
Guide to the Michael L. Baumann collection on B. Traven

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Michael L. Baumann collection on B. Traven

Date (inclusive): 1992-2002

Date (bulk): 1997-1999

Collection Number: MS 246

Creator: Baumann, Michael L.

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (1 document box)

Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.
Riverside, CA 92517-5900

Abstract: This collection contains several drafts of the manuscript of *Mr. Traven, I presume?* by author Michael L. Baumann as well as correspondence between Baumann (or his wife) and Peter Briscoe and Sid Berger, both former staff members of the UC Riverside Libraries, regarding his publications.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access

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Biography

Michael L. Baumann was a professor of English at California State University, Chico from the 1970s to the 1990s. His doctoral dissertation on B. Traven was published in 1976 by University of New Mexico Press under the title *B. Traven: An Introduction*. In later years, he submitted the manuscript of his book *Mr. Traven, I presume?* to the UCR Library's Special Collections Department for publication.

B. Traven was the pseudonym for an internationally famous writer who guarded his identity with jealousy and determination throughout his life, creating one of the greatest literary puzzles of the 20th century. Other names he went by in his lifetime are Traven Torsvan, Hal Croves, and Ret Marut. His twelve novels, the best known of which are *The Death Ship* and *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, and many short stories have been translated into numerous languages. Films have been made of his *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, *White Rose*, *Macario*, *The Death Ship*, and *Rebellion of the Hanged*. He died in March 1969 in Mexico City, Mexico.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series. The series arrangement of this collection is as follows:

Series 1. Correspondence, 1992-2002.

Series 2. Typescripts and publications, 1997-1999.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Baumann, Michael L.

Traven, B.

Genres and Forms of Materials

Correspondence.

Manuscripts.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | <p>Series 1. Correspondence. 1992-2002.</p> <p>Series Scope and Content Summary</p> <p>This series contains correspondence between Michael L. Baumann or his wife Friedl Baumann and Sid Berger or Peter Briscoe.</p> <p>Series Arrangement</p> <p>This series is arranged sequentially according to box and folder number.</p> |
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| Box 1, Folder 2 | <p>Typescript of <i>Mr. Traven, I presume?</i> ; includes cover letter to Sid Berger. May 16, 1998.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | <p>Typescript of <i>Mr. Traven, I presume?</i> ; includes cover letter to Sid Berger. August 9, 1999.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | <p>Final draft of <i>Mr. Traven, I presume?</i> for publication by Special Collections Department, UC Riverside; dated 1997, published 1999. The book (in a "preliminary version") was also distributed free to participants at the B. Traven Symposium in Stockholm, Sweden, August 19-22, 1999. 1997-1999.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 5-7 | <p>Publication, <i>Mr. Traven, I presume?</i> "Published by the B. Traven Collection at the University of California, Riverside from the original typescript in the Special Collections Library at UCR, 1997" (quantity, 6). 1997.</p> |