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Biographical Note

Bernard Augustine DeVoto, born in Ogden, Utah in 1897, received his early education in Utah and graduated from Harvard in 1920. He taught English and creative writing at Northwestern and Harvard Universities. DeVoto was a novelist, historian, critic, editor, and a vigorous exponent of government conservation of natural resources. He died in 1955.

Scope and Contents

Collection includes: 1) correspondence to and from Bernard DeVoto and to and from Avis DeVoto and other miscellaneous correspondents including Wallace Stegner and Carl Brandt, 2) financial papers such as cash account books, tax returns, receipts, 3) legal agreements, contracts and other documentations, 4) newspaper clippings, magazine articles and magazines, 5) photographs and 6) xeroxes of correspondence, newspaper clippings, magazine articles.

CORRESPONDENCE - OUTGOING (FROM DEVOTO) & INCOMING (TO DEVOTO):

Box 1, Folder 1 Outgoing correspondence: 1919, 1922, 1935-1936, 37 1938, 1940, 1943-1945, 1947-1948, 1951-1953.
 Box 1, Folder 2 Outgoing correspondence - 1954-1955.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENTS: 1) Associated American Artists Galleries, 2) Bantam Workshop, 3) Benjamin Franklin Magazine Awards, 4) Carl Brandt, 5) Collier's, 6) Ford Times, 7) Harcourt Brace & Co., 8) Houghton Mifflin Co., 9) House of Whittmore, 10) Internal Revenue Service - Treasury Dept., 11) The Lamp, 12) W. Colston Leigh, 13) Gordon Manning, 14) National Geographic Society, 15) New York Times, 16) Albert R. Perkins.

Box 1, Folder 3 Incoming correspondence - 1938, 1944, 1947, 1948, 1950 - 1952.
 Box 1, Folder 4 Incoming correspondence - 1953.
 Box 1, Folder 5 Incoming correspondence- 1954.
 Box 1, Folder 6 Incoming correspondence - 1955.

CORRESPONDENCE - MISCELLANEOUS:

Box 2, Folder 7 1937, 1940, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1952.
 Box 2, Folder 8 1953.
 Box 2, Folder 9 1954.
 Box 2, Folder 10 1955.
 Box 2, Folder 11 1956-1961.
 Box 2, Folder 12 1962, 1968, 1969.
 Box 2, Folder 13 1970
 Box 2, Folder 14 1971
 Box 2, Folder 15 1972-1973 & No date, 1974

FINANCIAL PAPERS

Box 3, Folder 16 Miscellaneous papers re: finances and taxes.
 Box 3, Folder 17 Cash account books: 1945-1948, 1950-1952.
 Box 3, Folder 18 Royalty Statements: 1943-1944, 1946-1948, 1951-1952:
 Little, Brown & Co.; Houghton Mifflin Co.; Harvard University Press.
 Box 3, Folder 19 Tax returns and related notes: 1932-1935, 1937-1938, 1940-1947, 1950-1952.
 Box 3, Folder 20 Legal documents:
 1. Decree of Divorce - Dec.28, 1885.Rhoda DeWolf vs. Edward S. De Wolf. DS.
 2. Agreement between DeVoto and MacMillan Co., April 5, 1935re: *Chariot of Fire & The House of Sun-Goes-Down*.
 3. Agreement between DeVoto and Harcourt Brace & Co., Inc., Jan. 12, 1950.DS.
 4. Agreement by the Curtis Publishing Co. re: the book *Shall We Let the Dam-Builders Ruin Our National Parks*, May 31, 1950.
 5. Agreement between DeVoto and Houghton Mifflin Co. re: *Lewis & Clark Journals*, July 7, 1952.
 6. Will and testament - Avis M. DeVoto.
 7. Will and testament - Bernard DeVoto
 Physical Description: (two copies).
 8. Affidavit and claim for additional travel pay, June 14, 1918.
 9. Certificate appointing DeVoto to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry, Aug. 26, 1918.DS.
 10. Certificate of Baptism - Bernard DeVoto - March 7, 1940.DS.
 11. Certificate - Central Officers' Training School, Camp Lee, Virginia - Bernard DeVoto. DS.
 12. Certificate of Death - Bernard DeVoto - Jan. 16, 1956.
 13. Certificate of Marriage - Florian B. DeVoto & Rhoda D. DeWolf. Oct. 6, 1895.DS.
 Box 3, Folder 21 Photographs - see also 1/180/14 and 1/182/3
 Box 3, Folder 22 Miscellaneous: the items listed below are only those which are of special interest.
 1. Bernard A. DeVoto - Recollection and Appreciation by Darrell J. Greenwell.
 Physical Description: 4pp.
 2. Review of *The Crooked Mile* in the *New York Times Book Review*, Oct. 5, 1924.Typescript.
 Physical Description: 2pp. (two copies).

