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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 200 BLOTNER, Joseph Leo, 1923-2012

25 boxes. 339 folders. 7053 items, 1890-1997. Originals and photocopies

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph Leo Blotner

Joseph Leo Blotner was born in 1923 and grew up in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. While attending Drew University, World War II erupted and Blotner joined in the war effort, serving as a bombardier aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress. His plane was shot down while flying over Frankfurt, Germany, and he was held prisoner in a German war camp for six and a half months until the camp was liberated in April 1945. While on the GI Bill, Blotner managed to complete his academic studies, earning his MA in English at Northwestern University, then he received his Ph.D. in English at the University of Pennsylvania.

Blotner's first academic position was as a professor at the University of Idaho. Later, at the University of Virginia, he arranged residencies for William Faulkner. He also compiled and edited transcripts of Faulkner's question-and-answer sessions with university students, forming a strong friendship that would ultimately lead to Blotner's first academic achievement, *Faulkner: A Biography*. Published in 1974, the biography earned rave reviews and was accepted as the canonical work of Faulkner's life. Blotner had the ability to get his subjects to comfortably open up about their lives. As he did with Faulkner, Blotner spent ten years compiling a biography about Robert Penn Warren. Blotner began working with Warren late in the author's life. Blotner had just retired from the Michigan English Department and was looking for a long-term project that would cap his career. The result was a 587-page monument to the acclaimed writer.

In the 1990s, Blotner used his in-depth biographer skills on himself, penning the autobiography *An Unexpected Life*. Not only was Blotner adept at telling the lives of other famous authors, he was equally skilled at telling his own story. In 1998, the Center for Robert Penn Warren Studies purchased Blotner's collection of research material related to Warren, which is located in the Department of Library Special Collections at Western Kentucky University.

Blotner's first wife Yvonne Wright died in 1990. His second wife, Marnie C. Allen, died in 2006. He had three daughters: Tracy, Pamela, and Nancy. Blotner died in 2012 at the age of eighty-nine years old.

Robert Penn Warren

Robert Penn Warren was born on April 24, 1905. The son of a banker and school teacher, Warren grew up in Guthrie, Todd County, Kentucky, with two siblings. At the age of fifteen, he graduated from Guthrie School, and then spent a school year at Clarksville High School in Clarksville Tennessee before pursuing college. In 1921, he enrolled at Vanderbilt University at the age of sixteen.

Warren's time spent at Vanderbilt found him involved with The Fugitives. The Fugitives were a group of Southern poets that were advocates of the rural Southern agrarian tradition, writing poetry about the classical aesthetic ideals of which they believed. Some of the members included Allen Tate and John Crowe Ransom (two professors of literature that Warren fell under the tutelage of at Vanderbilt). Warren was the group's youngest member, and published his first collection of poems in the group's magazine, *The Fugitive*. He also became involved later on with The Agrarians, a group of some of the same writers of The Fugitives, who believed in traditionalist conservative values. Warren contributed to the Agrarians' *I'll Take My Stand* manifesto, writing "The Briar Patch," an essay that defended racial segregation in the South.

After graduating from Vanderbilt, he attended the University of California, obtaining his Master's Degree while also serving as a teaching assistant. He met his first wife, Emma "Cinina" Brescia at U.C. whom he married in 1929. After UC, he attended Yale University on fellowship, and then entered New College at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, receiving his B. Litt. in 1930. Afterward, he taught at many universities, including Vanderbilt, The University of Minnesota, Yale University, and Louisiana State. It was at Louisiana State where he and Cleanth Brooks and Charles W. Pipkin, two fellow literary critics, published *The Southern Review*, a literary quarterly that published poetry, essays, interviews, fiction, and excerpts from novels written by emerging and established authors. Warren and Brooks also published *Understanding Poetry* in 1938. *Understanding Poetry* was a textbook which widely influenced New Criticism and the study of poetry at the college level in America.

Between 1933 and 1942, while teaching at LSU, Warren closely observed Huey Pierce Long, the radical populist governor of Louisiana. In his research, Warren was able to publish the novel *All the King's Men*. The novel tells the story of Willie Stark, an ambitious populist of the American South, and his political ascent and governorship during the 1930s. *All the King's Men* received tremendous recognition, and is the most widely known of all of Warren's literary works. The novel was adapted into a 1949 film, which won several Academy Awards, including Best Picture. The film was remade in 2006 and also inspired an opera in 1981.

