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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Lewis, Allen, 1873-1957
Title:	Allen Lewis papers
ID:	4079557
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Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Allen Lewis papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

American wood engraver & type designer.

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Summary

Woodblocks, linoleum blocks, wood and linoleum tools, wooden types, metal types, books, proofs, and special printings. Included are woodblocks and linoleum blocks of illustrations and decorations for Walt Whitman's *SHORT STORIES* (Columbia University Press, 1927), De La Motte Fouqué's *UNDINE* (Limited Editions Club, 1930), and Sir Walter Scott's *IVANHOE* (Limited Editions Club, 1940). There are several metal types designed and cast for Lewis; full

or nearly full alphabets of special wooden types designed and cut by Lewis in both 216 pt. and 144 pt. sizes; specimens of his wood and linoleum tools, mainly of his own manufacture; books containing illustrations, decorations, and special types by Lewis; proofs of bookplates he designed; and proofs and special printings of various plates.

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Arrangement

Arranged.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Lewis, Mrs Allen. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1958. Accession number--M-1958.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Mrs Allen Lewis, 1958.

Processing Information

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Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Book design
- Book industries and trade
- Bookplates, American
- Books -- Illustrators
- Engraving
- Graphic arts
- Illustrated books
- Illustration of books
- Printing -- New York (State) -- New York
- Publishers and publishing -- New York (State) -- New York
- Tools
- Type and type-founding
- Artists' proofs
- Bookplates
- Decorations

- Illustrations
- Linocuts (prints)
- Linoleum blocks
- Printing blocks (printing surfaces)
- Prints
- Proofs (prints by function)
- Wood blocks (printing blocks)
- Wood engravings (prints)
- Woodcuts (prints)
- Artists
- Designers
- Engravers
- Printers
- Type designers

Collection Inventory

Series I: *Ivanhoe* (Limited Editions Club), 1940

Title/Description	Instances
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 1
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 1A
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 2
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 2A
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 3
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 3A
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 4
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 5
Woodblocks & Linoleum	box 5A

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Series II: Whitman, *Short Stories* (Columbia University Press), 1927

Title/Description	Instances
Woodblocks, Initials, etc.	box 6
Woodblocks, Initials, etc.	box 6A

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Series III: *Undine* (Limited Editions Club), 1930

Title/Description	Instances
Woodblocks, etc.	box 7
Woodblocks, etc.	box 8
Woodblocks, etc.	box 8A
Woodblocks, etc.	box 9
Woodblocks, etc.	box 9A
Woodblocks, etc.	box 9B
Woodblocks, etc.	box 10
Woodblocks, etc.	box 10A
Woodblocks, etc.	box 10B

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Series IV: Wooden Type

Title/Description	Instances
Alphabet and Type Decoration	box 11
Alphabet and Type Decoration	box 12
Caps, l.c., and Figures. 144pt.	box 13
Caps, l.c., and Figures. 144pt.	box 13A
Caps, l.c., and Figures. 216pt.	box 14

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Series V: Miscellaneous Woodblocks

Title/Description	Instances
Miscellaneous Woodblocks	box 15
Miscellaneous Woodblocks	box 15A
Miscellaneous Woodblocks	box 15B

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Series VI: Correspondence**Scope and Contents**

This series includes xerox copy of typed excerpts from some of Lewis' letters discussing his work on various books.

Title/Description	Instances
Excerpts from letters	box 1

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Series VII: Printed Material

Title/Description	Instances
Printed Material	box 16
Printed Material	box 17

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