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**Dates:** 1930-1987  
**Creator:** Dent, Lester B., 1904-1959  
**Collection Size:** 24.05 cubic feet, 4 16 film reels, 2 video cassettes, 7 oversize items

**Introduction**  
Addition of manuscripts, correspondence, publications, fan mail, photographs, newspaper clippings, published materials relating to the fictional character of Doc Savage, and other materials of a science fiction writer. Also includes over 15,000 jokes collected by Norma Dent and photographs taken for Dent’s aerial photography business, Airviews, c. 1950s.

**Restriction**  
Direct all publication and copyright issues/permissions to Will Murray, acting literary agent for the Dent estate.

**Note:** In addition to CA5569, this preliminary inventory also includes the following accessions: CA5115, CA5197, CA5389, CA5413, CA5418, and CA5485. See also [Lester B. Dent Collection (C3071)](https://www.shsmo.org/collection/lester-b-dent-collection).

**Box List**

**ACCESSION CA5115**

**Card Files (7)**  
Address file—fans  
Address file—writers  
Character tags and story ideas  
Index  
Jokes (15,668 cards) [collected by Norma Dent]

**Box 1**

**Correspondence**  
Correspondence—Fan, received by Mrs. Dent, approx. 200 letters  
Dent, Lester—biographical  
Dent, Lester—professional

**Doc Savage—Comic strip**  
Correspondence  
Sample plot and dialogue

**Manuscripts**  
Death Sentence—38 pages  
Evening at Moonwinx—18 pages  
Fortress of Solitude—outline, 11 pages  
Gold Bricks—19 pages
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ACCESSION CA5115 (Box 1 cont.)
Honey in His Mouth—188 pages, 3 copies
Kill A Red Lady—198 pages
Memories in Stone—4 pages, by Mrs. Norma Dent
Mr. Fixit—26 pages
Practically Dead—28 pages
Punkins and the Moon Varmint—15 pages, plus 3 cover letters
The Assassination of Burnholt—20 pages, plus cover letter
The Cowboy with Five Typewriters—15 pages
Biography of Lester Dent by Cal Tinney, includes 2 copies and a cover letter
The Devil Genghis—outline, 7 pages
The Looter—52 pages plus cover letter
The Stone Spook of Grandpa Plott—25 pages
Years against Him—6 pages
Photographs—Lester Dent (3)

Box 2
Publications relating to Lester Dent and Doc Savage (includes cover letters)
Age of the Unicorn
   Vol. 1, #6
   Vol. 2, #2
Apart [# 2, #3]
Canadian Paperbacks Newsletter
Collecting Paperbacks
   Vol. 2, #2
   Vol. 3, #2, #4, #5
   Vol. 4, #2, #4
   Vol. 5, #1
Doc Savage Club Reader [#s 1-10, 12]
Doc Savage Newsletter
Doc Savage Quarterly [#s 6-10]
Echoes [1-9, 17-22, 24-45, 48-50, 54]
Favorite stories from Link Hullar and Frank Hamilton
Golden Perils [1-9]
Huh—number 5
It’s a Fanzine—volume 1, number 13
Miscellaneous
Nemesis, Incorporated [#s 13-16]
Phantasyphile—Number 1
Pulp Vault—5 issues
Stan’s Weekly Express, special issue nos. 100-102
The Doc Savage Reader—number 1
The New Captain George’s Whizzbang—number 10
The Pulp Collector—4 issues
The Shadow Doc Savage Quest [#s 11-14, 16]
The Shadow Pulp Letterzine [#2, #3]
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ACCESSION CA5197
Box 1
Manuscripts
  Kill a Red Lady
  Mystery About a Fainting Dog (I’ll Murder Again) [2 versions and outline]
  The Treasure in the Derelict [includes outline and notes]
  Doom Coast
  Cruise of the Albatross

ACCESSION CA5413
Footage of home movies transferred to videocassette. Includes family, travel scenery, treasure hunting in the Caribbean, New York, Paris, Havana, and many small towns in central Missouri. [Note: See CA5485 for original films.]

Videocassette 1
African-American farming
Albatross and sailing
Children playing on a farm
Diving
Diving and boating
European trip (France)
European trip (France, England)
European trip (France, Holland, Germany)
Family and farm scenes
Flying
Grand Canyon
Havana, Cuba
Hoover Dam
Ice skating at Rockefeller Center
Lester Dent driving, running, and smoking a pipe
Lester Dent washing a dog
Missouri town and people scenes
  Atlanta
  Brashear
  Edina
  Elmer
  Hurdland
  Kirksville
  Willard
Mountain scenery
Nevada
New York City parade and scenery
New York harbor and Statue of Liberty
Pueblos and cliff dwellings
Rodeo and trick riding
Skiing
ACCESSION CA5569
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ACCESSION CA5413 (cont.)

