

# Ben Hur Lampman Collection, 1920-2009

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Lampman, Ben Hur, 1886-1954
<b>Title</b>	Ben Hur Lampman Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1920-2009 (inclusive) 1920 2009
<b>Quantity</b>	1 box
<b>Collection Number</b>	OLPb061LAM
<b>Summary</b>	This collection is a research file on the Oregon journalist and writer Ben Hur Lampman (1886-1954).
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Lewis &amp; Clark College, Special Collections and Archives</a> Lewis & Clark College Special Collections and Archives Aubrey R. Watzek Library 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland, OR 97219 Telephone: 503-768-7758 Fax: 503-768-7282 <a href="mailto:archives@lclark.edu">archives@lclark.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	This collection has no restrictions and is open for research.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

Ben Hur Lampman was born to a Barron, Wisconsin newspaper family in 1886. Leaving home at the age of fifteen, he found work as a tramp printer at a variety of North Dakota newspapers. As a young man, he founded a newspaper called *The Michigan Arena* in Michigan City. During this time, he married Lena McEwen Sheldon, a schoolteacher and former New Yorker. After six years running *The Arena*, Lampman joined his father and brother at *The Gold Hill News*, the family's latest journalistic endeavor in southern Oregon. In Gold Hill Lampman acted as an editor and printer, publishing his prose and poetry frequently in *The News*. In 1916, he accepted a position at *The Oregonian*, where he served as reporter, editorial writer and columnist. His essays and stories were also printed in the *Saturday Evening Post*. Lampman published a number of books, some featuring his poetry. His most widely read books were *How Could I Be Forgetting*, *Here Comes Somebody*, and *At the End of the Car Line*. Much of Lampman's work celebrates nature and everyday life in Oregon. At the urging of the Oregon Newspaper Association, Lampman was selected as Oregon's Poet Laureate in 1951 and retained the title until his death in 1954.

## Content Description

Including photocopies of newspaper articles, copies of writings by Lampman, biographical information, and bibliographical data.

# Use of the Collection

## Restrictions on Use

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## Preferred Citation

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# Administrative Information

## Location of Collection

Special Collections

## Location of Originals

## Acquisition Information

Assembled in 2009 by the Lewis & Clark College Special Collections.

## Processing Note

Processed in 2009.

## Separated Materials

Lampman's books are housed in the Lewis & Clark College rare book collection.

## Bibliography

For more information about Lampman, see:

*The Magic of Ben Hur Lampman* by Elizabeth Salway Ryan (2009).

*Oregon's Poets Laureat: A Retrospective Exhibit and Bibliography* by the Lewis & Clark College Special Collections (2010).

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# Names and Subjects

## Personal Names :

Lampman, Ben Hur, 1886-1954--Archives

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