Finding aid for the Willard Morse collection on Sinclair Lewis 0138

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Title: Willard Morse collection on Sinclair Lewis
Collection number: 0138
Contributing Institution: USC Libraries Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Storage Unit: 3
Storage Unit: 1
Storage Unit: 2
Physical Description: 3.0 Linear feet 3 boxes
Date (inclusive): 1907-1952
Abstract: Book reviews, journal and newspaper (originals and photostats) articles by and about Sinclair Lewis, and an extensive type- and handwritten catalog of Morse's holdings on Lewis, author and novelist, who was the first American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Willard S. Morse (1856-1935) was a mining executive in the West and Mexico. He was later made a director and member of the executive committee of the American Smelter Securities Company, Chilean Exploration Company, and Braden Copper Company. After retiring, Morse devoted much of this time to the collection of Americana.
creator: Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951
creator: Morse, Willard S. (Willard Samuel), 1856-1935
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Biographical note
Harry Sinclair Lewis (February 7, 1885-January 10, 1951) was an American novelist, short-story writer, and playwright. In 1930, he became the first writer from the United States to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature, which was awarded "for his vigorous and graphic art of description and his ability to create, with wit and humor, new types of characters." His works are characterized by their insightful and critical views of American capitalism and materialism between the wars. His work is also respected for its characterizations of modern working women.
Scope and Content
Book reviews, journal and newspaper (originals and photostats) articles by and about Sinclair Lewis, and an extensive type- and handwritten catalog of Morse's holdings on Lewis.
Related Archival Materials
See also:
Willard Morse collection on Ambrose Bierce, Collection no. 0136 Willard Morse collection on William Dean Howells, Collection no. 0137 Willard Morse collection on Edgar Lee Masters, Collection no. 0139 Willard Morse collection on Thomas Nelson Page, Collection no. 0140 Willard Morse collection on Vincent Starrett, Collection no. 0141 Willard Morse collection on Henry Van Dyke, Collection no. 0142
Willard S. Morse Collection of Material About Bret Harte (Collection 1019). Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, University of California, Los Angeles.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951 -- Archives
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