Videocassette 2
Alcatraz Prison
Beach scenes
Dog sledding
European trip (France)
Family scenes
Florida
Flying
Golfing
Hindenburg disaster (commercial footage)
LaPlata men’s softball team
LaPlata, Missouri
Logging and sawmill operation (in color)
Mountain scenery
Nassau, West Indies
New York City
Parades
Sailing on Albatross
San Francisco
Santa Fe Station and train in LaPlata
Skiing and ski jumping
Snow sledding
Treasure hunts in Caribbean
Wyoming ranch and hunting
Wyoming ranch and scenery
Yosemite Park

ACCESSIONS CA5389, CA5418 [In Same Box]

Box 1
Photocopy of the Dent story "The Sign of the Adder," published in ALL DETECTIVE MAGAZINE under the name John Wiley
Doc Savage Comic Book, #5
Kansas City Live, “King of the Pulps”
Scrapbook (foldered)
  Biographical and Personal Notes
  Correspondence
  Newspaper Clippings
  Photographs
The Bronze Gazette, volume 1, #6
The Chariton Collector, “Doc Savage”

Oversize (CA5418)
Doc Savage, cartoon strips (7 panels) – Original oversize sketches
ACCESSION CA5585

4 16mm films
Original films taken by Lester Dent of family, travels, local communities, etc.
[Note: See CA5413 for videocassette copies and description of contents.]

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Box 1
Popular fiction magazines—Lester Dent published stories
Action Stories, December 1930
Adventure, May 1944
Air Stories: Sept 1930, Feb 1931
All Fiction Stories: July 1931
Argosy: Nov 7, Dec 5, 19 1936; Jan 9, Oct 9, 16, 30, Nov 13, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 25, 1937; June 1, Sept 17, Oct 8, Nov 12, 1938

Box 2
Popular fiction magazines—Lester Dent published stories
All American Fiction: Nov, Dec, 1939
Avenger, Sept 1939
Blue Book of Fiction and Adventure, Dec 1937
Crime Busters: Nov, Dec 1937; Jan, Oct 1938
Detective Dragnet: Jan, Mar, May, July, Dec, 1932
Dime Detective: Oct 1935, Dec 1937
Flying Aces, Aug 1932
Ideal Love, May 1934
Mystery, Nov 1939
Pete Rice, Nov 1933
Popular Detective, Nov 1937
Popular, May 1930
Scotland Yard International: March, May, June, Aug, 1931
Shadow, April 1933
Shadow Mystery: Murder in White, March 1947

Box 3
Popular fiction magazines—Lester Dent published stories
Sky Birds, Jan, Sept 1933
Sky Riders: Feb, March, April, May, 1931
Ten Detective Aces, June, Dec 1933
Thrilling Western, May 1952
Top Notch: Sept 1929, April, May 1930
War Birds: Feb, March, April, Oct 1932
West, May 1952
Western Trails: May-July, 1931; Feb-April, June, Sept 1932; April, July, Sept 1933
Box 4
Doc Savage magazine
1933: April-Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec
1934: Jan, Mar-May, July-Dec
1935 Full run

Box 5
Doc Savage magazine
1936: Jan-Apr, issue in Spanish not dated
1937: Aug-Dec
1938: July, Sept, Oct, Dec
1939: March, April, July
April 1940
June, October 1941
September 1942
1944: April, Oct, Dec
1945: July, Aug, Oct
1946: Jan, April, May

Box 6
Doc Savage magazine
1947: Feb, May, June
May-June, 1948
Doc Savage—published books
Bantam Books, Paperback reprints by Kenneth Robeson, 1-10, 12-18, 20-22, 24,
25, 63-67, 69, 72-81, 84-96

Box 7
Doc Savage—published books
Bantam Books, omnibus editions, #s 1, 5, 7-13
Bantam Books, Double issues, #s 20-27, 99-114, 119-120
Bantam Books, New Series (Farmer and Murray)
Escape From Loki
Flight Into Fear
Forgotten Realm
Frightened Fish
Python Isle
Whistling Wraith
White Eyes
Golden Press Editions—Hardbacks
Death in Silver
Ghost Legion
Man of Bronze
Quest of Qui
Sargasso Ogre
Secret in the Sky
Box 8
Lester Dent—Books (Paperbacks)
   Lady In Peril
   Cry At Dusk
Lester Dent—Miscellaneous stories
   Dead at the Take Off
   Lady Afraid
   Rute 14 Forsinket [German language]
   Sinister Ray
Doc Savage—Miscellaneous Publications
Comics
   DC Comics, #s 1-4, 8
   Doc Savage Comics, Aug 1941
   Gold Key Comics, Doc Savage
   Marvel Comics, giant issue
   Millennium Pubs, Doc Savage # 1
Magazines—Serial publications
   Comics Scene, issue 11, September 1983
   Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine
      June 1947
      November 1952
      May and November, 1954
      Anthology, 1966
   Starlog, issue 119, June 1987
Publications
   "Doc Savage: Inside and Out", Bobb Cotter
   "Doc Savage: Reflections in Bronze", Frank Hamilton
   "Doc Savage: Supreme Adventurer", Walter M. Baumhofer
   "Doc Savage Files", Frank Hamilton
   "Incredible Radio Exploits of Doc Savage: the Green Ghost", Kenneth
      Robeson, vol. 1, 1982
   "Invincible Doc Savage", Frank Hamilton
   "Man Behind Doc Savage", Frank Hamilton
   "Man of Bronze", skylark illustrated story
   "Secret of Doc Savage", Will Murray