All the King's Men won Warren the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1947. He also received two Pulitzers for poetry: in 1958 for *Promises: Poems 1954-1956*, and in 1979 for *Now and Then*. He is the only writer to have received a Pulitzer Prize for fiction and poetry. Throughout his career, Warren has received many awards, including the Bolingen Prize, the National Medal for Literature, and Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1986, he was named the first U.S. Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry.

Warren was married to Emma Brescia from 1929 until 1951. He married author Eleanor Clark in 1952. The marriage produced two children, Rosanna Phelps Warren and Gabriel Penn Warren. During the latter part of his life, he lived in Fairfield, Connecticut, and Stratton, Vermont. He died of complications from bone cancer in 1989 at the age of eighty-four years old.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains research material collected by Joseph Blotner in preparing his biography of Robert Penn Warren. This collection was purchased by the Center for Robert Penn Warren Studies at Western Kentucky University in 20?? Box 1 contains four folders of logistical notes related to the preparation of the biography itself. Folder 4 through 13 include genealogical information about Warren's family and information about his early childhood in Guthrie, Kentucky. Folder 14-16 begin the chronological arrangement of Warren's correspondence that Blotner collected from institutions around the country. This arrangement continues through Box 7, Folder 3. This correspondence from 1917 to 1995 discusses all aspects of Warren personal and professional life. All of this correspondence is photocopies; when citing this material, the original repository should be credited.

Box 7, Folder 11 through Box 11, Folder 6 contains information about books written or edited by Warren. Each folder represents a different title and are arranged chronologically by the book's publication date; the inclusive dates indicate material collected after the initial publication. These folders include information such as book reviews, scholarly essays and newspaper clippings; some include scripts, broadsides and other material related to the publication.

Box 11, Folder 7 through Box 13 include transcripts of oral interviews done with the listed individual and/or notes and correspondence related to the same. Folders are arranged alphabetically by the informant. WKU's Library Special Collections does not own the original interviews. Blotner's notes from interviews were retained in each folder; some folders include only Blotner's notes and no transcript.

Box 14 includes secondary material used by Blotner in preparation of RWP's biography. This does include critical essays, bibliographic essays, research notes, and notes from interviews. Folder 9 includes correspondence between Blotner, RPW, and Eleanor Clark Warren.

Box 15 includes research notes from various repositories related to RPW and his work. Folders 14-18 include travel and copy fees related to Blotner's research and are arranged chronologically by year. Folders 19-24 include information about meetings of the RPW Colloquiums at Western Kentucky University and the RPW Circle. Folder 25 includes correspondence about the founding of the RPW Journal; it also includes an article submitted by Blotner in 1995 titled "History and Narrative in Robert Penn Warren's Long Poems."

Boxes 16-25 include drafts, page proofs, author's galleys, and a final draft of the biography: B16,F1-B17,F2 first draft; B17,F3-B18,F3 revised first draft; B18,F4-B19,F4 revised second draft; B19,F5-B20,F4 revised draft based on comments by Robert D. Loomis, editor at Random House; B20,F5-B21,F6 page proofs with quotes marked for permission request. The remainder of Box 21 deals with revisions, designs, and permissions. Box 22 contains author's galleys. And Box 23 includes the final draft of the biography. Box 24 includes miscellaneous material related to preparation of the biography, including information about photographs found in Folders 1 and 4. Folder 2 includes correspondence with Sam Prestridge relating to a paper titled "Warren's Craft of Revision in *Brother to Dragons*." Folder 3 includes miscellaneous correspondence, news clippings, and magazine articles from a variety of sources, including his sister, Mary Barber, and Victor Strandberg. Folder 3 also includes a copy of Victor Strandberg's article "Warren's Worst Book."

