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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Robert C. Cook Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1882-1992

**Bulk Dates:** 1940-1970

**ID No.:** MSS61599

**Creator:** Cook, Robert C. (Robert Carter), 1898-

**Extent:** 19,600 items

**Extent:** 56 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 22.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm84061599>

**Summary:** Geneticist, demographer, editor, and author. Correspondence, diaries, writings, research notes, professional files, family and estate papers, genealogical and biographical information, photographs, and other papers documenting Cook's career as managing editor and editor of the American Genetic Association's *Journal of Heredity*, as director and president of the Population Reference Bureau and editor of its *Population Bulletin*, and as an authority on population policy, eugenics, and the effect of population growth on the environment.

## 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

Baldwin, J. T. (John Thomas), 1910-1974--Correspondence.

Burks, Barbara Stoddard, 1902-1943.

Carter family.

Cook family.

Cook, Alice Carter, 1868- Alice Carter Cook papers.

Cook, O. F. (Orator Fuller), 1867-1949. Orator F. Cook papers.

Cook, Robert C. (Robert Carter), 1898-1991.

Cook, Robert C. (Robert Carter), 1898-1991. Human fertility: the modern dilemma. 1951.

Darling, F. Fraser (Frank Fraser), 1903-1979--Correspondence.

Fairchild, David, 1869-1954--Correspondence.

Fairchild, David, 1869-1954.

Fairchild, Marian, 1880-1962.

Hecht, George J. (George Joseph), 1895-1980--Correspondence.

Keeler, Clyde E. (Clyde Edgar), 1900-1994--Correspondence.

Little, Clarence C. (Clarence Cook), 1888-1971--Correspondence.

McCarthy, Joseph, 1908-1957.

Meyer, Frank Nicholas--Correspondence.

Muller, H. J. (Hermann Joseph), 1890-1967--Correspondence.

Osborn, Frederick, 1889-1981--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Genetic Association.

Cosmos Club (Washington, D.C.)

Environmental Fund (U.S.)

National Association of Science Writers.

Population Reference Bureau.

Tucson Indian Training School.

### Subjects

Botany.

Conservation of natural resources.  
Demography.  
Earth houses.  
Ecology.  
Eugenics.  
Fertility.  
Genetics.  
Heredity.  
Human ecology.  
Indians of North America--Education.  
Population policy.  
Population.

#### **Titles**

*Journal of heredity.*  
*Population bulletin.*

#### **Occupations**

Demographers.  
Editors.  
Geneticists.

## **Acquisition Information**

The papers of Robert C. Cook, geneticist, demographer, editor, and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Cook, 1983-1986.

## **Processing History**

The Cook Papers were processed in 1992 by T. Michael Womack with the assistance of Joseph K. Brooks and Gregg Van Vranken. The finding aid was revised in 2010. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## **Transfers**

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

## **Copyright Status**

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## **Access and Restrictions**

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## Preferred Citation

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

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1898, Apr. 9	Born, Washington, D.C., to Orator Fuller and Alice Carter Cook
1915-1916	Attended George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1916-1919	Scientific aide, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C.
1919-1921	Worked at Tucson Indian Training School, Escuela, Ariz.
1921	Married Margaret L. Brown (divorced 1942)
1921-1923	Attended University of Maryland, College Park, Md.
1922-1962	Managing editor (1922-1952) and editor (1952-1962), <i>Journal of Heredity</i> , official publication of the American Genetic Association, Washington, D.C.
1944	Married Helen Hall Jennings (divorced 1945)
1944-1963	Lecturer in medical genetics and biology, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1946	Married Annabelle Desmond
1951	Published <i>Human Fertility: The Modern Dilemma</i> . New York, N.Y.: William Sloane Associates
1951-1968	Director (1951-1958) and president (1959-1968), Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C.
1951-1968	Editor, <i>Population Bulletin</i> , official publication of the Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C.
1956	Recipient of Albert and Mary Lasker Award in Planned Parenthood
1991, Jan. 7	Died, Mitchellville, Md.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Robert Carter Cook (1898-1991) span the years 1882-1992, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period between 1940 and 1970. The collection focuses on his work as a geneticist, demographer, editor, and author. For the most part, Cook was educated at home by his parents. He attended George Washington University and the University of Maryland, but did not complete a degree program. In his first job, he was involved with air foils and aeronautical experiments at the Bureau of Standards. After World War I, he moved to Escuela, Arizona, to work at the Tucson Indian Training School. In 1922 Cook returned to Washington, D.C., and was appointed managing editor of the *Journal of Heredity*, an official publication of the American Genetic Association. His appointment was made upon the recommendation of Alexander Graham Bell and David Fairchild, both of whom were close friends of his parents, Orator Fuller and Alice Carter Cook. Cook remained with the association for forty years. In 1951 he became director of the Population Reference Bureau and also editor of its publication, *Population Bulletin*. Cook retired in 1968. Over the next twenty years he served on various boards, acted as a population consultant, and also continued to write. Included among Cook's papers are correspondence, writings, research notes and materials, professional files, diaries, genealogical and biographical information, photographs, and other material pertaining to his work and to the history of genetics and demography during his lifetime.

