Collection Summary
Title: A. L. Kroeber Writings
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LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm83028977
Summary: Anthropologist. Drafts of Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory (1948) and Style and Civilizations (1957) by Kroeber.

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

Subjects
Anthropology.
Civilization--Philosophy.

Titles
A.L. Kroeber papers
Alfred Louis Kroeber papers

Occupations
Anthropologists.

Provenance
The papers of A. L. Kroeber, anthropologist, were given to the Library by Kroeber in 1958.

Processing History
The Kroeber papers were processed after being received in 1958. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of A. L. Kroeber is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, A. L. Kroeber Writings, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date | Event
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1876, June 11 | Born, Hoboken, N.J.
1896-1897 | B.A. and M.A. in English, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1901 | Ph.D, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.; student of Franz Boaz
1901 | Founded Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.
1901-1946 | Professor of anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.
1923 | Published *Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory*. Harcourt, Brace and Co.
1944 | Published *Peruvian Archaeology in 1942*. New York
1945 | Published *Configurations of Culture Growth*. Berkeley, Los Angeles: University of California Press
1948 | Published revision of *Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory*. New York: Harcourt Brace
1952 | Published *The Nature of Culture*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press
1957 | Published *Style and Civilizations*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press
1963 | Published *Yokuts Dialect Survey*. Berkeley: University of California Press
1960, Oct. 5 | Died, Paris, France

Scope and Content Note

The writings of Arthur Louis Kroeber (1876-1960) span the years 1923-1957, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1940-1948. The collection consists mainly of drafts of Kroeber’s 1948 revision of his seminal work *Anthropology: Race, Language, Culture, Psychology, Prehistory*, first published in 1923. Included in addition to handwritten, typed, and annotated pages are cover notes to the material and revised tear sheets from the 1923 edition. The cover notes describe some of the revision as produced in 1940. In his gift of the manuscript to the Library, Kroeber called the text “my best written book.”

Also in the collection are handwritten and typewritten drafts of *Style and Civilizations*, published in 1957.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by title of work
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