Anthologies
   Hard Boiled Omnibus
   Hard Boiled Detective

Box 9
Anthologies—Hardback
   Bar 4 Roundup of Best Western Stories
   Hard-Boiled Omnibus
Lester Dent—Hardbacks
   Dead at the Take-Off
   Hades and Hocus Pocus
Lady Afraid
Lady in Peril
Lady to Kill
Land of Terror
Man of Bronze
Quest of the Spider
Miscellaneous hardbacks
Living Shadow, Maxwell Grant

Box 10
Anthologies
A Cent A Story: The Best from Ten Detective Aces
Action Stories
Pulp Masters
Pulp Review
Triple Detective
Correspondence [3]
Manuscripts—Dent
"Green Gods of Kukulkhan"
Miscellaneous stories
Manuscript—Python Isle, Will Murray
Miscellaneous papers
Business cards
Letterhead stationary
Lists of Dent stories
Promotional brochures
Newspaper clippings
Photographs
Radio program scripts—Martin Kane, Private Eye, 1950, 1951

Box 11
Airviews
Sectional Aeronautical Charts
Corpus Christi, Texas, 1950
Austin, Texas, 1950
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1949
San Antonio, Texas, 1950
Dallas, 1950
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1950
Dealer’s Packets: Aerial Farm Photographs, c. 1950s
Texas
Lubbock
Woodward
O’Donnell
Fairview
Wall
Arkoe
Lamar
Outman
Burl
Elmo
Spring Hill

Oklahoma
Talala
Kellyville
Skidmore

Missouri
Bradleyville
Kahoka

Kansas
Farmington
Muscotah
Shannon
Parnell
Effingham
LeLoup
Ottawa
Benton
Iola
Greeley
Atchison
Huron
Kennekuk
Monrovia
Pardee
Shawnee

Photocopy of Biography of Lester Dent
Account Ledger, October 1, 1951
The Story of Airviews; Mr. Editor: Airviews Mystery Farms, Packets; Firm Mailing Books

Box 12
Airviews
  Roll and Take Number Sheets for Photographs
  General Highway and Transportation Map, Ringgold County, Iowa, 1947
  Dealer’s Packets: Aerial Farm Photographs, c. 1950s

  Iowa
    Shenandoah
    Coin
    Fort Dodge
    West Grove
    Moulton Junction
Box 13

Airviews

Invoice Slips, Take No., Roll. No., No. of Pictures, and Farm Photographs, c. 1950s
Dealer’s Packets: Aerial Farm Photographs, c. 1950s

Missouri
Holts Summit
Mokane
Fulton
Kingdom City
Columbia
Boonville
Tingley
Hallsville
Fulton
Millersburg
Auxvasse
Savannah
Amazonia
Lindberg
Deerfield
Armstrong
Hartsburg
Wilton
Centralia

Iowa
Kellerton
Mt. Ayr
Clearfield
Benton
Shannon City
Tingley

Texas
Harlingen
La Feria
Donna
Troy
Waco
Alfred
Skidmore
Cestohowa
Stockdale
Seguin
San Marcos
Austin
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Jarrell
Belton
Temple
Graham
Shannon
Brady
Mason
Stonewall
Johnson City
Spring Branch
San Antonio
Falls City
Lyford

Box 14
Airviews
List: Letters to Go with Store Pictures: Kirksville, Missouri; Farm
Photographs For Store Deal, Edina, Missouri: List of Take No., Roll No.,
No. of Pictures, c. 1950s
Dealer’s Packets: Aerial Farm Photographs, c. 1950s
Missouri
Fillmore
Bolckow
Rosendale
Amazonia
King City
Nodaway
Gower
Willow Brook
Faucett
Maitland
Mound City
Bigelow
Evansville
De Kalb
Craig
Maitland
Maysville
Weatherby
Oregon
Fairport
Winslow
Osborn
Cameron
Rosendale
Savannah
Union Star
Fordham
Island City
New Point
Forest City
Richville
Berlin
King City
Lyman
Stockbridge
Armour
Wallace
Saxton
Garrettsburg
San Antonio
Rushville
St. Joseph
Winthrop

Texas
Lyons

Box 15
Airviews
Dealer’s Packets: Aerial Farm Photographs, c.1950s
Missouri, Maryville, Area
Parnell
Gaynor
Ravenwood
Maryville
Clyde
Edison
Arkoe
Conception
Barnard
Guilford
Burlington Junction
Skidmore
Wilcox
Pickering
Graham
Hopkins
Clearmont

Iowa
Bradyville