The Personal Correspondence series in these papers is composed of letters to and from family members and close friends. It is divided into two sections: correspondence with Cook's mother, Alice Carter Cook, and correspondence with Cook himself. The Alice Carter Cook section represents a small batch of letters primarily to and from her brothers, sisters, and father, which wound up in Cook's personal papers. The Robert Carter Cook section, by far the larger within the series, contains letters to and from various family members, such as his mother, father, sisters, wives, and children, as well as friends. Cook's letters to his mother describe in great detail his work at the mission school in Arizona, and also the period during which he was seeking a divorce in Nevada from his first wife, Margaret L. Brown, shortly before his mother's death. David Fairchild's letters to Cook provide interesting information about botanical affairs.

The [Professional Correspondence](#) series represents the exchange of letters generated by Cook as managing editor and editor of the *Journal of Heredity*, director and president of the Population Reference Bureau, as editor of *Population Bulletin*, private consultant, and participant in various professional organizations dealing with population, eugenics, and conservation issues. Prominent correspondents include F. Fraser Darling, George J. Hecht, Clyde E. Keeler, Clarence C. Little, H. J. Muller, and Frederick Henry Osborn. Major educational foundations, philanthropic organizations, mass communications and publishing firms, and manufacturing corporations are also represented in the correspondence.

The [Writings](#) series is divided into two categories: writings by Cook and writings by others. Cook wrote or contributed to approximately twelve book-length manuscripts, most of which were never published. His most famous work, *Human Fertility: The Modern Dilemma*, published in 1951, was for many years a major reference in the field of population control. The drafts and research material for "Autobiography," "History of the AGA," "Incidents," and "Population: The 54th Square" provide valuable information on Cook and his contributions to the field of genetics in its early years. By far the most numerous of Cook's works are his articles and essays, of which more than two hundred are represented in the collection. Topics covered include genetics, eugenics, birth control, overpopulation, blood studies, demographics, conservation, famine, food production, heredity, disease, death, housing, medicine, peace, politics, fertility, poverty, science and technology, twins, population policy, and plant and animal breeding. Also included in the papers are numerous book reviews by Cook, interviews, letters to the editor, poems, and speeches and lectures. Writings by others include a play and several short stories by Cook's mother, in addition to various articles, essays, poems, and speeches and lectures written by Cook's contemporaries.

Cook's [Professional Files](#) are divided into three subseries: American Genetic Association (AGA), General, and Population Reference Bureau (PRB). The AGA subseries mainly documents Cook's tenure as editor of the association's *Journal of Heredity*. Major subjects include the Bell Collection of Historic Photographs, the Clark School for the Deaf in Northampton, Massachusetts, the AGA treasurer's reports, and correspondence with twins who were part of the pioneering studies on the effects of environmental, as opposed to genetic, factors on identical twin subjects. The subject files in the General subseries cover Cook's activities and interests after his retirement from the PRB in 1968 as well as his social and professional affiliations and activities that paralleled his careers in the AGA and the PRB. Files exist for the Cosmos Club (includes information on a McCarthy-era blackballing controversy), the National Association of Science Writers, sickle cell anemia, the Environmental Fund, and trips taken by Cook from 1942 to 1986. The files in the PRB subseries primarily cover Cook's activities as president of that organization. There are eight folders of office files containing internal memoranda, research material, drafts of annual reports, newspaper clipping services reports (with which Cook measured the organization's influence and effectiveness), and correspondence relating to the bureau's operations. An especially good overview of Cook's tenure at PRB as president and editor of the *Population Bulletin* can be found in the "Retirement controversy" file.

