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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Stone, Irving, 1903-1989
Title:	Irving Stone papers
ID:	6915380
ID:	MS#1560
Date [inclusive]:	1945-1985
Physical Description:	.5 linear feet 1 document box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection consists of correspondence between Irving Stone and his literary agency, Laurence Pollinger, Ltd. Also included is correspondence between Lucy Moorehead (Alan Moorehead's wife and executor of Moorehead's estate) and Laurence Pollinger, Ltd.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Irving Stone Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Irving Stone (born Irving Tennenbaum) was an American author born in San Francisco, CA on 1903 July 14. Stone was known for writing biographical novels depicting the lives of famous historical personalities such as Vincent Van Gogh (Lust for Life). Stone received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1923 and a Master's Degree in Economics from University of Southern California in 1924.

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Biographical / Historical

Stone began his writing career in 1926 as a playwright and supported himself by submitting stories to pulp magazines. In 1928, Stone began to write his first biographical novel, *Lust for Life*, based on the life of Vincent Van Gogh. The novel was published in 1934 and immediately became a bestseller. He would go on to publish works based on the lives of other famous historical figures such as Michelangelo (*The Agony and the Ecstasy*), Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln (*Love is Eternal*), Charles Darwin (*The Origin*), and Sigmund Freud (*Passions of the Mind*).

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Biographical / Historical

Stone's biographical novels have the reputation of being thoroughly researched and based primarily upon source materials such as journals and collections of letters written by the subjects. Stone died in 1989 at the age of 86 in Los Angeles.

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Summary

The collection consists of correspondence between Irving Stone and his literary agency, Laurence Pollinger, Ltd, as well as related materials such as book reviews, receipts and letters from publishers. The majority of the correspondence is between Irving Stone and either Gerald or Laurence Pollinger. There are also letters from Jean Stone, Irving Stone's wife, written on behalf of her husband. This collection contains six autograph letters signed by Stone, 66 typed letters signed by Stone and 220 carbons of letters from Laurence Pollinger, Ltd. Also included is a collection of correspondence from 1973 between Laurence Pollinger and Lucy Moorehead, wife and estate administrator to Alan Moorehead. This collection consists of six typed letters signed by Moorehead and 14 carbons of letters from Laurence Pollinger.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 1 series.

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Accrual

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Accruals

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Related Materials

Selected Related Material-- At Other Repositories

[The Irving Stone Papers](#), University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Authors and publishers
- Criticism
- Literary agents
- Autographs (manuscripts)
- Commercial correspondence
- Contracts

- Moorehead, Alan, 1910-1983
- Moorehead, Lucy
- Stone, Irving, 1903-1989
- Laurence Pollinger, Ltd

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence, 1945-1985

Title/Description	Instances	
Irving Stone Correspondence, 1945, 1961-1985 (8 Folders), 1945, 1961-1985	box 1	folder 1 to 8
Scope and Contents		
(Correspondence between Irving Stone and his literary agency, Laurence Pollinger, Ltd., as well as related materials such as book reviews, receipts and letters from publishers.)		
Lucy Moorehead Correspondence, 1973	box 1	folder 9
Scope and Contents		
(Correspondence from 1973 between Laurence Pollinger of Laurence Pollinger, Ltd. and Lucy Moorehead, wife of and estate administrator for Alan Moorehead.)		

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