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Genealogy & Correspondence	1890-1997	274 items
Folder 1a	Inventory	n.d.	2 items
Folder 1	Spiral index file: people, places, etc.	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Legal pad: poem summaries and disk numbers	n.d.	5 items
Folder 3	Miscellaneous	1944-1997	64 items
Folder 4	Notes on books read	1992-1994	12 items
Folder 5	Genealogy	1995-1996	23 items
Folder 6	Mary M. Penn – Genealogy	n.d.	8 items
Folder 7	The Penn family of Virginia	1896, 1964	9 items
Folder 8	RPW medical history	1921-1994	63 items
Folder 9	Robert Franklin Warren (father)	1890-1991	10 items
Folder 10	Ruth Penn Warren (mother)	1931	1 item
Folder 11	Parents, siblings, and other ancestors	1975-1991	18 items
Folder 12	Childhood	1979-1989	21 items
Folder 13	Guthrie	1979-1990	15 items
Folder 14	RPW, 1917-1920	1917-1988	6 items
Folder 15	1920	1979-1991	5 items
Folder 16	Vanderbilt University	1920-1926	11 items
BOX 2	Correspondence	1922-1994	372 items
Folder 1	1921	1979-1992	18 items
Folder 2	1922	1922-1991	10 items

Folder 3	1923	1923-1991	10 items
Folder 4	1924	1924-1994	39 items
Folder 5	1925	1925-1991	20 items
Folder 6	Berkeley records	1925-1991	25 items
Folder 7	1926	1926-1992	22 items
Folder 8	1927	1927-1991	27 items
Folder 9	1928	1927-1991	23 items
Folder 10	Rhodes Scholarship	1928-1991	33 items
Folder 11	1929	1928-1992	35 items
Folder 12	1930	1929-1991	29 items
Folder 12b	RPW's thesis: A Study of 1930; John Marston Satires	1990	4 items
Folder 13	1931	1931-1992	43 items
Folder 14	1932	1930-1990	18 items
Folder 15	1933	1933-1985	16 items
BOX 3	Correspondence	1930-1993	623 items
Folder 1a	1934	1934-1992	52 items
Folder 1b	M. Thomas Inge on the Agrarians	1977-1991	4 items
Folder 2	<i>The Southern Review</i>	1935-1988	4 items
Folder 3	1935	1935-1992	63 items
Folder 4	1936	1936-1988	32 items
Folder 5	1937	1936-1988	28 items
Folder 6	1938	1938-1993	34 items

Folder 7	1939	1930-1988	71 items
Folder 8	1940	1940-1991	57 items
Folder 9	LSU Houses	1984-1993	12 items
Folder 10	1941	1941-1989	46 items
Folder 11	1942	1942-1989	62 items
Folder 12	1943	1943-1989	19 items
Folder 13	1944	1944-1988	53 items
Folder 14	1945	1945-1992	39 items
Folder 15	1946	1946-1989	47 items
BOX 4	Correspondence	1947-1989	601 items
Folder 1	1947	1947-1986	46 items
Folder 2	1948	1948-1988	29 items
Folder 3	1949	1949-1989	35 items
Folder 4	1950	1950-1988	40 items
Folder 5	American Academy & Institute of Arts and Letters	n.d.	n.d
Folder 6	1951	1951	63 items
Folder 7	1952	1952	34 items
Folder 8	1953	1953	51 items
Folder 9	1954	1954	26 items
Folder 10	1955	1955	30 items
Folder 11	1956	1956	37 items
Folder 12	1957	1957	28 items

Folder 13	1958	1958	29 items
Folder 14	1959	1959	30 items
Folder 15	1960	1960	39 items
Folder 16	1961	1961	41 items
Folder 17	1962	1962	43 items
BOX 5	Correspondence	1963-1974	575 items
Folder 1	1963	1963	45 items
Folder 2	1964	1964	45 items
Folder 3	1965	1965	47 items
Folder 4	1966	1966	61 items
Folder 5	1967	1967	50 items
Folder 6	1968	1969	21 items
Folder 7	1969	1969	36 items
Folder 8	1970	1970	45 items
Folder 9	1971	1971	25 items
Folder 10	1972	1972	49 items
Folder 11	1973	1973	79 items
Folder 12	1974	1974	72 items
BOX 6	Correspondence	1975-1986	613 items
Folder 1	1975	1975	83 items
Folder 2	1976	1976	65 items
Folder 3	1977	1977	65 items