The [Miscellany](#) series contains material pertaining to Cook's personal life, including awards, certificates, honors, photographs, and biographical and genealogical information on the Cook and Carter families. Also of interest are files on Barbara Stoddard Burks, a brilliant geneticist with whom Cook became close; files on David and Marian Fairchild, especially copies of letters from Frank Nicholas Meyer in Asia to David Fairchild regarding plant exploration; Cook's classroom materials for teaching genetics at George Washington University; and his diaries, pocket notebooks, and a journal from the Tucson Indian Training School in Escuela, Arizona. The J. T. Baldwin file documents the transfer of Orator Fuller Cook's personal library, which particularly concerned palms and other plant life in Africa to the library at the College of William and Mary. The Metromask file concerns Cook's invention for reducing and enlarging photographic reproductions, which he patented. The sale of family property is documented in the estate files of his parents as well as in the files on Lanham, Maryland, and the Stronghold Foundation controversy, regarding Sugarloaf Mountain Park in Frederick County, Maryland. The file on rammed earth houses chronicles the building of Cook's own house in this fashion in Lanham, Maryland, in the late 1920s.

[Oversize](#) material consists of genealogical information, a photograph, and a floorplan and a blueprint of Cook's rammed earth house.

## Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

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## Description of Series

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	Haskens, Leonard, 1943-1950
	Holmes, Dorothy Behner, 1942-1978, undated
	Hoover Institution, Stanford, Calif., 1984
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	Library of Congress, 1962-1986
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	"M" miscellaneous, 1919-1979, undated
	Newman, Helen Cook, and Wilson L. (sister and brother-in-law), 1919-1985, undated
	"N-P" miscellaneous, 1921-1979, undated (3 folders)
	Rushmore, Julia Carter ("Jule") (aunt), 1942-1945, undated
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	Schultz, Emma Carter (aunt), 1945
	Sprenger, Victoria Marian Cook ("Vicki"), and Peter ("Pete") (daughter and son-in-law), 1942-1977, undated
BOX 5	Sweeney, Catherine Hauberg (editor of <i>The Kampong Notes</i> , Coconut Grove, Fla., newsletter of the botanical gardens established by David Fairchild), 1970-1975
	"S" miscellaneous, 1936-1979, undated
	Teft, Roberta ("Bertie"), 1919-1920
	"T" miscellaneous, 1920-1979, undated
	Upton, Elizabeth Cook ("Widgie") (sister), 1919-1979, undated
	"U" miscellaneous, 1955-1979
	Weston, Mary (a.k.a. Colin Harris and Mrs. O. A. Merritt-Hawkes), 1940-1953, undated (5 folders)
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	Blacker, C. P., 1961-1969
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	Burch, Guy Irving, 1941-1946, undated
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	Calhoun, John B., 1964-1965
	<i>Collier's Encyclopedia</i> , 1970
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	Edison, Theodore M., 1963-1964
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	Goethe, C. M., 1945-1960
	Good, Dorothy, 1965
	Green, Earl, 1962-1975
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	Keeler, Clyde E., 1941-1979, undated
	Keezer, Dexter Merriam, 1962-1970
	"K" miscellaneous, 1930-1984, undated
	Lehman, William, 1977
	Levine, Philip (Ortho Research Foundation, Linden, N.J.), 1944-1963
	Lippincott, Earl, 1964-1969
	Littell, Robert ( <i>Reader's Digest</i> , Pleasantville, N.Y.), 1943-1948
	Little, Clarence C., 1943-1945
	"L" miscellaneous, 1941-1984, undated (2 folders)
	Macmillan Co., 1963-1965, undated
	Matsner, Eric M., 1965, undated
BOX 11	Maury, Marian, 1962
	Mencken, H. L., undated
	Montagu, M. F. Ashley, 1942
	Moore, Hugh, 1955-1972, undated
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	Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 1953-1968
	Popenoe, Wilson, 1949-1965
	Population Council, 1960-1969
	Potter, Alden, 1951
	Price, Bronson and D.C. Rife and Laurence Snyder, 1938
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Unidentified correspondence, 1941-1976, undated  
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#### Writings, 1905-1992

Manuscripts of books, plays, articles, essays, scientific papers, speeches and lectures, book reviews, interviews, letters to the editor, poems, and short stories, including drafts, research notes and materials, and related correspondence.  
Organized into two subseries: writings by Cook and writings by others. Books, plays, and articles and essays by Cook are arranged alphabetically. All other writings are arranged chronologically.

