Collection Summary
Title: Lester Frank Ward Papers
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Creator: Ward, Lester Frank, 1841-1913
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Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78044578
Summary: Sociologist. Drafts, notes, and pages proofs of five of Ward’s books: Dynamic Sociology (1883), Psychic Factors of Civilization (1893), Outlines of Sociology (1898), Pure Sociology (1903), and Applied Sociology (1906).

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Ward, Lester F. (Lester Frank), 1841-1913.
Ward, Lester F. (Lester Frank), 1841-1913. Outlines of Sociology. 1898.

Subjects
Sociology.

Occupations
Sociologists.

Provenance
The papers of Lester Frank Ward, sociologist, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Rose A. Ward in 1913, and converted to a gift in 1950.

Other Repositories
The bulk of Lester Frank Ward’s personal papers are located at the John Hay Memorial Library, Brown University. His letters and reports to the United States Geological Survey are in the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Lester Frank Ward is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions

The papers of Lester Frank Ward are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Lester Frank Ward Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1861</td>
<td>Entered the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, Susquehanna, Pa.</td>
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<td>1862-1864</td>
<td>Served in the Pennsylvania Volunteers; wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville</td>
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<td>1865</td>
<td>Worked at the Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1872</td>
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<td>Chief, Division of Fossil Plants, United States Geological Survey</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Lester Frank Ward (1841-1913) span the years 1883-1906 and consist of drafts, notes, and page proofs of five books written on sociology by Ward. The collection is arranged chronologically by date of publication and includes *Dynamic Sociology* (1883), *Psychic Factors of Civilization* (1893), *Outlines of Sociology* (1898), *Pure Sociology* (1903), and *Applied Sociology* (1906). The materials trace the development of Ward’s beliefs regarding egalitarian sociology.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically by date of publication of Ward's five books.
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