Folder 4	1978	1978	36 items
Folder 5	1979	1979	30 items
Folder 6	1980	1980	74 items
Folder 7	1981	1981	67 items
Folder 8	1982	1982	32 items
Folder 9	1983	1983	36 items
Folder 10	1984	1984	37 items
Folder 11	1985	1985	51 items
Folder 12	1986	1986	37 items
BOX 7	Correspondence and Notes, The Fugitive Publication	1922-1995	330 items
Folder 1	1987	1987	36 items
Folder 2	1988	1988	23 items
Folder 3	1989-1995	1989-1995	81 items
Folder 4	Notes and letters for revision of <i>RPW: A Biography</i>	1992-1994	28 items
Folder 5	To be dated and located	n.d.	31 items
Folder 6	Poems, General	1985-1987	4 items
Folder 7	Individual poems	1946-1989	30 items
Folder 8	Biographical sketches of RPW	1950-1989	12 items
Folder 9	Shack One and Shack Two	1988-1990	13 items
Folder 10	Individual stories	1945-1960	5 items
Folder 11	<i>Driftwood Flames</i> and early poems	1923-1933	11 items

Folder 12	<i>The Fugitive</i> 1922	1922	4 items
Folder 13	<i>The Fugitive</i> 1923	1923	4 items
Folder 14	<i>The Fugitive</i> 1924	1924	5 items
Folder 15	<i>The Fugitive</i> 1925	1925	4 items
Folder 16	<i>The Fugitive & The Fugitives</i>	1924-1991	14 items
Folder 17	<i>John Brown: Making of a Martyr</i>	1928-1988	11 items
Folder 18	<i>I'll Take My Stand</i>	1930-1960	14 items
BOX 8	Notes on Works and Topics	1908-1990	107 items
Folder 1	<i>God's Own Time</i>	1935	9 items
Folder 2	<i>Prime Leaf</i>	1947-1988	5 items
Folder 3	Second unpublished novel	1933-1934	13 items
Folder 4	<i>36 Poems</i>	1936	1 item
Folder 5	<i>Understanding Poetry</i>	1939-1960	29 items
Folder 6	<i>Black Patch War</i>	1969-1987	3 items
Folder 7	<i>Night Rider</i>	1908-1940	13 items
Folder 8	<i>Proud Flesh</i>	1939-1988	16 items
Folder 9	<i>11 Poems on the Same Theme</i>	1940	2 items
Folder 10	<i>At Heaven's Gate</i>	1943-1988	10 items
Folder 11	<i>Selected Poems, 1923-1943</i>	1944-1990	5 items
Folder 12	<i>The Rime of the Ancient Mariner</i>	n.d.	1 item

BOX 9	Notes on Works and Topics	1929-1996	238 items
Folder 1	<i>All the King's Men</i>	1929-1992	42 items
Folder 2	<i>All the King's Men</i> (play)	1948-1959	6 items
Folder 3	<i>Circus in the Attic</i>	1978-1991	7 items
Folder 4	<i>Modern Rhetoric</i>	1972	1 item
Folder 5	<i>All the King's Men</i> (film)	1988-1989	7 items
Folder 6	<i>World Enough and Time</i>	1948-1991	35 items
Folder 7	<i>The Wedding Ring</i>	1951	2 items
Folder 8	<i>Brother to Dragons</i>	1952-1987	19 items
Folder 9	<i>Willie Stark: His Rise & Fall</i>	n.d.	1 item
Folder 10	<i>Band of Angels</i>	1955-1988	13 items
Folder 11	<i>Segregation</i>	1956-1988	5 items
Folder 12	<i>Promises: Poems 1954-1956</i>	1956-1988	15 items
Folder 13	<i>How Taxes Won Her Freedom</i>	n.d.	1 item
Folder 14	<i>Selected Essays</i>	1958	2 items
Folder 15	<i>Remember the Alamo</i>	1956-1988	5 items
Folder 16	<i>The Cave</i>	1958-1996	12 items
Folder 17	<i>The Gods of Mount Olympus</i>	1959	2 items
Folder 18	<i>You, Emperors, and Others</i>	1958-1990	10 items
Folder 19	<i>The Legacy of the Civil War</i>	1960-1990	11 items
Folder 20	<i>Wilderness</i>	1961-1962	12 items
Folder 21	<i>An Approach to Literature</i>	1963	3 items
Folder 22	<i>American Academy in Rome</i>	1963-1994	8 items

