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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).

**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]
Favorites 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 [#s11-14, 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 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
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ACCESSION CA5485
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.]

ACCESSION CA5569
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

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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

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
- "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
Centerville
Oskaloosa
Bloomfield
Malcolm
Dallas Center
Boone
La Mont
Humboldt
Rutland
Lake City
Des Moines
Thayer
Creston
Mediapolis
Shady Grove
Rowley
Dunkerton
Fonda
Eagle Center
Mt. Pleasant
Swedesburg
Elmo
Mt. Pleasant
Oakland Mills
Danville
Yarmouth
Searsboro
Colwell
Montpelier
Jerome
Promise City
Troy Mills
Lorimor
Oelwein
Winthrop
Burnside
Harcourt
Quasqueton
Afton
Arispe
Mt. Union
Wayland
Milton
Murray
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
Georgetown
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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
Scotland Yard radio show scripts, 1931