Accession # 81 M 11, 82 M 11, 82 M 32

Title MORRIS R. WERNER. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1920-1981; bulk dates: 1940-1950

Date of receipt Oct. 30, 1981, Mar. 30, 1982, Received from Mrs. Hazel R. Werner
June 9, 1982

Volume on arrival 14 letter boxes, 1 envelope

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 5 AB

Condition Good (except for the carbons of some outgoing letters which are fragile/brittle)

Restrictions none

Description Morris R. Werner (1897-1981) was a journalist and writer in the fields of history, biography, and current events. He resided in New York City for many years.

The collection (1920-1981) is composed largely of correspondence, but also includes some writings and printed material. The correspondence (1920-1981) consists of letters with friends, family, colleagues, editors and publishers in chronological order. Most letters relate to Werner's literary contributions to various periodicals including Colliers, The New Yorker, The New Republic and The Saturday Evening Post, his work as a foreign correspondent for The Yorkshire Post (Leeds, England) and for the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune, and his books, especially his unpublished biography of Fiorello H. LaGuardia. The correspondence for 1920 contains letters by Werner while he was a sales agent for chemical dyes at Shanghai, China, for the Lamie Chemical Company of New York, describing conditions in China at the outbreak of the Civil War, the Chinese national character, bargaining with local buyers and the difficulties of penetrating the Chinese market in the face of competition from German, Japanese and other foreign suppliers. There are also letters from George E. Sokolsky (columnist, author, lecturer) at Shanghai concerning conditions in China, journalistic and personal matters (1921-1923, 1927) and a few letters (1930) by Werner written from Moscow in which he gives his impressions of that city and its people. The correspondence for 1948-1949 contains letters by Geoffrey Parsons in Paris describing financial and journalistic problems of the New York Herald Tribune, of which he was editor. Other correspondents include Sir William Linton Andrews, Bruce Bliven, Newbold Morris and William Shawn. Subsequent alphabetical additions of letters to Werner from literary figures including E(dward) E(stlin) Cummings, John Dos Passos, Harry Houdini, Abraham Henry Hummel, George Bernard Shaw, Frank Sullivan and Edmund Wilson (ca1922-1976) and a series of letters to Werner from writer and biographer, Gamaliel Bradford (1922-1931) are

Special Formats photographs maps audio tapes films graphics artifacts machine-readable records other (list)

Temporary catalog card added entries Andrews, Sir William Linton; Belmont, August (Sr.); Bliven, Bruce; Carnegie, Andrew; Bradford, Gamaliel; Cummings, Edward Estlin; Hill, David B.; Houdini, Harry; Hummel, Abraham Henry; LaGuardia, Fiorello Henry; Morris, Newbold; Parsons, Geoffrey; Riis, Jacob; Rockefeller, John D., Jr.; Shaw, George Bernard; Shawn, William; Stone, William L.; Sullivan, Frank; Sulzer, William; Wilson, Edmund; Authors, American, Biography; China; Journalism; Lamie Chemical Company; Accessioned by J.D. Stinson/S.E. Davis

Newspapers; New York Herald Tribune; The New Yorker; The Yorkshire Post (Leeds, Eng.);
1901-1925; 1926-1950; 1951-1975. Date August 4, 1982
filed at the end of the collection, along with five folders of historical manuscript letters collected by Werner, which were purchased (in part) from The Anderson Galleries. The latter includes letters by Andrew Carnegie, August Belmont (Sr.), David B. Hill, Jacob Riis, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., William L. Stone and William Sulzer.