Folder 23	<i>Flood</i>	1939-1964	19 items
BOX 10	Notes on Works and Topics	1962-1994	248 items
Folder 1	<i>Who Speaks for the Negro</i>	1964-1965	17 items
Folder 2	<i>So Clear, O Victory</i>	1966	1 item
Folder 3	<i>Selected Poems: New & Old, 1923-1966</i>	1966-1968	13 items
Folder 4	<i>Incarnations</i>	n.d.	2 items
Folder 5	<i>Audubon: A Vision</i>	1969-1993	19 items
Folder 6	<i>Selected Poems of Herman Melville</i>	1970	3 items
Folder 7	<i>John Greenleaf Whittier's Poetry</i>	n.d.	1 item
Folder 8	<i>Homage to Theodore Dreiser</i>	1962-1989	3 items
Folder 9	<i>Meet Me in the Green Glen</i>	1963-1972	68 items
Folder 10	<i>American Literature: The Makers and the Making</i>	1969-1994	13 items
Folder 11	<i>Or Else – Poem/Poems 1968-1974</i>	1974-1989	10 items
Folder 12	<i>Brother to Dragons, Video</i>	1975-1993	8 items
Folder 13	<i>Democracy and Poetry</i>	1975	1 item
Folder 14	<i>Selected Poems: 1923-1975</i>	1974-1977	14 items
Folder 15	<i>Willie Stark – Opera</i>	1947-1991	8 items
Folder 16	<i>Ballad of a Sweet Dream of Peace</i>	1974-1975	4 items
Folder 17	<i>A Place To Come To</i>	1976-1985	21 items
Folder 18	<i>Now and Then: Poems 1976-1978</i>	1977-1979	5 items
Folder 19	<i>Brother to Dragons: A New Version</i>	1974-1979	7 items

Folder 20	<i>Robert Penn Warren Speaking</i>	1979-1988	3 items
Folder 21	<i>Nashville – “A Remembrance”</i>	1979	5 items
Folder 22	“Portrait of a Father”	1987	2 items
Folder 23	<i>Jefferson Davis Gets His Citizenship Back</i>	1979-1981	6 items
Folder 24	<i>Life is a Fable (Being Here)</i>	1977-1980	1 item
Folder 25	<i>Being Here (1977-1980)</i>	1980-1981	13 items
BOX 11	Notes and Interview Transcripts	1977-1996	159 items
Folder 1	<i>Rumor Verified</i>	1981-1982	4 items
Folder 2	<i>Chief Joseph of the Nez Pierce</i>	1984-1996	13 items
Folder 3	<i>New and Selected Poems 1923-1985</i>	1985	7 items
Folder 4	<i>Portrait of a Father (1988)</i>	1986-1988	3 items
Folder 5	<i>Collected Essays</i>	1988	1 item
Folder 6	<i>A Robert Penn Warren Reader</i>	1989	1 item
Folder 7	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by David Farrell (01)	1977	3 items
Folder 8	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by David Farrell (10)	1978	2 items
Folder 9	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by David Farrell (15)	1978	2 items
Folder 10	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by David Farrell (18)	1979	7 items
Folder 11	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by David Farrell (20)	1979	1 item
Folder 12	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by David Farrell (KY)	1991	3 items

Folder 13	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by William Ferris	1989	2 items
Folder 14	Notes relating to Mary Warren Barber	1987	1 item
Folder 15	Transcript of interview with Northrup Beach conducted by David Farrell	1980	1 item
Folder 16	Transcript of interview with Saul Bellow conducted by David Farrell	1980-1988	11 items
Folder 17	Transcript of interview with Eric Bentley conducted by David Farrell	1980	2 items
Folder 18	Transcript of interview with Harold Bloom conducted by Susan Allen	1980	2 items
Folder 19	Transcript of interview with Cleanth Brooks conducted by David Farrell	1978-1995	15 items
Folder 20	Information about Emma Brescia Warren	1988-1992	58 items
Folder 21	Transcript of interview with Huntington and Elizabeth (Wentworth) Brown	1991	1 item
Folder 22	Letters to Elizabeth (Wentworth) Brown "Bid"	n.d.	15 items
Folder 23	Transcript of interview with Matthew Bruccoli conducted by Susan Allen	1981	1 item
Folder 24	Transcript of interview with Ken Burns conducted by Joseph Blotner	1995	3 items
BOX 12	Notes and Interview Transcripts	1942-1994	104 items
Folder 1	Transcript of interview with Robert Brustein conducted by David Farrell	1981	1 item
Folder 2	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by Alexander S. Crouch	1980	2 items
Folder 3	Transcript of interview with Lambert Davis conducted by Joseph Blotner; Davis named A Statesman of the Republic of Books (Dedication written by Robert Penn Warren);	1970-1988	3 items

