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Summary Information

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Biographical sketch

Biographer and historian; author of books about Morgan Dix, Theodore Dreiser, Dorothy Elmhirst, James Fisk, William Randolph Hearst, Henry Luce, Joseph Pulitzer, Daniel E. Sickles, Willard D. Straight, Norman Thomas, Flora Payne Whitney, Williams C. Whitney, and the American Civil War. He won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1973 for "Luce and his Empire" and the National Book Award for biography in 1977 for "Norman Thomas: The Last Idealist." He also wrote many magazine articles on crime.

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Scope and Content

Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, memoranda, notebooks, notecards, proofs, photographs, microfilms, and printed materials. The Papers include the manuscript research materials and correspondence for each of his books except his biography of Theodore Dreiser. Among the correspondents are William Benton, Bruce Catton, Carey McWilliams, Mrs. Fremont Older (Cora Miranda Baggerly Older), and Thornton Wilder.

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Arrangement

Material is arranged into four series.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of W.A. Swanberg, 1984.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of John W. Swanberg & Sara V. Swanberg, 1993.

Processing Information

Papers Processed HR 06/--/85.

Processing Information

Papers Processed HR 01/05/93.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Materials relating to Theodore Dreiser are at: The University of Pennsylvania Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Biography -- 19th century
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- Journalism
- Newspaper publishing
- Newspapers
- Periodicals -- Publishing
- Prohibition
- Propaganda, American
- Publishers and publishing
- Spies
- Tobacco industry
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Propaganda
- Xerography
- Fort Sumter (Charleston, S.C.)
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Advertising
- Articles
- Book reviews
- Card files
- Diaries
- Fiction (general genre)
- First drafts
- Galley proofs
- Illustrations
- Interviews
- Lists (document genres)
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Manuscripts for publication

- Memorandums
- Microfilms
- Notebooks
- Notes (documents)
- Photographs
- Poems
- Proofs (printed matter)
- Scrapbooks
- Short stories
- Speeches (documents)
- Authors, American
- Biographers
- Businessmen
- Capitalists and financiers
- Clergy
- Inventors
- Journalists
- Newspaper editors
- Novelists, American
- Periodical editors
- Prohibitionists
- Retired military personnel
- Socialists
- Soldiers
- World (New York, N.Y. : 1860-1931)
- Anderson, Eleanor Copenhaver, 1896-1985
- Auchincloss, Louis
- Baldwin, Roger N (Roger Nash), 1884-1981
- Barzun, Jacques, 1907-2012
- Benton, William, 1900-1973
- Cain, James M (James Mallahan), 1892-1977
- Carlson, Chester Floyd, 1906-1968
- Catton, Bruce, 1899-1978
- Dix, Morgan, 1827-1908
- Dowdey, Clifford, 1904-1979
- Dreiser, Theodore, 1871-1945
- Elmhirst, Dorothy Payne Whitney Straight
- Fisk, James, Jr., 1835-1872
- Floyd, John B (John Buchanan), 1806-1863
- Fowler, Gene, 1890-1960
- Goldberg, Rube, 1883-1970
- Hearst, William Randolph, 1863-1951
- Hearst, William Randolph, Jr., 1908-1993
- Hersey, John, 1914-1993
- Hobson, Laura Z (Laura Zametkin), 1900-1986
- Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
- Hutchins, Robert Maynard, 1899-1977

- Johnson, William E (William Eugene), 1862-1945
- Leech, Margaret, 1893-1974
- Luce, Henry Robinson, 1898-1967
- McCullough, David W.
- Macdonald, Dwight
- MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
- McWilliams, Carey, 1905-1980
- Miller, Merle, 1919-1986
- Nevins, Allan, 1890-1971
- Niebuhr, Reinhold, 1892-1971
- Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994
- Older, Cora Miranda Baggerly, 1875-1968
- Powell, Dick, 1904-1963
- Pulitzer, Joseph, 1847-1911
- Randolph, A. Philip (Asa Philip), 1889-1979
- St. Johns, Adela Rogers
- Salinger, Pierre
- Sickles, Daniel Edgar, 1819-1914
- Smith, H. Allen (Harry Allen), 1907-1976
- Stout, Rex, 1886-1975
- Straight, Willard Dickerman, 1880-1918
- Strauss, Anna Lord, 1899-1979
- Thomas, Norman, 1884-1968
- Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977
- White, Theodore H (Theodore Harold), 1915-1986
- Miller, Flora Whitney
- Whitney, William C (William Collins), 1841-1904
- Wilder, Thornton, 1897-1975
- Time, inc
- United States. Office of War Information
- Xerox Corporation