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"Autobiography," draft, 1918-1984  
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"Birth Takes a Holiday," draft, 1954-1955  
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*Glossary of Genetics*, draft, 1937, undated  
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"History of the AGA," drafts, 1963-1982  
(2 folders)

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"History of the AGA," drafts, 1963-1982  
(6 folders)

### BOX 18

"History of the AGA," drafts, 1963-1982  
(3 folders)

*How Heredity Builds Our Lives*, printed version, 1943-1948

*Human Fertility: The Modern Dilemma*

Articles written in reaction to *Human Fertility*, 1947-1959, undated

Book reviews and citations, 1951-1952  
(2 folders)

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Correspondence with publisher, 1947-1979, undated

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##### Manuscripts

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"Blood Groups of the 'Bloods,'" undated  
"Blood Tells--But What?" undated  
"Bootleg Birth Control," 1939  
"The 'Brain Drain': Fact or Fiction?" 1969  
"Brazil: A Prodigy of Growth," 1969  
"Bread without Stones," 1945  
"The Breeder's Fight against Famine," 1946  
"Breeding--Science, Art, and Gamble," 1934  
Brief articles, 1937-1988, undated  
"The Build-up of Lethal and Deleterious Genes," undated  
"Can Man Survive?" undated  
"Census Figures Reflect Changing Face of Nation," 1954  
"Changing Patterns of Selection," 1956  
"Choice Process--Amoeba to Man," undated  
"A Chronology of Genetics," 1937  
    (2 folders)  
"A Chronology of Rh Discoveries," undated  
"The City--A Continuing Invention of Man," 1963  
"Comments on the Work of Gregor Mendel," undated  
"Conservation and Population," 1979  
"Contraception around the World," 1970  
"The 'Cooking' of Population Figures," 1976  
"Cotton Mather--Witch-Burner and Scientist," circa 1930  
"Counting the People--Why a Problem?" 1974  
"Demographic Catch 22s," 1980  
"Demographic Shifts in U.S. Population," 1958  
"Department of Random Thoughts," 1976  
"Design for a Planet," 1964  
"Destiny by Catch-Words," 1947  
"Detection of Carriers of Recessive Genes," 1955  
"Does  $XX = XY$  ?" 1955  
Early attempts at writings, 1914-1920  
"Elephants on the Navajo Reservation," 1920  
"Energy Textbook Piece," 1982  
"Equality," 1976  
"Ethnobotany," 1916  
"Eugenic Hypothesis B," 1955  
"Eugenics," 1961  
"Eugenics," 1970-1976  
"Eugenics and the World," undated  
"Eugenics As Long-term Medicine," undated  
"Eugenics at Greenbelt," 1941  
"A Eugenics Program," 1936  
"The Eugenics Way of Life," undated  
"Facts and Fancy in Solving the Population Crisis," 1976  
"Famine and the Facts of Life," undated

