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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

UA 53.9

### *Title*

William H. Powers Papers

### *Creator*

W.H. (William Howard) Powers

### *Dates*

1907-1950

### *Extent*

0.21 linear feet -- 1 small document case

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

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### *Access note*

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### *Abstract*

William H. Powers was library at SDSC from 1905-1931. This collection consists mainly of notes and research for history of South Dakota State University. Also includes correspondence and notes related to the Brookings Public Library, Ethical Culture Club and the World Disarmament Committee.

## **Biographical Note**

William H. Powers was born in northwest Ohio. He attended Miami University in Oxford, OH, receiving his B.A. in 1891. He obtained his M.A. from Harvard University in 1899. After teaching at Huron College in Huron, South Dakota for a few years, he became the librarian of South Dakota State College in 1905, a position he held until 1931.

In addition to his service to the university, Powers was a charter member of the South Dakota Academy of Science, as well as the Forum. He served on the SD State Library commission, as well as the Brookings Public Library Board of Trustees, and was instrumental in getting a Carnegie Library placed in Brookings. He was also involved in the Boy Scouts from a very early date.

Powers died in 1936.

## **Contents Note**

This collection is composed mainly of Powers' notes and materials he wrote about his history of the college. For the most part, these are draft materials. Also included are some correspondence and some totally unrelated material. This material includes notes about the foundation of the Brookings Public Library, and notes on the World Disarmament Committee, including a petition against conscription signed by many university faculty.

## **Key Words**

Aldrich, J.M. (John Merton)

Brookings Public Library (Brookings, S.D.)

Forum (Brookings, S.D.)

Harding, A. S. (Albert Spencer), 1867-1952

Kerr, R. F. (Robert Floyd), 1850-1921

McLouth, Lewis

Powers, W. H. (William Howard), 1868-1936

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Student protests

World Disarmament Committee (Brookings, S.D.)

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Elizabeth B. Scott, University Archivist, 1998 May 6.

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	1	Brookings Public Library	1912-1927
1	2	Correspondence - General	1921-1927
1	3	Correspondence - History of SDSC	1915-1922
1	4	Correspondence - J.M. Aldrich	1930-1931
1	5	Miscellaneous	1927-1936
1	6	Writings - History	undated
1	7	Writings - McLouth administration	undated
1	8	Writings - "Pamela Phillips Banks-Warriner" by J.L. and W.H. Powers	1907
1	9	Writings - Robert F. Kerr	undated
1	10	Writings - Upheaval of 1893	undated
1	11	World Disarmament Committee	1917