring and Fall, 1907;and an essay on The Influence
Of Gilbert White, which received the first Bowdoin Prize ever awarded (1910).

Box 1, Folder 9
Box 1, Folder 10  
Fascism, ts., 3 pp.

Box 1, Folder 11  

Box 1, Folder 12  

Box 1, Folder 13  
Has Science Advanced Human Happiness?

   Physical Description: ts., 2 pp.

Box 1, Folder 14  
Man Unveils Me, carbon ts., 14 pp.

Box 1, Folder 15  
Metamorphosis, ts., 5 pp.

Box 1, Folder 16  
Naturalism, as revised 1943 - 1944, ts., 26 pp., and carbon, 24 pp., (pages 25 - 26 of the carbon are missing).

Box 1, Folder 17  
Rousseau and Romanticism by Irving Babbitt, a review, autograph ms., 9 pp.

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Box 1, Folder 19  
Toward Socialism, ts., 8 pp.

Box 1, Folder 20  
The United States In the World, outline, ts., 6pp.

Box 1, Folder 21  
What Is a Good Teacher Of Literature?

   Physical Description: ts., 18 pp.

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Box 1, Folder 23  
Notes, Miscellaneous. c. 1920 - 1961

   Physical Description: (c. 100 items).

Folder 23a  
HUMANITIES AND THE COMMON MAN -JAPANESE EDITION [UNK] DATA ON PUBLICATION

Section II: Works by persons other than Norman Foerster.

Box 2, Folder 24  
Miscellaneous, 1929 - 1930(13), including a poem by Robert Frost with autograph correction.

Box 2, Folder 25  
Eliot, T. S., critical notes on Foerster's *Of Culture and Religion In America*, autograph ms., 1 p.

Box 2, Folder 26  
Papers by students of Foerster,

   Physical Description: (9).

Box 2, Folder 26a  
Papers by students of Foerster

Section III: Correspondence.

Scope and Content Note

(Dates outside parentheses indicate inclusive dates of letters in file; numbers in parentheses indicate number of items in file.)

Box 2, Folder 27  
General File, including letters to, from, or about, the following:

   Unidentified, crank mail, and miscellaneous

   Physical Description: (21).

Allen, Francis Henry (1866 -) 1923.
The American Scholar, correspondence occasioned by the publication of; See Folder 2 - 28.
Ball, John, 1958.
Beach, Joseph Warren, 1946.
Bill, Earl Gordon (1884 -); See Folder 2 - 30.
Bowling, Lawrence, 1957 - 1958

   Physical Description: (3).

Brooks, Cleanth, 1945.
Brown, Margaret, n.d.
Campbell, Oscar James (1879 -) 1919.
Cather, Willa (1873 - 1947); See Folder 2- 29.
Chadsey, C. P., 1944.
Chalmers, Gordon K., 1944.
Chapman, Warren, 1951
   Physical Description: (2).

Chase, Harry Woodburn (1887 -); See Folder 2 - 28.
Coffey, Hubert Stanley, 1944.
Conrath, John, 1961 - 1966
   Physical Description: (4).

Coyle, William, 1958
   Physical Description: (2).

Crane, Ronald Salmon (1886 -) 1935.
Davies, G. R., 1943
   Physical Description: (2).

Education Leads the Way, correspondence occasioned by the publication of; See Folder 2 - 30.
Elliot, William Foster, 1923.
Elliot, G. R., 1945.
Elton, Oliver (1861 -) 1921 - 1930(2); See also Folder 2 - 28.
Fact Bureau, 1946.
Ferrar and Rinehart, Inc., publishers, 1930.
Foerster, Donald, 1957.
Foerster, Norman, n.d., 1955
   Physical Description: (2).

Gauss, Christian (1878 -); See A University Prepared For Victory, file in this folder, and see also Folder 2 - 30.
Gohdes, Clarence Louis Frank (1901 -), 1964.
Goldberg, Maxwell, 1959.
Goodell, Mrs. Charles E., 1944.
Greene, Theodore M., 1947
   Physical Description: (2).

Guerard, Albert Leon (1880 -) 1931.
Havens, Raymond Dexter (1880 -) 1923.
Hicks, Philip M., 1951.
Houghton, Mifflin, Co., 1922 - 1947
   Physical Description: (3).

