

A Guide to the Thomas Wolfe Collection

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6 items

Repository

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Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
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Collection is open to research.

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Item Listing

Manuscript

Dedication to his brother for From Death to Morning

Unit Date 1935 Aug 25

Extent

AMs,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes ANS, Thomas Wolfe, Sante Fe, to Ester Owens, [Tulsa, Oklahoma] regarding the dedication to Benjamin Harrison Wolfe, who died of influenza,]

Letters

Thomas Wolfe, San Francisco, to Esther Owens, Sante Fe

Unit Date 1935 Sep 4

Extent ALS,1 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Declines her invitation to Sante Fe since he is due back in New York City; says he has a book coming out in October and that his holiday has come to an end; looks forward to seeing her again; sends love and friendship.]

Thoms Wolfe, New York City, to Esther Owens, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Unit Date 1936 Apr 17

Extent TLS,2 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Declines invitation to Tulsa, saying that he and Maxwell Perkins have decided to stay out of the lecture circuit, though he may lose money; thanks her for sending pair of rabbit's feet for luck; mentions being troubled and tormented since October with demands put on him; explains that he does need, and has little chance to win, the Pulitzer Prize, and that he had Perkins pull the book from consideration;

expresses disappointment at not being able to see her soon.]

Thomas Wolfe, New York City, to Esther Owens, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Unit Date 1936 Dec 23

Extent TLS,2 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Thanks her for Christmas present; sends season's greetings; looks forward to going home to North Carolina and to seeing New Orleans; remembers a visit to New Orleans during Mardi Gras when he was a child.]

Thomas Wolfe, New York City, to Esther Owens, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Unit Date 1937 Feb 17

Extent TLS,2 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Talks about his "flu" or "grippe" after returning from the South; says he subsisted largely on her gifts of preserves and cheese; discusses his legal problems; maintain that the past 2 years have not made him bitter or cynical; finds comfort in her friendship.]

Thomas Wolfe, New York City, to Esther Owens, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Unit Date 1937 May 25

Extent TLS,2 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Thanks her for preserves and remembers her previous practical gifts; hopes her examinations went well; relates his summer plans to work in a rented cabin near Asheville, North Carolina to cut, rewrite, and shape a gigantic manuscript; expects short stories to come out in Scribner's Magazine and The New Yorker; says he has sold stories to Redbook and Saturday Evening Post and is pleased about the profit.]