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Elmhirst, Dorothy Whitney Straight, 1887-1968,
Papers from Dartington Hall, 1890-1976, 1920-1958 (bulk)
4 cubic ft.

Correspondence between Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst and Herbert and Louise Croy also available on microfilm.

Collection consists primarily of photocopies and microfilm.

Originals held by Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, England.

Philanthropist, educator, publisher, patron of the arts and social activist. Dorothy Payne Whitney, daughter of William C. Whitney, a financier and Secretary of the Navy under President Grover Cleveland, married Willard Dickerman Straight in 1911. Straight died in 1918, and she married Leonard Knight Elmhirst in 1925. Dorothy and Elmhirst purchased Dartington Hall, Devon, England, reconstructed the 14th century manor and founded a school on the property. Dartington Hall became a center for the arts and a leading coeducational progressive school. The New School for Social Research in New York was begun with the backing of the Whitney Estate in 1919. Dorothy was involved with the New York State Food Commission, the Women's Liberty Loan Committee, the Social Unit Plan, the Junior League, the War Camp Service Committee, the Women's Emergency Committee of the European Relief Council, the New School for Social Research, the Tuberculosis Preventorium for Children, the Pueblos Defense Committee, and the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense. She supported individual students at Bordentown Military Academy and Hobart College, and helped to found THE NEW REPUBLIC.

Summary: Includes photocopies of correspondence with Margaret Isherwood, Eloise Elmhirst Sharman, Ellen Van Volkenbers Browne and correspondence concerning Willard Straight Hall (1920-1967); also lecture notes, notes about lectures taught at Dartington Hall, notebooks, diaries and travel journals; contains originals of letters by Ruth Morsan (1926-1933), Margaret and Helen Isherwood (1932-1968), Susan Sedgwick Hammond (1940-1968), Louise E. Croy (1926-1940) and letters by Dorothy and Leonard to Margaret and Helen Isherwood, Nancy Green, Ellen Van Volkenbers Browne, and Gilbert Harrison; also included are notes by E.A. Stettner, the transcriber of the Croy correspondence, an inventory for the records room at Dartington Hall and a diary (n.d.) describing World War I by an unknown author. Also, microfilmed correspondence between Leonard K. Elmhirst and Dorothy Whitney Straight (1920-1925) discussing travels, love and their subsequent marriage; correspondence (1932-1935) discussing psychology, sociology, Dartington Hall, education, religion and literature between Henry F. Heard, Gerald Heard, Margaret Isherwood and Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst; her diaries (1927-1928), clippings, social appointments, notes and addresses. Also, clippings concerning events at Dartington Hall (ca.1926-1949), and photographs of Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst's penthouse on Park Avenue (ca.1928).

Findings aids: Unpublished guide.

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A Guide
to the Papers of
Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst
at Dartington Hall

I. Wald, 8-79

3 cu. ft.:
3 - 16" boxes
4 reels of microfilm (pos.)
4 reels of microfilm (neg.)
Reels 1-3 (pos. + neg.)
4 (pos. only)
5 (neg. only)

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I. Photocopies

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	1	Cornell: Willard Straight Hall, 1931-1936
	2	Cornell: Willard Straight Hall, 1935-1958
	3	Cornell: Willard Straight Hall, 1961-1967
	4	Cornell: Willard Straight Hall, 1920-1921
	5	Cornell: Willard Straight Hall, 1920-1926
	6	Cornell: Willard Straight Hall, 1925-1928
	7	Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst notes on religion, n.d.
	8	DWSE general notes, n.d.
	9	Orders to booksellers, 1960-1968, part 1
	10	Orders to booksellers, 1960-1968, part 2
	11	DWSE miscellaneous notes, n.d.
	12	Tribute to Alexander Meiklejohn, n.d.
	13	Berkeley Divinity School correspondence, 1966-1967
	14	DWSE autobiographical notes, 1949-[1959-1968]-1973 and n.d.
	15	Article: "Dorothy Elmhirst and Michael Chekov," 1969
	16	DWSE correspondence with Margaret Isherwood, 1946-1951
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	18	Eloise Elmhirst Sharman correspondence, part 1, c. 1940's and 1950's
	19	Eloise Elmhirst Sharman correspondence, part 2, c. 1940's and 1950's
	20	DWSE to Ruth Morgan: notebook, 1928-1929; clippings: Ruth Morgan's obituary, 1934
	21	Diary, n.d.
	22	Notebook, article on Dirac theory, 1931
	23	Correspondence <u>re</u> Gerald Heard and Margaret Isherwood, also clippings <u>re</u> religion, 1929 and n.d.

