NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD


Autobiography: 1940
DeWitt, Saline County, Neb.; Barnard University, New York: Psychologist; teacher
Size: 0.5 cu.ft.; 1 box

BACKGROUND NOTE

Harry Levi Hollingworth was born in DeWitt, Nebraska in 1880. He was an 1896 graduate of DeWitt High School and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Nebraska in 1906. He taught school in Nebraska before leaving to study for his Ph.D. at Columbia. He received his doctorate in 1909. In 1910 he married Leta Stetter, a woman who shared his interest in psychology and teaching. After joining the faculty in 1909, Hollingworth passed his entire career in the Psychology Department at Barnard University, where a psychology laboratory was eventually named in his honor in 1954. He published over 100 articles and 25 books, principally in the area of applied psychology. In 1927 he was elected President of the American Psychological Association, and in 1937 both he and his wife received honorary LL.D. Degrees from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Hollingworth died in September of 1956.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the unpublished, two volume autobiography of Harry L. Hollingworth. "Born in Nebraska" is the title of the first part; the second concerns the "Years At Columbia." Dr. Hollingworth wrote the autobiography in 1940, the year after the death of his wife, Leta. The volumes have been removed from their spring-bindings for preservation; the bindings have been retained as artifacts.

Note: A photograph of Harry Hollingworth is available in the Portraits Collection [RG2411.PH]. See RG0805 for materials relating to Leta Stetter Hollingworth. Additional Stetter family materials can be found in the William Danley collection [RG0934]. See the NSHS Library Catalog and the Nebraska History index for published materials by and about Harry and Leta Stetter Hollingworth.

DESCRIPTION

Series 1 - "Born in Nebraska"

Box 1
Folder

1. Preface and contents
2. Part I: Our Town
3. Part II: Public School Days
4. Part III: Caught in a Trap  
5. Part III: On Board

Series 2 - "Years at Columbia"

1. Contents  
2. Part I: Pianissimo  
3. Part II: Crescendo  
4. Part III: Fortissimo  
5. Part IV: Diminuendo

Binder, "Born in Nebraska by Harry L. Hollingworth, as written in first person. carbon copy."  
Binder, "Years at Columbia by H.L. Hollingworth -- Carbon"

Subject headings:

Hollingworth, Harry Levi, 1880-1956  
Hollingworth, Leta Stetter, 1886-1939  
Psychologists -- Biography  
Psychologists -- Nebraska  
Psychology

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