Howarth, Herbert, 1960.
Howe, W. D., 1919.
Hubbell, Jay B., n.d.
Iowa, University Of. Archives. 1967
   Physical Description: (2).
Iowa, University Of. Curriculum Reform Controversy; See Folder 2 - 31.
Iowa, University Of. News Service, 1930

Physical Description: (2).

Jaeger, Werner, 1942.
Jessup, Walter Albert (1877 -) n.d.; See also A University Prepared For Victory, file in this folder.
Jones, Harry Stuart Vedder (1878 -) 1935.
Kilpatrick, William Heard; See Folder 2 - 30.
Kirby, Thomas A., 1952.
Lambert, John S., 1961 - 1967

Physical Description: (3).

Literary Scholarship, correspondence occasioned by the publication of; See Folder 2 - 32.
Livingstone, R. W., n.d.
Long, Percy Waldron (1876 -) 1935.
Lüdeke, H., 1952.
McGrath, Earl James (1902 -) 1946.
Macmillan Company, 1923

Physical Description: (4).

McNeill, Louise, 1942.
Meiklejohn, Alexander (1872 -); See Folder 2 - 30.
Moore, C. A., n.d.
More, Paul Elmer (1864 - 1937); See Folder 2 - 33.
Murry, J. Middleton, 1923.
The New Republic, 1922.
Parkman, Francis Jr., 1959.
Quinn, Arthur H., 1932.
Ramsay, Robert L., 1919.
Reilly, R. J., 1968.
Robinson, Frederick, 1933.
Ruland, Richard, 1957.
Sandeen, Ernest, n.d.
Schneider, W. B., 1957.
Seldes, Gilbert Vivian (1893 -) 1922.
Shapiro, Karl Jay (1913 -) n.d.
Slote, Bernice, 1961

Physical Description: (2).

Smith, D. Michel, 1923.
South Atlantic Quarterly, n.d.
Spiller, Robert E., 1943 - 1966

Physical Description: (2).

Spring, Samuel, n.d.
Stevens, David H., (1860 -) 1947

Physical Description: (5).

Stevens, Wallace (1879 -) 1945.
Stokowska, Evangeline (Mrs. Leopold Stokowski); See Folder 2 -30.
Stroud, J. B., 1944.
Stunz, Arthur N, 1966 - 1967
   Physical Description: (2).

Su, Wei-Hsiung, 1952.
A University Prepared For Victory, correspondence occasioned by the publication of, 1943
   Physical Description: (24).

Van Doren, Carl (1885 -) 1920.
Wellek, René (1903 -) 1942 - 1967
   Physical Description: (9).

Box 2, Folder 28 Correspondence occasioned by the publication of the American Scholar, 1929,(54) including letters to, from, or about:
   Elton, Oliver (1861 -) tls., 10/24/29.

Box 2, Folder 29 Cather, Willa (1873 - 1947) tls., March 8, 1923.

Box 2, Folder 30 Letters occasioned by the publication of Education Leads the Way, 1933,(13) including letters to and from:
   Bill, Earl Gordon (1884 -).
   Gauss, Christian (1878 -).
   Kilpatrick, William Heard (1871 -).
   Meiklejohn, Alexander (1872 -).
   Stokowska, Evangeline (Mrs. Leopold Stokowski).

Box 2, Folder 31 University of Iowa, curriculum reform controversy; including correspondence (26), minutes of the University Of Iowa Steering Committee (6), newspaper clippings (5), and notes (22). A larger group of similar material was sent by Mr. Foerster to the Archives of the University Of Iowa in the early 1960's.

Box 2, Folder 32 Letters occasioned by the publication of Literary Scholarship, (23), 1941 - 1943.

Box 2, Folder 33 More, Paul Elmer (1864 - 1937) als., 3/13/23.

Box 2, Folder 34 Section IV: Documents.
   One folder, including:
   Certificate of membership in Phi Beta Kappa Society, given honoris causa at Duke University, March 21, 1949.
   Contract for the publication of Toward Standards, with Ferrar, and Rinehart, June 30, 1930.

Box 2, Folder 35 Biographical data on Norman Foerster
   Physical Description: (3).

Box 2, Folder 36 Section V: Photographs
   Physical Description: (2).