The Writings consist of typescripts of articles by Werner (1920-1966) and a typescript in 13 chapters (chapter 11 missing) of his biography of LaGuardia. There is also a small amount of printed ephemera.
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The following papers were removed from the Morris R. Werner Papers and transferred to the Fiorello H. LaGuardia Papers (Box 76 - Addenda):

1. Congressional correspondence (1919-21, 1925) of Fiorello H. La Guardia relating to aviation matters with a few collateral papers (in 2 folders)

2. Flight logbook (1917-19) kept by La Guardia while a student pilot on the Italian front containing comments in Italian by La Guardia's flight instructor and brief notes by La Guardia of his combat missions. Title on cover: "Batt. Scuole Aviatori / Libretto Personale di Volo". (in folder with above.)
Accession #: 85M27

Location: Annex, 3-1-3/4(L)

Title: Morris Werner. Additions.

Approximate inclusive dates: 1950s, 1960s, 1980

Date of receipt: April 1985

Received from: Mrs. Hazel H. Werner

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing)

Condition: good

Restrictions: none

Description: A few letters, 1950s-1980, dealing with Werner's work as a writer, some material related to The Formerly Club, photographs of Morris Werner and his family and of E.E. Cummings, John Lardner, André LeGuerre and of a bust of Werner by Gaston LaChaise, typescripts and clippings of articles by Werner, and a cartoon of Werner by Walt Kelly.

Special Formats

Photographs

Maps

Audio Tapes

Films

Graphics

Artifacts

Machine-readable records

Other (list): cartoon

Temporary catalog card added entries: Cummings, E.E.; Kelly, Walt; Lardner, John, LeGuerre, André

Accessioned by: Richard Salvato

Date: 6-17-85
Title  Morris R. Werner. Additional papers.

Approximate inclusive dates  1939-41 & undated

Date of receipt  Feb. 1, 1983

Received from  Mrs. Hazel Hawthorne Werner

Volume on arrival  1 pkg.

Number of boxes (after reboxing)  1 AB

Condition  Fair. Many white and yellow carbons are very fragile and will disintegrate with research use.

Restrictions  None

Description  Typescripts of articles and book reviews written by Morris R. Werner for The New Yorker, Town and Country, and other magazines; typescript of several chapters of his autobiography entitled "Notes of an Angry Optimist"; some correspondence (1939-41) with editors relating to his writings; research notes, and clippings of articles.

Box 6.  Additional papers. 83 M 9

Special Formats  □ Photographs  □ Maps  □ Audio Tapes  □ Films  □ Graphics
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Temporary catalog card added entries

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Date  2/15/83
Accession #: 83 M 10

Title: Morris R. Werner: Additional papers.

Approximate inclusive dates: 1920-78

Date of receipt: Feb. 2, 1983

Volume on arrival: 1 carton

Number of boxes (after reboxing): 2 AB

Condition: Fair. Many white and yellow pages are fragile and will disintegrate with research use.

Restrictions: None

Description:

Correspondence (1968-78) of Morris R. Werner with editors, personal correspondence (1930-32) with Mary Callery and with a member of the U.S. Foreign Service at Mukden, China; typescripts of his diaries (1920, 1935-43, 1956); a typescript of his autobiography, "Memoirs of an Angry Optimist"; photographic portraits of Morris Werner and of friends and acquaintances; and copies of magazines and journals containing articles by Werner.

Boxes 7-8: Additional papers. 83 M 10

Special Formats: □ Photographs  □ Maps  □ Audio Tapes  □ Films  □ Graphics  □ Artifacts  □ Machine-readable records  □ Other (list)

Temporary catalog card added entries

Accessioned by: [Signature]

Date: 2/15/83
Title: Morris R. Werner, Additional papers.

Approximate inclusive dates: Undated

Date of receipt: July 11, 1983

Received from: Hazel H. Werner

Volume on arrival: 1 binder

Number of boxes (after reboxing): ½ AB

Condition: Fair (some pages torn)

Restrictions: None

Description: "Free Lance", by Morris R. Werner. Carbon typescript with editorial corrections in pencil of Werner's autobiography, 416 p.

Box: 2. Additional papers. (83 M 54)

Special Formats: [ ] Photographs [ ] Maps [ ] Audio Tapes [ ] Films [ ] Graphics [ ] Artifacts [ ] Machine-readable records [ ] Other (list) _______________

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