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Anderson, Eleanor G.C. (Mrs Sherwood)	box Cataloged Correspondence
Auchincloss, Louis	box Cataloged Correspondence
Baldwin, Roger Nash	

	box Cataloged Correspondence
Barzun, Jacques	box Cataloged Correspondence
Benton, William	box Cataloged Correspondence
Cain, James M.	box Cataloged Correspondence
Catton, Bruce	box Cataloged Correspondence
Dowdey, Clifford	box Cataloged Correspondence
Fowler, Gene	box Cataloged Correspondence
Goldberg, Rube	box Cataloged Correspondence
Hearst, Millicent W. (Mrs William R-.}	box Cataloged Correspondence
Hearst, William Randolph	box Cataloged Correspondence
Hersey, John	box Cataloged Correspondence
Hobson, Laura Z.	box Cataloged Correspondence
Hoover, J. Edgar	box Cataloged Correspondence
Hutchins, Robert M.	box Cataloged Correspondence
Leech, Margaret Kernochan (Mrs Ralph Pulitzer)	box Cataloged Correspondence
McCullough, David	

	box Cataloged Correspondence
Macdonald, Dwight	box Cataloged Correspondence
MacLeish, Archibald	box Cataloged Correspondence
McWilliams, Carey	box Cataloged Correspondence
Miller, Merle	box Cataloged Correspondence
Nevins, Allan	box Cataloged Correspondence
Niebuhr, Reinhold	box Cataloged Correspondence
Nixon, Richard M.	box Cataloged Correspondence
Older, Cora Miranda Baggerly (Mrs Fremont)	box Cataloged Correspondence
Powell, Dick	box Cataloged Correspondence
Randolph, Asa Philip	box Cataloged Correspondence
St Johns, Adela Rogers	box Cataloged Correspondence
Salinger, Pierre	box Cataloged Correspondence
Smith, H. Allen	box Cataloged Correspondence
Strauss, Anna Lord	box Cataloged Correspondence
Stout, Rex	

	box Cataloged Correspondence
Untermeyer, Louis	box Cataloged Correspondence
White, Theodore Harold	box Cataloged Correspondence
Wilder, Thornton	box Cataloged Correspondence

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Series II: Uncataloged Correspondence

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<i>American Heritage</i>	box 1
<i>Citizen Hearst</i>	box 1
<i>The double life of the Rev. Dr. Greenway</i>	box 2
<i>First blood</i>	box 2
<i>Jim Fisk</i>	box 2
<i>Luce and his Empire.</i>	box 2
<i>Luce and his Empire</i> , 1946-1967	box 80
Scope and Contents (correspondence with Mary Bancroft)	
<i>Norman Thomas</i>	box 2
<i>Norman Thomas</i>	box 3
<i>Pulitzer</i>	box 3
Scullin, George, 1931-1992	box 79
<i>Sickles the incredible</i>	box 3
Swanberg, Jackson, 1955-1965	box 79
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<i>Whitney father, Whitney heiress</i>	box 3
Agents	box 4
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Eddy, Bob	box 48
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McIlvaine, William D.	box 49
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Series III: Manuscripts and Project Files

Title/Description	Instances
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<i>American Heritage; the magazine of history</i>	
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"Lord of San Simeon." about William Randolph Hearst, 1961 August	box 5
"The spies who came in from the sea," about World War II espionage,, 1970 April Scope and Contents (contains manuscripts, notes, proofs, and a copy of the magazine)	box 5
"Was the Secretary of War a traitor?" about John Buchanan Floyd, 1963 February Scope and Contents (contains manuscripts and copy of the magazine)	box 5
<i>Saga Magazine</i>	
"The most successful sinner." (about Robert Irving Latimer, Jr.), 1950s Scope and Contents (on the verso of notes for Jim Fisk.)	box 14
"The question of Eileen's pajamas," (about Eileen Gibson & James Camb),, 1950s Scope and Contents (on the verso of notes for Jim Fisk.)	box 14
"Strangler Jack's night on the town." (about Jack Grace & William Anthony Grace),, 1950s Scope and Contents (on the verso of notes for Jim Fisk.)	box 14
"Arnold Schuster"s Tragic Reward"	box 79
Stories for <i>True Magazine</i>	box 79
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Book reviews (with related correspondence)	box 57
Can you spare a dime?	box 57
Cassie Chadwick case	

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Title/Description	Instances
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Notes	box 8
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(interviews, notebooks, notecards)	
Printed materials	box 9
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(copy of book, proofs, clippings, pamphlets, magazines)	
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(printer's copy)	
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(reviews, articles, advertisements, etc.)	
<i>The double life of the Rev. Dr. Greenway</i> , 1958	
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Manuscripts	box 10
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Typescript	box 63
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(printer's copy)	
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Advance Publicity-- Advertising and Reviews	box 79

Physical Description: (2 Folders)

<i>First Blood: The Story of Fort Sumter</i> , 1957	box 63
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<i>Jim Fisk: The Career of an Improbably Rascal</i> , 1959	
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Scope and Contents (notebooks, notecards, photographs and typescripts)	
Printed Materials	box 14
Scope and Contents (galley proofs, copy of English edition)	
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Notes, Memoranda, copies of letters	box 39
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Manuscripts	box 42
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