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MS 1401
Bernard, Theos. Collection
1932 - 1987

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of photocopies of papers associated with the life of Theos. Bernard primarily between 1932 and 1939. Present are one Bernard student paper on Mysticism and several research papers deal with the period he spent near Acoma Pueblo studying Native Americans. Most significant to the collection are items associated with his trip to India and Tibet in 1936 – 1938 including his journal and correspondence to his wife Viola after their separation in India. Additional folders documenting Viola's participation in the trip to India are also present. Folder 42 contains a portrait of Bernard.

3 Boxes, 1.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Theos. Casimir Bernard, known as the White Lama, was born Dec. 10, 1908 in Los Angeles, CA. He attended the University of Arizona and received a degree in 1934. He received a MA degree from Columbia University in Philosophy in 1936 and a PhD in 1943. Bernard pioneered Indian and Tibetan studies at Columbia. He published accounts of theory and practice of the religions of India and Tibet including Hatha Yoga. He was a founder of the first Tibetan Buddhist research institute in the United States. Bernard visited India and Tibet to obtain important Tibetan manuscripts and observe sacred ceremonies in 1936 - 1938. He returned to India in 1947 to seek additional manuscripts but his party was attacked by tribesmen and Bernard was killed.

RELATED NOTE

See Also MS 1060 Theos. Bernard Collection

ACQUISITION

Donated by Viola Bernard in 1997.

ACCESS - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2010.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Series 1: Theos. Bernard Papers, 1932 – 1939/1960

Folder 1 Bernard Family History	1935/1950
f.2 Bernard Medical Information	1935/1938
f.3 Bernard School Paper “Mysticism”	1933
f.4 Study Program of Pueblo Tribal Government by Dept. of Interior	1934
f.5 Research Notes on Acoma Indians	1935
f.6 Manuscript: (No Title) Dealing with Pueblo Customs	1935
f.7 Manuscript: “Social Organization of the Acoma Indians”	1935
f.8 Manuscript: “The House-Clan Complex of the Pueblos” By Elsie Claws Parsons	circ. 1935
f.9 <i>The Acoma Indians</i> by Leslie A. White	1932
f.10 Manuscript: “Preliminary Report on the Feasability [sic] of Reorganizing The Pueblos”	1935
f.11 Mr. & Mrs Bernard’s Travel Plans	1936
f.12 Newspaper Clippings of Bernard’s Tibet Trip	1937 – 1929
f.13 MISC Correspondence of Theos. Bernard	1935 – 1937/1950
f.14-16 Bernard’s Correspondence to Viola Bernard from Tibet Trip	1935

Box 2

f.17-23 Bernard’s Correspondence to Viola Bernard from Tibet Trip	1936 – 1938
f.24-26 Bernard’s Trip Journal to Tibet	1937

Box 3

f.27-29 Bernard’s Trip Journal to Tibet (Later Edition or Revision)	1937
f.30 Bernard’s Lecture Program	1938 - 1939
f.31 Holiday Greeting Cards to Friends	1934 – 1936
f.32 Bernard’s Book List	
f.33 “Found Horizons” by S. C. Koff <i>Everyday Photography Magazine</i>	Mar. 1939
f.34 “The White Lama” by Stewart Robertson <i>The Family Circle</i>	Apr. 1938
f.35 “The White Lama on Yoga” by Theos Bernard <i>The Family Circle</i>	Aug. 1939
f.36 “An American In Lhasa” <i>Asia</i>	Mar. 1939
f.37 “Penthouse of the Gods” <i>NCC Artists Service Memo</i>	Jan. 1939
f.38 “Devil Dance in Tibet” <i>Gentry Magazine</i>	N.D.
f.39 “Yoga Unexpurgated” by Arthur Koestler <i>Encounter</i>	Aug. 1960
f.40 Hatha Yoga Position Images – Bernard’s Book #8	
f.41 Book Review of Yogi	N.D.
f.42 Photographs Theos. Bernard Rodeo Scenes New Orleans Streets and Buildings	

Series 2: Viola Bernard Papers, 1934 - 1987

f.43 Viola Bernard’s Legal Papers	1934/1938
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f.44-45 Viola Bernard's Correspondence

1937 – 1954

1975/1981 – 1987

f.46 Viola Bernard's Correspondence with Aura Gordon

N.D.

f.47 Viola Bernard's Trip Journal to India (Typed Copy)

1936

f.48 Viola Bernard's Trip Journal to India (Hand Written Copy)

1936