

Sinclair Lewis:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951
Title:	Sinclair Lewis Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	1912-1943
Extent:	2,621 items
Abstract:	The Sinclair Lewis Literary File Photography Collection consists of 2,621 items, largely contained in seven albums. The images depict Lewis' relationship with his first wife Grace Hegger and life at Twin Farms, Lewis' home with his second wife Dorothy Thompson.
Call Number:	PH-02768
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research. Please note: Negatives cannot be accessed without curatorial approval. To make an appointment or to reserve photography materials, please email Visual Materials Reference staff . Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials.
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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

The Sinclair Lewis Literary File consists of 2,621 items, largely contained in seven albums. The images in six of the albums form a chronological depiction of Lewis' life and travels from 1912 to 1927, the years of his relationship with his first wife Grace Hegger. The seventh album contains images of life at Twin Farms, Lewis' home with his second wife Dorothy Thompson, in circa 1943. The file includes portraits of Lewis, Grace, and their son Wells among the loose prints as well as in the albums. An index at the end of this guide lists photographers whose work is featured in this file. Further descriptions of some items may be available in a card catalog in the repository.

This file forms a part of the Literary Files Photography Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Associated and related material by and about Lewis can be found in the Center's library and in the Sinclair Lewis Collection (MS-02480).

Index Terms

People

- Lewis, Grace Hegger.
- Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951.
- Lewis, Wells, 1917-1944.
- Thompson, Dorothy, 1893-1961.

Subjects

- Photograph albums.
- Portraits.
- Snapshots.
- Travel.

Places

- Barnard (Vt. : Town).

Document Types

Ceramic photographs.

Gelatin silver prints.

Nitrate negatives.

Photographic postcards.

Photographic prints.

- Print Number: P1, P1A, P2-P4, P6-P8, P10, P13, P17, P20A-P20C, P21A-P21B, P23-P30, P36-P39, P43, P48, P50-P59** Portraits of Lewis alone at various ages and with other people, including his first wife Grace Hegger and second wife Dorothy Thompson; portraits of Grace alone; portraits of Lewis' son Wells alone at various ages and with Grace (his mother); views of Lewis' birthplace and a main street; images of other subjects pertaining to Lewis. **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
- Print Number: 957:0001:0001-0153** 153 items (photographic prints, b/w snapshots) depicting the early years of Lewis' marriage to Grace Hegger and their son Wells' early childhood; compiled by Mrs. Frank Hegger (Grace's mother); handwritten and typed captions. **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 1
- Print Number: [was P11]** 129 items (photographic prints, b/w snapshots) depicting the period from Sept. 1912 to Sept. 1915; includes a portrait of Grace by Arnold Genthe; some typed captions (by Grace); also 1 newspaper clipping (brief description of the wedding of Sinclair and Grace). **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 2
- Print Number: [was P45]** 368 items (326 b/w snapshots, 10 photographic postcards, 29 photomechanical postcards, 3 halftone prints) depicting the Lewis' travels in the United States from Dec. 3, 1915 to Sept. 5, 1916; typed captions (by Grace) throughout; also 2 newspaper clippings; see LF card catalog for count of items and clippings. **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 3
- Print Number: [was P46]** 551 items (491 b/w snapshots, 31 photographic postcards, 27 photomechanical postcards, 2 halftone prints) depicting the period from Sept. 1916 to May 1921; typed captions (by Grace) throughout; also 4 newspaper clippings, 2 telegrams, 2 Christmas cards, 1 map, and 1 "Baldwin drinking cup;" see LF card catalog for count of items and other material. **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 4
- Print Number: [was P12]** 391 items (photographic prints, b/w snapshots, photographic postcards) depicting the Lewis family's travels in Europe from May 1921 to May 1922; typed captions throughout; also some newspaper clippings. **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 5
- Print Number: [was P47]** 928 items (822 b/w snapshots, 23 photographic postcards, 50 photomechanical postcards, 33 halftone prints) depicting the period from May 30, 1922 to March 1927; typed captions (by Grace) through all but last few pages; also 34 newspaper clippings, 4 German mark notes, 1 Christmas card, 1 letter from "Bevil," 1 meeting announcement, 1 hotel bill, and 1 pencil sketch; see LF card catalog for count of items and other material. **Location**
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 6

Print Number: [unnumbered] 44 b/w snapshots depicting life at Twin Farms, Lewis' home with his second wife Dorothy Thompson; compiled by Dorothy for Lewis' son Wells, 1943; handwritten captions throughout.

Location
Lewis,
S., Lit
File
Album 7

Print Number: P49 (C25) Portrait of Lewis' first wife Grace Hegger as a young woman (hand-tinted ceramic photograph, with gold frame, in leather case lined with blue velvet).

Location
Ceramic
Photographs
Box

Print Number: P5, P9, P13-P16, P18-P19, P22, P31-P32, P34, P39-P42, P44
Images of Lewis alone, with his first wife Grace, and with other people; images of Grace alone and with their son Wells; views of a main street (all nitrate negatives; P13 and P39 correspond to photographic prints with these numbers).

Location
Cold
Storage,
Lit File
Boxes

Index of Photographers

- Cwojdzinski, Paul--P10
- Genthe, Arnold, 1869-1942--P20A-P20C, Album 2 (1 item)
- London Stereoscopic Co.--P50
- Peter A. Juley & Son--P26
- Rich, J. E.--P1
- Swain, F.A.--P30
- Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964--P7