Folder 4	Transcript of interview with Peter Davison conducted by David Farrell; Transcript of telephone interview with Davison by Joseph Blotner; Letters to Peter and Natalie Davison	1933-1991	9 items
Folder 5	Transcript of interview with James Dickey conducted by Susan Allen	1981	1 item
Folder 6	Transcript of interview with Richard Eberhart conducted by David Farrell	1981	2 items
Folder 7	Letter to Joseph Blotner from John Egerton	1990	1 item
Folder 8	Published interviews with Robert Penn Warren	1957-1987	4 items
Folder 9	Transcript of interview with John Ervin conducted by David Farrell	1978	1 item
Folder 10	Transcript of interview with Charles H. Foster and Doris Foster conducted by Susan Allen; Correspondence between Charles H. Foster and Joseph Blotner	1942-1993	18 items
Folder 11	Transcript of interview with John Kenneth Galbraith and Kitty Galbraith conducted by Joseph Blotner and Eleanor Clark Warren	1991	1 item
Folder 12	Transcript of interview with Isabella Gardner conducted by David Farrell	1981	1 item
Folder 13	Letters to James A. Grimshaw, Jr. from Robert Penn Warren; Letter to Joseph Blotner from Grimshaw; Uncorrected proofs of poems to appear in <i>Robert Penn Warren: A Descriptive Bibliography, 1919-1995</i> ; Essay about Warren by Grimshaw to appear in the "Gettysburg Review"	1977-1994	15 items
Folder 14	Letters to Joseph Blotner from Margaret Allison Hemphill	1990	2 items
Folder 15	Transcript of interview with Robert B. Heilman conducted by David Farrell; Letters to Joseph Blotner from Thomas A. Kirby	1991	6 items

Folder 16	Letter to Joseph Blotner from John Hollander	1994	1 item
Folder 17	Transcript of interview with Thomas A. Kirby conducted by Joseph Blotner	1988	2 items
Folder 18	Transcript of interview with R.W.B. Lewis conducted by Susan Allen; Newspaper article about Lewis	1978-1992	3 items
Folder 19	Transcript of interview with Frederick Manfred conducted by Joseph Blotner; Letters to Blotner from Manfred	1988	3 items
Folder 20	Transcript of interview with Samuel Holt Monk conducted by Susan Allen	1978	2 items
Folder 21	Transcript of telephone interview with David Milch conducted by Joseph Blotner; Letters to Milch from Blotner	1988	6 items
Folder 22	Transcript of interview with Mary O'Connor conducted by David Farrell; Correspondence between O'Connor and Joseph Blotner	1978-1988	6 items
Folder 23	Letter to Joseph Blotner from Harriet Owsley	1988	2 items
Folder 24	Transcript of interview with John James Ellis Palmer conducted by David Farrell; Letter to Robert Penn Warren and Cinina from Palmer; Information about Palmer; Letter to Joseph Blotner from James Wilcox	1979-1989	5 items
Folder 25	Transcript of interview with Pier Maria Pasinetti conducted by Laura Sanguinetti White (Italian); Letter to Joseph Blotner from Pasinetti; Information about Pasinetti	1985-1991	3 items
Folder 26	Transcript of interview with Leo & Rosalind Pflaum conducted by David Farrell	1991	2 items
Folder 27	Letters to Joseph Blotner from David Quammen	1988	2 items