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"The Fifth Freedom," 1943  
"The Fight against the Rhesus Blood Killer," undated  
"First Things First," 1980  
"Flexagons As Demonstrations of Mutations," undated  
"The Food-Population Dilemma," 1968  
"From East to West," undated  
"Front Line against Cancer," 1941  
"Genes of Fruit Flies and of Men," 1944  
"Genes Win the Nobel Prize," undated  
"Genetic Erosion," undated  
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"Genetics for the Million," 1947  
"Genetics, Man and Meat," 1953  
"Genetics--Privilege and Responsibility in 1950," 1950  
"Genic and Cultural Erosion in America," 1946  
"Genocide and Heredity," 1973  
"Gerald Winfield and 'Unthinkable' Solutions," 1978  
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"Going to the Dregs," undated  
"The Great Society," undated  
"Heil Hitler!" undated  
"Heredity and Child Adoption," undated  
"Heredity and Emotions," 1945  
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"High Points in the Population's Wakening," undated  
"The House of Man," 1967  
"Houses of Earth," undated  
"Housing and Population Growth in Africa, Asia and Latin America," 1963-1964  
"How Many Births?" 1968  
"How Many of Us Humans Are There?" 1977  
"How Many People Have Ever Lived on Earth?" 1962  
"How Many People Have Ever Lived on Earth?" 1980  
"How Many Plant Patents Are Valid?" 1933  
"How the Population Explosion Began," 1970  
"How Population Growth Became Today's Major Problem," 1981  
"Human Genetics 1945," 1945  
"Hunting for Causes of Death," 1968  
"The Illusion of Unchecked Growth," 1981  
"Inherited Variations in the Sense of Taste," 1933  
"Inside Genetics," 1975-1977  
"Invasion of an Idea," 1963  
"An Introduction to Eugenics," 1941-1942  
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"The Journal and the Economic Crisis," undated  
"Julian Huxley," undated  
"A Key to the Solution of the Population Problem," 1952  
"Knight Dunlap Quixotes (Homemade) Genetic Windmills," 1940  
"Lethal Genes: A Factor in Fertility," 1953  
"Let's Look at Some Facts of Life," 1939  
"Letter to a Grandson," undated  
"Little Red Schoolhouse--1941," 1941  
"Lysenko's Marxist Genetics," 1949  
"The Machine Environment," undated  
"Man and Environment," 1969  
"Man--His World and His Work," 1971  
"Man on the Moon and the Men on Earth," undated  
"Man--The Time Binder," circa 1926  
"Mangoes without Tears," undated  
"Man's Future Is Here on Earth," 1969  
"Mansions in the Sky," circa 1960  
"Marriage and the Stable Family Unit," 1961  
"Medicine, Men, and the Vital Revolution," 1955, 1958  
"Memo Regarding Renner's 'Geopolitik' Piece," undated  
"Men and Mice at Edinburgh," 1969  
"Monkey Blook," 1944-1945  
"The Mount Hope Index," undated  
"Mr. Chesterton on 'Mendelianism,'" undated  
"The Nature of the Opposition," circa 1950  
"Needed: A Human Ecology," 1948  
"New Frontiers of Science," 1941  
"The New Hippocrates," undated  
"A New Way of Life," 1943  
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"The Next Three Billion People," undated  
"Ninety Million Babies to Stabilize Population Growth," 1970  
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"The North American Hutterites," 1954  
"Not By Soil Alone," 1948  
Notes, general, 1969-1971  
"The Novelist and the Universe," circa 1938  
"Occupation and Family Size," undated  
"Of Men and Mice," undated  
"One World?" 1943  
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- "The Physician's Concern in the Problem of Over-Population," 1952
- "Pitfalls of Progress," 1962
- "Playing God," 1967-1969
- "The Politics of Fertility--And Vice Versa," undated
- "Population," 1962
- "Population and Resources," undated
- "The Population Bomb," 1956
- "Population Crises: Truth and Consequences," undated
- "The Population Crisis," 1980
- "Population Crisis: The Vital Consequence of Medicine," 1962
- "The Population Explosion As a Human Artifact," 1963
- "Population Growth Aggravates Natural Resource Problems," undated
- "Population Growth and Economic Development," 1960
- "The Population Numbers Game," undated
- "Population Optima and the 'Quality of Life,'" 1966
- "The Population Prospect: The Years Just Ahead," 1965
- "The Population Reference Bureau," circa 1955
- "Poverty: A Demographic Profile," 1965
- "Poverty and Fertility," 1965
- "The Prisoner of War and the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor," circa 1943
- "Prisoners and Genes," undated
- "Prisoners of War," undated
- "The Problem Is People," 1968
- "The Problem Is to Provide," undated
- "The Psychiatric Tristram Shandy," undated
- "Puerto Rico: An Explosion of People," 1951
- "Renner Memo," undated
- "Reply to Mr. Nock," undated
- "Revolution or Evolution?" circa 1933
- "Rules," 1942-1957
- "Safe Education for a Free World," undated
- "Science and Technology," 1967
- "Scientific Breeding and Feeding of Livestock," undated
- "The Score of the Colleges," circa 1948
- "Selection in Reverse in Modern Society," circa 1950
- "Serendipity," 1976
- "Social and Biological Factors in Human Fertility," 1952
- "Some Pictures Are Worth Ten Thousand Words, But--!" 1940
- "Soviet Genetics," 1953
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- "Space: A Finite Factor," 1957
- "The Space Travel Myth," 1969-1970
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	"Successful Sex-Prediction," 1933
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	"Survey of Population Research Organizations," undated
	"Sword or Scalpel?" 1938
	"Synapis versus Confusion," 1942
	"Taxes: 1981," 1981
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	"Ten Years Hence," 1941
	"Tentative Statement on the Need for a Population Policy," undated
	"That's My Baby," 1940
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	"Toward a Population Policy," 1963
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	"The Ultimate Divide," 1981
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	"The United States Population in 2000 A.D.," 1964-1965
	"U.S.A. Population Changes: 1950-60," 1963
	"The View from Dead Men's Shoulders," 1970
	"The Vocabulary of Genetics," 1938
	"Wallace: Corn and Eugenics," circa 1943
	"Walpurgis Week in the Soviet Union," 1949
	"We Are Living On Borrowed Time," undated
	"We Take Stock of American Men," undated
	"What Genetics Teaches about Inbreeding," undated
	"What Happened in Costa Rica?" 1975
	"What Is Adequate Planning for Community Health Services?" 1960
	"What Is the Population Crisis?" 1970
	"What World Do You Live In?" undated
	"Where Even the Old Are Happy and Gay," 1943
	"Where Population Growth Hits You," 1957
	"Who Are the Real Reactionaries?" undated
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	"Your Child May Not Be Able to Find a Job," 1963
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