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Collection Summary

Title: Wesley Winans Stout Papers

Span Dates: 1913-1954

ID No.: MSS41665

Creator: Stout, Wesley Winans, 1890-

Extent: 600 items

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Extent: 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Editor. Chiefly editorial correspondence of Stout and his predecessor, George H. Lorimer, and other members of the editorial staff of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Alsop, Joseph, 1910-1989--Correspondence.

Baer, Arthur, 1886-1969--Correspondence.

Beer, Thomas, 1889-1940--Correspondence.

Beveridge, Albert Jeremiah, 1862-1927--Correspondence.

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.

Costain, Thomas B. (Thomas Bertram), 1885-1965--Correspondence.

Faulkner, William, 1897-1962--Correspondence.

Ferber, Edna, 1887-1968--Correspondence.

Hergesheimer, Joseph, 1880-1954--Correspondence.

Hopper, De Wolf, 1858-1935--Correspondence.

Lardner, Ring, 1885-1933--Correspondence.

Lorimer, George Horace, 1869-1937--Correspondence.

Lorimer, George Horace, 1869-1937. George Horace Lorimer correspondence.

Marquand, John P. (John Phillips), 1893-1960--Correspondence.

Rogers family--Correspondence.

Rogers, Will, 1879-1935--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.

Salinger, Pierre--Correspondence.

Service, Robert W. (Robert William), 1874-1958--Correspondence.

Stout, Wesley Winans, 1890-

Street, Julian, 1879-1947--Correspondence.

Williams, Francis Churchill, 1869-1945--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Subjects

American periodicals.

Titles

Saturday evening post.

Occupations

Editors.

Provenance

The papers of Wesley Winans Stout, editor, were given to the Library of Congress his daughter, Betty Stout Johnson, in 1972.

Processing History

The papers of Wesley Winans Stout were arranged and described in 1972. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Wesley Winans Stout is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Wesley Winans Stout are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1890, Jan. 26	Born, Junction City, Kans.
1906-1907	Student, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans.
1907-1917	Newspaperman, Wichita, Kans.; San Antonio, Tex.; Mexico City, Mexico; Seattle, Wash.; San Francisco, Calif.; Oklahoma; Kansas City, Kans.; and New York, N.Y.
1917-1918	Enlisted man, United States Naval Air Force
1919-1920	At sea for United States Shipping Board <i>Globe</i>
1921	Newspaperman, New York
1922	Joined <i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1924-1936	Associate editor, <i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1937-1942	Editor, <i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1923	Married Mary Lee Starr (died 1957)
1942-1949	Public relations officer, Chrysler Corp., Detroit Mich.
1950-1952	Freelance writer
1952-1971	Columnist, <i>The Beachcomber</i> , Fort Lauderdale <i>News</i>
1971, Nov. 14	Died, Louisville, Ky.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wesley Winans Stout (1890-1971) span the years 1913-1954 and consist essentially of a selection by Stout of the editorial files of the *Saturday Evening Post*, where he was associate editor, 1924-1936, and editor, 1937-1942. Only a part of the correspondence is Stout's own. A substantial segment is that of his predecessor, George Horace Lorimer,

whom Stout served as associate editor for thirteen years. Other addressees are Thomas B. Costain and Francis Churchill (“Churchie”) Williams of the *Post* editorial staff. A small number of items reflect Stout’s activities after leaving the *Post*.

Although, in a sense, an autograph collection, the correspondence is working correspondence of the *Saturday Evening Post* editors and concerns proposals, assignments, submission, acceptance, or rejection of articles and fiction for the magazine. There are more than one hundred prominent correspondents represented. Particularly notable correspondence exists for Joseph Alsop, Arthur (“Bugs”) Baer, Thomas Beer, Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, William Faulkner, Edna Ferber, Joseph Hergesheimer, De Wolf Hopper, Ring Lardner, John P. Marquand, Will Rogers and family, Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Robert W. Service, and Julian Street. There is an original of a letter of William Jennings Bryan to Woodrow Wilson, 1913, and an exchange with Pierre Salinger in 1962 concerning a rumored first marriage of John F. Kennedy.

Arrangement of the Papers

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