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Collection Summary

Title: Lester Frank Ward Papers

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Creator: Ward, Lester Frank, 1841-1913

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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. *Applied Sociology*. 1906.

Ward, Lester F. (Lester Frank), 1841-1913. *Dynamic Sociology*. 1883.

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

Ward, Lester F. (Lester Frank), 1841-1913. *Psychic Factors of Civilization*. 1893.

Ward, Lester F. (Lester Frank), 1841-1913. *Pure Sociology*. 1903.

Subjects

Sociology.

Titles

Lester F. Ward papers

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Lester Frank Ward is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1841, June 14	Born, Joliet, Ill.
1861	Entered the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, Susquehanna, Pa.
1862-1864	Served in the Pennsylvania Volunteers; wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville
1865	Worked at the Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.
1872	Graduated from Columbian College, Washington, D.C., with three degrees
1881	Chief, Division of Fossil Plants, United States Geological Survey
1883	Published <i>Dynamic Sociology</i> (New York: D. Appleton and Co. 2 vols.)
1893	Published <i>The Psychic Factors of Civilization</i> (Boston: Ginn and Co. 369 pp.)
1898	Published <i>Outlines of Sociology</i> (New York: Macmillan. 301 pp.)
1903	Published <i>Pure Sociology</i> (New York: Macmillan. 607 pp.)
1906	Published <i>Applied Sociology</i> (Boston: Ginn and Co. 384 pp.)
1906-1913	Professor of Sociology, Brown University, Providence, R.I.
1906	President, American Sociological Association
1913, Apr. 18	Died, Washington, D.C.

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.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	1883
BOX 1	<i>Dynamic Sociology</i>
BOX 1	Preface, table of contents, and bibliography (2 folders)
BOX 1	Introduction
BOX 1	Chapters 1-2
BOX 2	Chapters 3-7 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Chapters 8-12 (5 folders)
BOX 4	Chapters 13-14 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Index
BOX 4	1893
BOX 4	<i>Psychic Factors of Civilization</i>
BOX 4	Introduction
BOX 4	Chapters 1-11 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Chapters 12-33 (4 folders)
BOX 6	Chapters 34-37 (2 folders)
BOX 6	Index and bibliography
BOX 6	Preface for the second edition (1906) and miscellaneous material
BOX 6	1898
BOX 6	<i>Outlines of Sociology</i>
BOX 6	Draft
BOX 6	Lectures 1-2
BOX 7	Lectures 3-12 (4 folders)
BOX 8	1902
BOX 8	<i>Pure Sociology</i>
BOX 8	Preface and table of contents
BOX 8	Chapters 1-14 (5 folders)
BOX 9	Chapters 14-20 (5 folders)
BOX 9	Index
BOX 10	1906
BOX 10	<i>Applied Sociology</i>
BOX 10	Preface and table of contents

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BOX 10	Chapters 1-9 (5 folders)
BOX 11	Chapters 10-13 (2 folders)
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