

Guide to Martha B. Hook Collection on C. S. Lewis

1957-1958, 1963

12 leaves, .01 linear feet

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**Abstract: Two letters by C. S. Lewis regarding allegory (one original and one a copy), and magazine article about Lewis.**

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Biographical Sketch:** Martha B. Hook received her M.A. in English Literature from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. Her thesis was titled *Christian Meaning in the Novels of C. S. Lewis* and was completed in 1959. She received a hand written letter from C. S. Lewis in 1958 regarding allegory.

C. S. Lewis was born November 29, 1898, in Ireland, and died November 22, 1963, in England. He was a literary scholar and critic, an author of several popular novels, and wrote and spoke on radio about Christian apologetics. His numerous books include *The Allegory of Love*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and *Mere Christianity*.

**References:**

Edwards, Bruce L. "C. S. Lewis: a Modest Literary Biography and Bibliography." Bowling Green State University. <http://personal.bgsu.edu/~edwards/biobib.htm>. [accessed March 22, 2012].

The Marion E. Wade Center. "C. S. Lewis." Wheaton College. <http://www.wheaton.edu/wadecenter/Authors/CS-Lewis> [accessed March 23, 2012].

**System of Arrangement:**

The collection consists of two series: correspondence and an article.

**Series Description**

The Martha B. Hook Collection on C. S. Lewis are arranged in two series.

**Series I. Correspondence, 1957-1958** (7 leaves)

Arranged chronologically: one letter from Lewis to Clyde S. Kilby and one letter from Lewis to Hook, with a typed copy.

**Series II. Article, 1963** (5 leaves)

One magazine article about Lewis.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection, housed in two file folders, is composed of two letters by C. S. Lewis and an article about him.

**Selected Search Terms:**

Lewis, C. S. (Clive Staples)

**Donor/Source:** Donated by Martha B. Hook on March 22, 2012.

**Custodial History:** Martha B. Hook owned the material until it was given to the Archives at Dallas Theological Seminary.

**Literary Rights:** It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

**Note to the Researcher:** The text of both letters is included in *The Collected Letters of C. S. Lewis*, volume 3, edited by Walter Hooper. (pages 830-831 and 1004-1005.) The Marion E. Wade Center at Wheaton College has collections of correspondence and manuscripts by C. S. Lewis. The Center grew out of a collection started by Dr. Clyde S. Kilby, an English professor at Wheaton. A transcription by Dr. W. Hall Harris of the letter to Martha Hook is available in the Reference File for C. S. (Clive Staples) Lewis.

**Processing Information:** The original and typescript of the letter by C. S. Lewis to Martha B. Hook were removed from their frames.

**Separated Material:** An audio recording of C. S. Lewis reading *The Four Loves* was transferred to the Media Center in the library.

### Container List:

#### Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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| 1 | Correspondence  | 1957-1958 |
|   | A copy of a typed letter from C. S. Lewis to Professor Kilby dated February 10, 1957, regarding Lewis' book <i>Till We Have Faces</i> ; handwritten letter regarding allegory from C. S. Lewis to Mrs. Hook, dated December 29, 1958, on lined notebook paper, with accompanying envelope; three copies of a typescript of this letter, as deciphered by Mel Lorrensen. [See note to Researcher.] |           |
| 2 | Article   | 1963      |
|   | "An Interview with C. S. Lewis" by Sherwood Wirt published in <i>Decision</i> , September 1963. [The article had a picture cut out and was missing the second part, which was published in October 1963. Photocopies of the missing portions were added to the file for the convenience of the researcher.]   |           |