BOX 13	Notes and Interview Transcripts	1964-1995	172 items
Folder 1	Biographical information about John Crowe Ransom; "American Scholar" article about Ransom written by Cleanth Brooks	1989	3 items
Folder 2	Letter to Joseph Blotner from Danforth Ross	1992	1 item
Folder 3	Transcripts of interviews with Louis D. Rubin Jr. conducted by Susan Allen and Joseph Blotner	1978	2 items
Folder 4	Letters to Joseph Blotner from Arthur H. Scouten	1992-1993	7 items
Folder 5	Letters to Karl Shapiro, Ernest Brooks, and Cleanth Brooks from Robert Penn Warren	1945-1954	14 items
Folder 6	Tribute to Robert Penn Warren by Lewis P. Simpson; Essays about Warren by Simpson	1989	5 items
Folder 7	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren and his wife Eleanor conducted by Calvin L. Skaggs; Letter to Joseph Blotner from Skaggs	1987-1988	5 items
Folder 8	Transcript of interview with Francis Steegmuller conducted by David Farrell	1981	1 item
Folder 9	Transcript of interview with Arnold S. Stein conducted by Susan Allen; Reminiscence about Robert Penn Warren and his first wife Cinina by Stein	1978	3 items
Folder 10	Transcript of interview with John L. Stewart conducted by David Farrell	1979	2 items
Folder 11	Correspondence between Elizabeth B. Stommel and Joseph Blotner; Reminiscence about Robert Penn Warren and his first wife Cinina by Stommel	1988-1995	7 items
Folder 12	Transcript of interview with Victor H. Strandberg conducted by Susan Allen	1978	3 items

Folder 13	Transcript of interview with William Styron conducted by Susan Allen; Letters to Styron from Joseph Blotner	1994	6 items
Folder 14	Notes about Robert Penn Warren and his first wife Cinina from Jane Sullivan; Letter to Joseph Blotner from Sullivan	n.d.	3 items
Folder 15	Transcript of interview with Leonard Unger Conducted by David Farrell; Letter to Joseph Blotner from Unger; Letter to Farrell from Unger	1978-1980	2 items
Folder 16	Transcript of interview with Brenda Ueland conducted by David Farrell	1980	1 item
Folder 17	Correspondence between Marshall Walker and Robert Penn Warren; Correspondence between Walker and Eleanor Clark Warren; Letter to Joseph Blotner from Walker; Correspondence between William W. Combs and RPW	1964-1993	74 items
Folder 18	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by Gabriel Warren; Letter to Gabriel from Joseph Blotner	1977-1990	4 items
Folder 19	Recollections of Robert Penn Warren by Floyd C. Watkins	n.d.	1 item
Folder 20	Transcript of interview with Robert Penn Warren conducted by Mary Louise Weaks; Correspondence between Weaks and Lewis P. Simpson; Correspondence between Simpson and Floyd C. Watkins	1985-1986	11 items
Folder 21	Transcript of interview with Rene Wellek conducted by Susan Allen	1978	2 items
Folder 22	Transcription on interview with Eudora Welty conducted by Joseph Blotner	1990	2 items

Folder 23	Essays by C. Vann Woodward; Essay about Woodward written by John Herbert Roper; Notes compiled by Roper for his essay; Newspaper article about Woodward written by Mark Feeney; Transcript of interview with Woodward conducted by Roger Adelson; Correspondence between Woodward and Joseph Blotner	1986-1991	9 items
Folder 24	Letter to Joseph Blotner from Herbert Woodman	n.d.	1 item
Folder 25	Transcript of interview with Stuart T Wright conducted by Joseph Blotner	1988	2 items
Folder 26	Transcript of interview with Mary Wyville	n.d.	1 item
BOX 14	Critical Essays, Notes and Correspondence	1923-1995	331 items
Folder 1	Rejected and used material: letters, clippings – Copies	1923-1993	35 items
Folder 2	Critical and bibliographic essays	1948-1995	27 items
Folder 3	Critical and bibliographic essays on RPW	1974-1995	12 items
Folder 4	Essays and introductions	n.d.	18 items
Folder 5	Interviews, notes (later transcribed)	1988-1990	27 items
Folder 6	Things to do	1987	14 items
Folder 7	People who will help	1988-1991	18 items
Folder 8	RPW material at the University of Kentucky, RPW Oral History Project	1952-1995	73 items
Folder 9	Correspondence of Joseph Blotner with RPW and Eleanor Clark Warren	1965-1990	78 items
Folder 10	RPW indexes and bibliography compiled dissertation	1977-1994	29 items

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