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| | 3. Donner Pass by Bernard DeVoto. |
| | Physical Description: 2pp. |
| | 4. Proposal for an Article on the White Mountain National Forest, in New Hampshire. |
| | Physical Description: 2pp. (two copies). |
| | 5. Biographical information re: DeVoto by W.E.H. Higman. |
| | Physical Description: 17pp. |
| Box 3, Folder 23 | Tape recordings (10) |
| Box 3, Folder 23a | <i>The Syllabus</i> - Northwestern University Yearbook. |
| Box 4, Folder 24 | Magazine clippings: clippings of articles by DeVoto. |
| Box 4, Folder 25 | Newsclippings |
| Box 4, Folder 26 | Newsclippings and magazine clippings re: <i>The Year of Decision</i>. |
| Box 4, Folder 27 | Newsclippings re: Mark Twain. |
| Box 4, Folder 28 | Newsclippings - Chicago reviews mainly from Evanston News |
| Box 4, Folder 29 | Books & reports: |
| | 1. Reports by Lawrence S. Kubie: a) A Doctorate in Psychotherapy..., b) The Fallacious Use of Quantitative Concepts in Dynamic Psychology, c) The Forgotten Man of Education, d) The Fundamental Nature of the Distinction Between Normality and Neurosis, e) The Half-Failure of the Full-Time System as an Instrument of Medical Education, f) The Repetitive Core of Neurosis, g) Social Forces and the Neurotic Process. |
| | 2. Kubie, Lawrence S. <i>Neurotic Distortion of the Creative Process</i> , The Noonday Press, 1958. |
| | 3. School Yearbook: <i>Souvenir Edition - Classicum</i> , Ogden High School, 1914 -Ogden, Utah. |
| Box 4, Folder 30 | Magazines: |
| | 1) <i>Current Opinion</i> Vol. LXXV, No. 4, Oct. 1923, |
| | 2) <i>Dialogue</i> , reprint from Vol. VI, No. 3 & 4, Autumn and Winter, 1971, |
| | 3) <i>Harper's Magazine</i> , reprint from Dec. 1949, |
| | 4) <i>Ford Times</i> , Vol. 48, No. 5, May 1956 |
| | Physical Description: (two copies), |
| | 5) <i>Ford Times</i> , Vol. 48, No. 6, June 1956, |
| | 6) <i>The Griffin</i> , Vol. 5, No. 2, Feb. 1956,(signed cover note from Arthur Schlesinger Jr.), |
| | 7) <i>Harper's Magazine</i> , Vol. 209, No. 1241, Aug. 1954. |
| Box 4, Folder 31 | Magazines: |
| | 1) <i>Lincoln and Mercury Times</i> Vol. 8, No. 2, March - April 1956, |
| | 2) The Louisiana Purchase by DeVoto, reprint from <i>Collier's Magazine</i> , |
| | 3) <i>Nature Magazine</i> , Vol. 49, No.4, April 1956, |
| | 4) <i>New England Journeys</i> , Number 2, <i>Ford Times</i> special edition, 1954. |
| | 5) <i>Nieman Reports</i> , Vol. X, No. 1, Jan. 1956, |
| | 6) <i>The Progressive</i> , Vol. 20, No. 1, Jan. 1956 |
| | 7) <i>New York Times Book Review</i> , Feb. 10, 1974 |
| Box 4, Folder 32 | Theme papers - typed: written by Sarah Boyden (Brown) for DeVoto's class - English D-6, some of the papers contain lengthy comments by DeVoto. |
| | XEROX COPIES |
| Box 5, Folder 33 | Correspondence: 1916, 1918, 1920, 1921 |
| Box 5, Folder 34 | Correspondence: 1922, 1923, 1925 - 1929 |
| Box 5, Folder 35 | Correspondence: 1930 - 1938 |
| Box 5, Folder 36 | Correspondence: 1940 - 1945 |
| Box 5, Folder 37 | Correspondence: 1946 - 1947 Jan. |
| Box 5, Folder 38 | Correspondence: Feb. 1947 - Mar. 1947 |
| Box 5, Folder 39 | Correspondence: April 1947 - May 1947 |
| Box 6, Folder 40 | Correspondence: June 1947 - Aug. 1947 |
| Box 6, Folder 41 | Correspondence: Sept. 1947 - Nov. 1947 |
| Box 6, Folder 42 | Correspondence: Dec. 1947 - Jan. 1948 |

