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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1138

CREATOR: Levi, Ezio, 1884-1941

TITLE: Ezio Levi papers

DATES: 1863-1949

BULK DATES: 1910-1941

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.14 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Most materials in Italian or English.

SUMMARY: The Ezio Levi Papers consist of autograph manuscript and typescript writings and notes about Italian and Spanish literature and art, with related correspondence, printed articles, and photographs, 1910s-1940s and undated; biographical information about Levi and Flora Aghib Levi D'Ancona, undated; legal documents and correspondence relating to their immigration to the United States, 1930s-1940s; other correspondence, 1910s-1949, most relating to Levi's academic career in the United States; and lantern slides, possibly made by Ferdinando Lembo, of works of art in the Steri palace, Palermo, and relating to the legend of Tristan and Isolde, undated.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Deposited in Yale University Library by Flora Aghib Levi D'Ancona, 1944; additional correspondence added, 1949. Date of acquisition and transfer unknown.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Ezio Levi Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

Former call number: Uncat Ms Vault D'Ancona. In 2014, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including partial rehousing and minimal organization. Most folder titles were based on information provided by the donor, while some were assigned by Library staff. Folder titles were not verified against contents.

Ezio Levi (1884-1941)

Ezio Levi, Italian philologist and author; also used the name Ezio Levi D'Ancona; professor of Romance languages at the Università di Napoli and Wellesley College. Levi immigrated to the United States as a Jewish refugee during World War II, with his wife, author and illustrator Flora Aghib Levi D'Ancona, and their children.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Writings, 1863-1941. II. Other Papers, 1916-1949.

Collection Contents

Series I: Writings, 1863-1941, undated

1.68 linear feet (4 boxes)

b. 1, f. 1	"Cantare di Madonna Elena Imperatrice"	1863-1894, undated
b. 1, f. 2-3	"Gattinara, Carlos Quinto's Great Chancellor" 2 Folders	undated
b. 1, f. 4	"Poesia popolare italiana"	undated
b. 1, f. 5	"Spanish Speeches"	1940, undated
b. 1, f. 6-7	"Lo Steri" 2 Folders	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Unsorted articles (printed)	1917-1939
	Notes	
b. 1, f. 9	"Antonio de lo Frasso"	undated
b. 1, f. 10-11	"Artisti" 2 Folders	1931-1937, undated
b. 2, f. 12	"Ascanio Colonna"	undated
b. 2, f. 13	"Corpus inscriptionum hispanicorum"	undated
b. 2, f. 14-16	"Dante & His American Friends in Florence" 3 Folders	undated
b. 2, f. 17	"Duccio de Gano"	1916, undated
b. 2, f. 18-20	"Iconografia del medio evo" 3 Folders	undated
b. 2, f. 21	"La leggenda di Tristano"	undated
b. 2, f. 22	"Lirica latina del medio evo"	undated
b. 2, f. 23-24	"Madrid, sec. XVIII" 2 Folders	undated
b. 2, f. 25	"Novellieri dei cinquecenti"	undated
b. 2, f. 26-27	"Paravicino" 2 Folders	undated
b. 3, f. 28-30	"Poesie dei memoriali" 3 Folders	1891-1927, undated
b. 3, f. 31-33	"Poesie indite di sec. XIII & XIV" 3 Folders	1913-1917, undated
b. 3, f. 34	"Poesie popolari de codice Laurenziano XLII, 38"	undated

Notes (continued)

b. 3, f. 35-36	<u>"Razza"</u> 2 Folders	undated
b. 3, f. 37-38	"Regulae singulares" 2 Folders	undated
b. 3, f. 39	"Siviglia e la novela picaresca"	undated
b. 3, f. 40	"Siviglia, sec. XIII"	undated
b. 4, f. 41-42	"Storia di Giuseppe" 2 Folders	1934-1940, undated
b. 4, f. 43	"Tommaso Sibori"	undated
b. 4, f. 44-47	Unidentified 4 Folders	undated
Writings of Others		
b. 4, f. 48	Calkins, Mary Whiton. <i>The Works of Ezio Levi D'Ancona: Bibliography</i> <i>Republished June, 1940</i> (printed)	1940
b. 4, f. 49	Authors, B-F	1940-1941, undated
b. 4, f. 50	Authors, G	1933, undated
b. 4, f. 51	Authors, G-L	1919-1941, undated
b. 4, f. 52	Authors, M-W	1938-1941

Series II: Other Papers, 1916-1949, undated*1.46 linear feet (4 boxes)*

b. 4, f. 53	Biographical information (Ezio Levi)	1941, undated
b. 4, f. 54	Biographical information (Flora Aghib Levi D'Ancona)	undated
b. 5, f. 55-56	Correspondence and legal documents about immigration <i>2 Folders</i>	1930-1943, undated
Other Correspondence		
b. 5, f. 57	Dupont, Henry (Hunter College)	1940-1941, undated
b. 5, f. 58	Hunter College	1940 February- October
b. 5, f. 59	Steiner, Arpad (Hunter College)	1940-1941, undated
b. 5, f. 60	Texas Technological College	1940
b. 5, f. 61	University of Wisconsin	1941, undated
b. 5, f. 62	Yale University Library (from Flora Aghib Levi D'Ancona)	1949, undated
b. 5, f. 63-64	Unsorted <i>2 Folders</i>	1916-1943, undated
b. 6, f. 65-73	"Lo Steri" <i>9 Folders (8 lantern slides)</i>	undated
b. 7, f. 74-82	"Lo Steri" <i>9 Folders (8 lantern slides)</i>	undated
b. 8, f. 83-91	"Tristano" <i>9 Folders (8 lantern slides)</i>	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Art -- Italy
Art -- Spain
College teachers -- United States
Italian literature
Jewish refugees -- United States
Philologists -- United States
Spanish literature
Tristan (Legendary character) -- Art
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives,
Italian
World War, 1939-1945 -- Refugees

Genres / Formats

Lantern slides -- Italy -- 20th Century

Occupations

College teachers -- United States -- 20th
Century
Philologists -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Aghib Levi D'Ancona, Flora
Levi, Ezio, 1884-1941

Corporate Bodies

Palazzo Chiaramonte (Palermo, Italy) --
Pictorial works
Wellesley College -- Faculty

Contributors

Levi, Ezio, 1884-1941
Lembo, Ferdinando