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I. Photocopies (continued)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	
1	24	Notebook, 1934	
	25	Notebook, 1935-1936	
	26	Notes on <u>The Possessed</u> , articles of interest, 1938-1939	
	27	Notebook, 1935-1939; Notes on Steiner, 1937	
	28	Notes on teaching opera students, 1939	
	29	Notes on Blake's <u>Eternity, et al.</u> , 1939, notebook, 1938	
	30	Notebook, 1942	
	31	Notes on drama classes, 1940	
	32	Notebook, 1942	
	33	Six lectures on U.S.A., 1943	
	34	Travel diary, Europe, 1949	
	35	Notes: architecture and Shakespeare's <u>Othello</u> , c. 1950's	
	36	Notes: <u>Ring Around the Moon</u> , <u>Hamlet</u> , and English furniture, c. 1950's	
	37	Notes on Shakespeare lectures, 1952	
	38	Notebook: "Books as I have Read them," 1896-1901	
	39	Correspondence: <u>New Republic</u> , 1914, Willard's death, 1918	
	2	1	Notebooks: on lectures, and on quotations from Pueblo Indian book, c. 1950's
		2	Notes: on English furniture, on <u>The Tempest</u> , etc., 1950's and 1955
		3	"Something of what I have learned in this year of grace," for Terry, 1955
4		DWSE Shakespeare notes: <u>Measure For Measure</u> , c. 1955	
5		DWSE travel diary: Italy, 1949, France, 1951	
6		DWSE travel diary: Italy, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1965, Greece, 1963	

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I. Photocopies (continued)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
2	7	DWSE Shakespeare notes: <u>Othello</u> , 1955
	8	Diary of a motortrip, October 12-26, 1959
	9	DWSE extracts and notes for a lecture, 1954
	10	Quotes, notes on Shakespeare's sonnets, and extracts from Neumann's study of Henry Moore and Bradley on Lear, 1960, 1963
	11	<u>How the World Began</u> by Dorothy, DWSE's granddaughter
	12	<u>My Special Anthology</u> , 1961
	13	DWSE notes copied by Leonard K. Elmhirst, 1963-1968
	14	Psalms and quotes, 1965
	15	Notes, 1966-1968
	16	Diaries: 1968, and Venice, 1964
	17	Diary and notes, 1967-1968
	18	Ellen Van Volkenberg Browne, 1929-1972
	19	Notes on concept of God, <u>c.</u> 1922-1923
	20	Notebook on Bible class, pre-1922
	21	Notes on Tyson course: "Bible and Modern Scholarship," <u>c.</u> 1920, part 1
	22	Notes on Tyson course: Bible and Modern Scholarship, <u>c.</u> 1920, part 2
	23	Lecture notes, 1922
	24	DWSE poem anthology, 1919-1923
	25	DWSE selected poems, <u>c.</u> 1920's
	26	DWSE selected poems and notes, <u>c.</u> 1922
	27	Lecture notes, Dewey-Gates, <u>et al.</u> , n.d.
	28	Lecture notes, John Dewey, pre-1925
	29	Lecture notes, John Dewey, pre-1925
	30	Lecture notes, Dr. Fosdick, October 1923
	31	European diary, 1904-1905
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	34	Engagement book, 1904

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
2	35	Typical pages of uncopied diaries, 1916-1923
	36	Diary, 1906, part 1
	37	Diary, 1906, part 2
3	1	Diary, 1906, part 3
	2	Line-A-Day diary, 1916-1920, part 1
	3	Line-A-Day diary, 1916-1920, part 2
	4	Line-A-Day diary, 1916-1920, part 3, plus miscellaneous notes
	5	Line-A-Day diary, 1911-1915, part 1
	6	Line-A-Day diary, 1911-1915, part 2
	7	Line-A-Day diary, 1911-1915, part 3

II. Originals

3	8	Letters of Ruth Morgan to DWSE, 1925-1933, part 1
	9	Letters of Ruth Morgan to DWSE, 1925-1933, part 2
	10	DWSE to Margaret and Helen Isherwood and others, 1932-1936
	11	DWSE to Margaret and Helen Isherwood and others, 1937-1941
	12	DWSE to Margaret and Helen Isherwood and others, 1942, 1928-1963
	13	DWSE to Margaret and Helen Isherwood and others, 1964-1968
	14	Susan Sedgwick Hammond correspondence and notes, 1940-1968, 1973, and n.d.
	15	Ellen Van Volkenberg correspondence, and material <u>re</u> Dartington Hall, 1929-[1952-1966]-1972
	16	DWSE miscellaneous correspondence, post-1925
	17	Nancy Green correspondence--Applegreen, 1950- 1964 and n.d.