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| Box 6, Folder 43 | Correspondence: Feb. 1948 - March 1948 |
| Box 6, Folder 44 | Correspondence: April 1948 - May 1948 |
| Box 7, Folder 45 | Correspondence: June 1948 |
| Box 7, Folder 46 | Correspondence: July 1948 - Aug. 1948 |
| Box 7, Folder 47 | Correspondence: Sept. 1948 - Oct. 1948 |
| Box 7, Folder 48 | Correspondence: Nov. 1948 - Dec. 1948 |
| Box 7, Folder 49 | Correspondence: Jan. 1949 - Mar. 1949 |
| Box 7, Folder 50 | Correspondence: April 1949 - June 1949 |
| Box 7, Folder 51 | Correspondence: July 1949 - Oct. 1949 |
| Box 8, Folder 52 | Correspondence: Nov. 1949 - Jan. 1950 |
| Box 8, Folder 53 | Correspondence: Feb. 1950 - April 1950 |
| Box 8, Folder 54 | Correspondence: May 1950 - May 1951 |
| Box 8, Folder 55 | Correspondence: Aug. 1951 - April 1953(no correspondence for June & July of 1951) |
| Box 8, Folder 56 | Correspondence: May 1953 - Dec. 1954 |
| Box 8, Folder 57 | Correspondence: Jan. 1955 - Nov. 1955 |
| Box 8, Folder 58 | Correspondence: 1956, 1961 - 1963, 1969 - 1970 & No Date |
| Box 9, Folder 59 | Correspondence: A Closed Door: Letters from Bernard Augustine DeVoto to Katharine Becker - March 1919 - December 1920. |
| Box 9, Folder 60 | Correspondence: between DeVoto & Nethercot & Stegner. |
| Box 9, Folder 61 | Correspondence: between Frost, Robert & DeVoto |
| Box 9, Folder 62 | Correspondence: between Higman, W.E. and Stegner, Wallace |
| Box 9, Folder 63 | Correspondence: between Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and DeVoto |
| Box 9, Folder 64 | Magazine articles: 1924 - 1928 |
| Box 9, Folder 65 | Magazine articles: 1929 - 1933 |
| Box 9, Folder 66 | Magazine articles: 1934 - 1937 |
| Box 10, Folder 67 | Magazine articles: 1938 - 1940 |
| Box 10, Folder 68 | Magazine articles: 1941 - 1943 |
| Box 10, Folder 69 | Magazine articles: 1944 - 1946 |
| Box 10, Folder 70 | Magazine articles: 1947 - 1949 |
| Box 10, Folder 71 | Magazine articles: 1950 - 1952 |
| Box 10, Folder 72 | Magazine articles: 1953 - 1954 |
| | Note |
| | May 1955 - DeVoto Near England |
| Box 10, Folder 73 | Magazine articles: 1955 - 1956, 1965 |
| | Note |
| | 1955 Lewis & Clark expedition pamphlet by DeVoto |
| Box 11, Folder 74 | Reviews of DeVoto's books. |
| Box 11, Folder 75 | <i>The Crumb</i> -- Breadloaf Writers' Conference, 1932 - 1936 |
| Box 11, Folder 76 | <i>The Crumb</i> -- Breadloaf Writers' Conference, 1937 - 1939 |
| Box 11, Folder 77 | <i>The Crumb</i> -- Breadloaf Writers' Conference, 1941, 1947 - [UNK] |
| Box 11, Folder 78 | Middlebury College Bulletin re: Breadloaf Writers' Conference. |
| Box 11, Folder 79 | Bernard DeVoto and the Mormon Tradition by Leland Fetzer. |
| Box 11, Folder 80 | List of the Hiller Photograph Albums I, II, III, IV, & V of the Powell Survey. |
| Box 11, Folder 81 | Bibliography index re: DeVoto |
| Box 11, Folder 82 | Miscellaneous |
| Box 12 | correspondence re: DeVoto's medical history. Correspondence is mostly between DeVoto and Dr. I. Herbert Scheinberg re: DeVoto's Medical problems. This section also includes autopsy reports and news-clippings. |
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