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Location 3-f-3

Title Theodore Schroeder. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1846-1945

Date of receipt 1966

Received from John E. Edwards

Volume on arrival Unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 6 archival boxes. 3 linear feet

Condition Fair

Restrictions None

Description Theodore Schroeder (1864-1953) was a lawyer and a specialist in evolutionary psychology; he wrote prolifically, and along with books published hundreds of articles in 170 periodicals and journals. Schroeder received a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. He lived in Salt Lake City, and became an expert on the Mormon religion; he attacked such things as polygamy and incest. Schroeder was influential in excluding the Mormon Brigham Roberts from the House of Representatives. At this time Schroeder adopted his theory of the sexual origin of religion. He moved to New York City in order to pursue his legal career; he frequented poor neighborhoods and lectured on sociology. ~~Always interested in psychology;~~ Schroeder underwent Freudian psychoanalysis and reformulated his views. He believed that all human problems have a psychological basis. Another major concern of his was freedom of speech; he was co-founder of the Free-Speech League, and published articles in magazines such as "Free Mind". In addition, he was legal consultant to the Medico-legal Society of New York.

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The collection is divided into six parts; Mormon material, writings, correspondence, unsorted papers, photographs, and printed ephemera. The Mormon documents include correspondence, 1846-1931, with letters 1846-1852 to Brigham Young possibly all from his wives, and letters 1878-1882 to and from James Cobb concerning the origin of the Book of Mormon. In addition, there is correspondence of Schroeder which is concerned with Mormonism. Articles such as "Mormonism and Prostitution", "Incest Taught and Practiced", and "Mormonism and the Erotogenesis of Religion" are among the writings in this category. Unsorted documents are clippings, notes and printed matter. Schroeder's writings include printed copies and a few typescripts; there is one notebook of "Thumbnail Essays". These writings represent only a fragment of Schroeder's

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Temporary catalog card added entries Authors-Political and Social Views; Authors-Psychology;

Lawyers; Liberty of Speech; Psychology; Religion and Sociology; Sex and Religion;

Social Psychology; 1825-1849; 1850-1874;

1875-1899; 1900-1924; 1925-1949

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total output. The correspondence includes several verse letters from Paul Mnason, an eccentric friend, and that between Schroeder and Guy Aldred, Susan Earl, and W.J. Cushing, along with an open letter with Rawlins and Henderson concerning political matters. In addition there is business correspondence and letters with publishers, in particular Vladimir Blad. Unsorted material incorporates clippings, printed matter, index cards which catalogue book reviews and periodicals, and three ~~leather-bound~~ law books, one of which records the Brigham Roberts case. Photographs include glass negatives, along with photographs, possibly of Schroeder's parents. Printed esoterica collected by Schroeder is concerned with religious, legal, political, medical and other topics.

THEODORE SCHROEDER PAPERS

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Mormon material
2	Writings
3	Correspondence; Unsorted
4	Unsorted; Photographs
5	Printed esoterica
6	Law volumes