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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator:	LeComte, Edward S.
Title:	Edward S. LeComte Papers
ID:	ua902.087
Date [inclusive]:	1940-2003
Physical Description:	6 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
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Abstract:	Contains the papers of Edward S. LeComte, who served as a professor of English at the University at Albany from 1964 until his retirement in 1981. Materials in this collection include personal correspondence, course planning materials, publications and administrative documents from the Department of English, newspaper clippings, manuscripts of LeComte's writing, and communications with publishers.

Preferred Citation

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Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Edward S. LeComte Papers).

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Biographical Note

Edward S. LeComte was born Edward S. Brandt in New York City on May 28, 1916. As a young adult he legally changed his last name to that of his stepfather, LeComte. He studied English at Columbia University and received his A.B. in 1939, his M.A. in 1940, and his Ph.D. in 1943. After finishing his studies, LeComte taught English at Columbia, first as an instructor and then as a professor, from 1943 until 1964. In 1964 he joined the English faculty at the University at Albany, where he remained until his retirement in 1981. LeComte specialized in the works of John Milton and wrote numerous articles and books on the subject. In addition, he wrote several works of fiction. LeComte passed away on October 23, 2004.

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Scope and Contents

This collection documents various aspects of LeComte's personal and professional life. The earliest manuscript in the collection is a 1940 paper he wrote while pursuing his M.A. at Columbia. Much of the collection pertains to LeComte's published work, both his scholarly writings about John Milton and his own fiction works. Materials include: manuscripts and drafts, handwritten notes, correspondence with publishers (including records of payment), and page proofs. Written works in the collection also include drafts and clippings of reviews and editorials that LeComte wrote for scholarly journals and newspapers, as well as issues of scholarly journals and copies of articles written by other Milton scholars. The collection also includes material related to LeComte's career at the University at Albany, including course syllabi and exams, English department reports and newsletters, memoranda, and faculty handbooks. Finally, the collection contains personal correspondence with friends, family, and colleagues and a small number of photographs.

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Arrangement

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