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# Charles L. Sewrey Papers

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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

UA 53.10

### *Title*

Charles L. Sewrey Papers

### *Creator*

Charles L. (Charles Louis) Sewrey

### *Dates*

1862-1973

### *Extent*

1.68 linear feet -- 4 document cases, photographs

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

South Dakota State University Archives and Special Collections, Hilton  
M. Briggs Library, Brookings, South Dakota.

### *Access note*

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### *Abstract*

Charles L. Sewrey taught political sciences, economics and history. This collection consists of collected materials presumably used for research, correspondence and writing and miscellaneous materials. Manuscripts and published works are devoted primarily to anti-Catholicism.

## **Biographical Note**

Charles Louis Sewrey, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, came to South Dakota State College in 1947 after graduating with high distinction from the University of Minnesota. He held BA and MA degrees and had some teaching experience from the University of Minnesota. His third degree, Ph.D., also from Minnesota, was granted in 1955. He taught American political, economic, cultural and diplomatic history as professor of history at South Dakota State University. In addition to teaching, he published numerous articles in some of America's leading intellectual magazines. Dr. Sewrey also authored a book titled, *A History of South Dakota State College* in 1959. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a national scholastic honorary society. Dr. Sewrey retired from teaching in 1974 due to failing health. He died in 1979. A memorial endowment fund was established in 1981. The History Department is the main benefactor of the endowment, which funds scholarships and faculty development with such programs as the Sewrey Faculty Colloquium.

## **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into four series:

Series 1. Collected material

Series 2. General papers

Series 3. Manuscripts

Series 4. Published works

## **Contents Note**

This collection is composed of collected materials presumably used for research, correspondence and writing and miscellaneous materials.

The collected material is composed of numerous pamphlets, newspapers and clippings, an 1862 book of poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, material of the Socialist Party in the United States, and a file of research on Steven Truscott, a man who was convicted of murder in Ontario, Canada but may have been wrongly accused.

The general papers include correspondence, some notes and an exam from some of Sewrey's history courses, miscellaneous items and photographs. The miscellaneous items include a map showing lakes, railways, wagon roads, hotels and other points of interest of the Lake District in the vicinity of Alexandria, Minnesota.

The manuscripts cover several topics but the main scope of this material is of anti-Catholicism and frontier Minnesota. Included in the manuscripts is a draft of Sewrey's master's thesis titled *The Protestant Minister in Frontier Minnesota*.

The published works also covers several topics but the main scope of this material is anti-Catholicism and Communism. Included in this material are two transcripts of a radio program titled *Professor's Forum* that was broadcast from the South Dakota State College radio station.

## **Key Words**

Americanism (Catholic controversy)

Anti-Catholicism -- United States

Catholic Church in the United States

Church and state -- Catholic Church

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South Dakota State University – Faculty

## **Administrative Information**

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**Arranged and Described by**

Crystal J. Gamradt, Archivist, 1999 January 12.

**Container List**

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1. Collected material	1	1	Aurora Leigh and other poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, published by James Miller	1862
1. Collected material	1	2	Miscellaneous	1945-1964
1. Collected material	1	3	Newspaper clippings	1949, 1954, undated
1. Collected material	1	4	Socialist material	1962-1963
1. Collected material	2	1	Steven Truscott research	1966-1969
2. General papers	2	2	Correspondence	1955-1970
2. General papers	2	3	Course work	undated
2. General papers	2	4	Miscellaneous	undated
2. General papers	2	5	Photographs	1870, 1930, undated

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
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3. Manuscripts	2	9	Foundations of Land Grant Colleges, pp. 1-15	undated
3. Manuscripts	2	10	Infallibility, the American Way, and Catholic Apologetics	undated
3. Manuscripts	2	12	Master's Thesis - The Protestant Minister in Frontier Minnesota, Chapter 1: Introductory observations, pp. 1-50	1946
3. Manuscripts	2	13	Master's Thesis - The Protestant Minister in Frontier Minnesota, Chapter 2: The Frontier minister's private life, pp. 51-100	1946
3. Manuscripts	3	1	Master's Thesis - The Protestant Minister in Frontier Minnesota, Chapter 3: The Frontier minister's public life - religious aspects, pp. 101-300	1946
3. Manuscripts	3	2	Master's Thesis - The Protestant Minister in Frontier Minnesota, Chapter 4: The Frontier minister's public life - that concerning the world and the flesh, pp. 301-356	1946
3. Manuscripts	2	11	Master's Thesis - The Protestant Minister in Frontier Minnesota, Table of Contents, Preface	1946
3. Manuscripts	3	3	Moralist and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Cold War, pp. 1-13	undated

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3. Manuscripts	3	6	Religious rivalry and sectarianism on the frontier: some examples from Minnesota, pp. 1-33	undated
3. Manuscripts	3	7	Review of Howard Robert Lamar's Dakota Territory, pp. 1-10	undated
3. Manuscripts	3	9	Some ideas as the form the report of the special faculty association committee on student evaluation might take, pp. 1-27	undated
3. Manuscripts	3	10	State Enterprise in South Dakota, pp. 1-10	undated
3. Manuscripts	2	8	The Development of the Spiritual Power of the Medieval Popes to 1216, pp. 1-264	1947
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3. Manuscripts	4	10	Whose Holy land? The Jewish-Arab-Christian imbroglio in Palestine, pp. 1-70	undated
3. Manuscripts	4	11	Witchcraft in England and Scotland during the Sixteenth Century, pp. 1-55	1945
4. Published works	4	12	"Bigotry" in Politics, The Christian Century, pp/ 744-746	1958
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4. Published works	4	14	Frontier Politics Were Colorful, Turbulent (Review), State College Dakotan, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 6, 11, 15	1958
4. Published works	4	15	Historians and Anti-Catholicism, The Christian Century, pp. 333-335	1956
4. Published works	4	16	Hoover's Proposed Reorganization of the United National (Transcript), State College Broadcasting System - Professor's Forum	undated
4. Published works	4	17	How Long Will the "Conservation Wave" Last? The Unicorn, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 38-41	1963
4. Published works	4	18	Infallibility, The American Wat, and Catholic Apologetics, Journal of	1973

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