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II. Originals (continued)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
3	18	Index to Records Room Materials, Dartington Hall, n.d.
	19	Commemorative articles, 1948, 1960-1969, 1972
	20	Miscellaneous
	21	Croly correspondence, notes by E. A. Stettner, c. 1920's
	22	Croly correspondence, notes by E. A. Stettner c. 1927
	23	Croly correspondence, notes and transcriptions by E. A. Stettner, c. 1928
	24	Croly correspondence, notes by E. A. Stettner, c. 1928-1929
	25	Croly correspondence, notes by E. A. Stettner, c. 1934
	26	Croly correspondence, notes by E. A. Stettner, c. 1930's
	27	Croly correspondence, notes by E. A. Stettner, c. 1940
	28	Croly correspondence, c. 1940's, 1972
	29	Theater Arts Inc., c. 1930's, part 1
	30	Theater Arts Inc., c. 1930's, part 2
	31	Diary, n.d., author unknown
	32	Rechristening of the "Dorothy" June 19, 1976, button
	33	negatives transferred from collection # 1260

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III. Microfilm

	34	correspondence of DWSE and LKE with Susan Sedgwick Hammond, 1951-1972
	35	see below
Reel 1		Correspondence between DWS and LKE, 1920-1922
Reel 2		Correspondence between DWS and LKE, 1923-1925
Reel 3		Correspondence between H.F. Heard, G. Heard, M. Isherwood and DWSE, 1932-1935
Reel 4		Diaries, 1927, 1928 (pos. film only)
Reel 5		Croly correspondence, c. 1920 - c. 1940 -- duplication of Box 3, folders 21-27 above. (neg. film only)

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* 35 Letters to Gilbert Harrison from Dorothy Elmhirst, Mar. 7, 1964, Dec. 31, 1965 and Leonard Elmhirst, Mar. 28, 1964.

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Correspondence mainly relating to the New Republic, Box 3, Folders 21-28:

Letters, c. 19 items, 1926-1928, to Dorothy and/or Leonard Elmhirst from Herbert Croly, Folders 21-23.

Of special interest:

Letter of December 4, 1926, mentioning work of George H. Soule, Bruce Bliven, and Edmund Wilson.

Letters of February 10, July 27, August 23, 1928, also discussing the presidential election campaign.

Letter of October 6, 1927, concerning in part the Sacco-Vanzetti case.

Letter, December 1, 1927, discussing Waldo D. Frank and a series of articles he will write for the NR.

Letters, 9 items, 1940-1972, to the Elmhirsts from or concerning Bruce Bliven, Folders 27-28.

Letter of June 21, 1940, giving reasons for the resignation of Waldo D. Frank and Lewis Mumford as contributing editors to the New Republic.

Letter (photocopy of typed copy) from Edmund Wilson, Stamford, Conn., October 12, 1940, to DWSE, giving his opinion of Bliven's editorship.

Letter (photocopies of typescript copies), from George H. Soule to Bliven, December 31, 1940, concerning a proposed reorganization of the NR editorial board and Bliven's reply, n.d.

Letter, May 19, 1942, concerning labor problems (Book and Magazine Union) and also mentioning an article that Michael Straight did on GE's cartel affiliations in Germany and Charles E. Wilson's reaction to it.

Letter, May 17, mentioning proposed visit of Elmhirsts to U.S. and letter, October 11, 1943, enclosing letter from Eleanor Roosevelt 10-10-43, re this visit; typed copy of E.R. letter attached.

Letter (carbon copy) to Bliven from DWSE, March 8, 1952, paying him tribute for his work on the NR.

Letter from Bliven, Stanford, California, October 4, 1972, to LKE, referring to Edmund Wilson.

Above folders and Nos. 24, 25, and 26 contain letters from Louise Croly that refer to the New Republic and its staff.

Also on film.

Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst. Additional Papers from Dartington Hall.*

Box

Contents

- 4 one folder of clippings on events at Dartington Hall c. 1926-1949
 ten photographs of Dorothy Whitney Straight Elmhirst's penthouse
 on Park Avenue c. 1928

Also an inventory catalog of the Dartington Hall Archives

M. Hopson
March 1982

*This material was transferred from #1260 (Willard D. Straight. Papers.).