Box 3, Folder 37 Miscellaneous, (28), including:
   University of Iowa Bulletins
      Physical Description: (16);

   University Of North Carolina Press notices
      Physical Description: (2).
| Box 3, Folder 38 | Tearsheets, undated  
Physical Description: (24). |
| Box 3, Folder 39 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1910 - 1919,  
Physical Description: (32). |
| Box 3, Folder 40 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1920 - 1924  
Physical Description: (21). |
| Box 3, Folder 41 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1925 - 1934,  
Physical Description: (40). |
| Box 4, Folder 42 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1935 - 1939,  
Physical Description: (27). |
| Box 4, Folder 43 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1940 - 1945,  
Physical Description: (36). |
| Box 4, Folder 44 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1946 - 1949,  
Physical Description: (32). |
| Box 5, Folder 45 | Tearsheets and periodicals (whole numbers), 1950 - 1965,  
Physical Description: (26). |
| Box 5, Folder 46 | Newspaper clippings, undated, 1910 - 1919,(c. 125). |
| Box 5, Folder 47 | Newspaper clippings, 1920 - 1929,  
Physical Description: (101). |
| Box 5, Folder 48 | Newspaper clippings, 1930-1964,first folder, (c. 100). |
| Box 5, Folder 49 | Newspaper clippings, 1930-1964,second folder, (c. 100). |

**Section VII: Material used in teaching.**

| Box 6, Folder 50 | Teaching notes and materials, miscellaneous. (c. 40). |
| Box 6, Folder 51 | Lectures delivered by Norman Foerster.  
Emerson: The Crucial Years, University of Illinois, t.s. 25 pp, and ts., 20pp., two different drafts.  
Goethe and Humane Letters Today, Sewanee, March 20, 1931,ts., 21 pp.; Also delivered at Grinnell College, Fall, 1931;and at the University of Cincinnati, November 1932.  
Philosophy and Literature, Philosophical Club, January 12, 1932,ts., 22 pp.  
Thomas Jefferson- Freedom v. Regimentation, August 20, 1936. |
Recent Developments In American Literary History and Criticism, Friend of the Library, Santa Barbara, 11/15/54, ts., and cts., 16pp

Box 6, Folder 52
Wordsworth material used by Foerster in teaching English 117 at Duke University, 1950; typescript and notes, including items on the following:
Biographical data on Wordsworth.
Evening Walk.
Michael and Wordsworth's Ethics.
Ode: Intimations of Immortality.
The Prelude.
Fragment of The Recluse.
Sonnets of 1802.
Tintern Abbey
Dorothy Wordsworth.

Personal Correspondence
Folder folder I
Jean Roberts - Daughter-in-law. Letters range from nov'68 - Sept'69. Concerning will, financial problems and personal misc. Also replies from Dr. [UNK].

Folder folder II
Correspondence with wife concerning divorce, also from niece.

Folder folder III
David Foerster - Son. Ranging from May '69 - Jun, '72. Concerning financial difficulties with father and personal misc.

Folder folder IV
Barrett Foerster - grandson - Ranging from June, '65 - Nov' 71. Concerning financial difficulties with father and commentaries on political and social issues.

Folder folder V
Miscellaneous - Misc. from friends and associates concerning personal and business matters.

Folder folder VI
Literary Correspondence - June ‘63 - Dec ‘69 Concerning literary works and advice to or from associates.

Folder folder VII
Personal notes - Commentaries on various of his own works and miscellaneous scribbling. Also commentaries on various authors.

Folder folder VIII
Financial Wills Fargo - Bank statements and listing of stocks and their value.

Folder folder IX
Financial - stocks Receipts for stocks purchased

Folder folder X
Financial - income tax - Tax return sheets from 1951 - 1955

Folder folder XI
Financial Miscellaneous - Misc. bank notices and also financial listings.

Folder XII
Literary - Misc. Correspondence concerning personal donations and literary [UNK].

Folder XIII
Legal - Ferrari and Swenson. Concerning financial (ie. stocks and bonds) and also family problems. Accounting statements from Mr. [UNK].

Folder XIV
Literary - Financial and Misc. Correspondence between Dr. Foerster and his publishers and associates.

Folder XV
Misc. [UNK] greeting cards; notes