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Collection Summary

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Alfred G. Trump, Jr. papers

Creator

Alfred G. Trump, Jr.

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Abstract

Alfred G. Trump, Jr (1907-1994) was the head librarian at South Dakota State College in 1948 and was named director of its libraries in 1959. He held this position until his retirement in 1972. He continued as its archivist emeritus until 1977 and was also instrumental in the logistical challenges of its move of from Lincoln Library to the Hilton M. Briggs Library in 1977. The papers consist mostly of materials related to Trump's retirement from the South Dakota State University Library, including scrapbooks and programs. Other items in the collection include certificates and plaques.

Biographical Note

Alfred "Al" George Trump Jr. was born April 23, 1907 in Kahoka, Missouri to Alfred G. (Senior) and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Trump. When he was 11 years old, his family moved to Chicago, where he graduated from Hyde Park High School (1924) and from the University of Chicago with a degree in Germanics (1929). In 1933, he received an A.B.M.S and, in 1938, an A.M.L.S from the University of Michigan.

Prior to arriving at SDSU in Brookings, Trump worked in several libraries, including the Chicago Public Library, University of Chicago Library, University of Michigan Library, Michigan State Law Library, and Virginia Junior College Library in Minnesota. He also served in the US Navy as a Lieutenant (1944-1946) and was stationed in the continental US and Hawaii where he engaged in intelligence work.

Trump came to South Dakota State College in 1948 as a librarian and the only faculty member in the library, which had 90,000 volumes and occupied only the second floor of Lincoln Library (built to serve 900 students). He was named director of its libraries in 1959. He held this position until his retirement in 1972. At his retirement in 1972, the library occupied the entire building, served 6,500 students, and had 270,000 volumes and subscribed to approximately 3,000 journals. Many of the books were housed elsewhere including Hanson Hall (35,000), East Men's Hall (10,000), Shepherd Hall's chemistry library (15,000), and the nursing facilities in St. Paul MN (2,000). Trump attributed the growth to the addition of the doctoral program in 1954,

“We began subscribing to many of the scientific journals and now have one of the strongest research libraries in the state.”

Following his retirement, Trump continued at SDSU's library as archivist emeritus and was instrumental in the logistical challenges of its move of from Lincoln Library to the Hilton M. Briggs Library in 1977, after which he fully retired.

Trump was active in library associations, including the state South Dakota Library Association (President 1958-1959), regional Mountain-Plains Library Association (South Dakota's representative), and national American Library Association (where he was South Dakota's representative and a member of its governing council). In Brookings, he was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Retired Teachers Association, and SDSU Retired Faculty Association.

On August 22, 1935, he married Anne Harris Arnold, who was born to Jacob H. and Bertha (Harris) Arnold in Wilmington, NC, on February 16, 1908. She grew up in Washington, DC, and Northfield, MN. She attended Oberlin College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with degrees in history and Latin in 1929. After she earned an MA in history from Case Western Reserve, she worked at Johns Hopkins University Library (1932-1935) and at Michigan State Library (1936). She returned to librarianship in 1960 as Assistant Librarian at the Brookings, SD, Public Library, where she worked until 1986. The Trumps had four children: Michael, Peter, Jeane Gautier, and Andrew. Alfred G. Trump, Jr. died November 26, 1994. Anne Arnold Trump passed away on January 11, 2004.

Contents Note

The collection consists mostly of the “Retirement Book” created by the SDSU library staff for Alfred G. Trump's retirement party on June 5, 1972, in Brookings. The book includes numerous letters, one telegram, several news clippings, as well as 27 color photographs of the party. It also includes two programs from the retirement party with menu. The papers also contain a certificate of recognition from the Mountain Plains Library Association, two plaques presented to Trump as token of appreciation for his commitment to South Dakota State University, and a certificate of completion from the University of Denver's Annual Institute of Archival Administration. There is also the Proclamation of Anne Trump Day (April 5, 1981) presented to Anne Trump by the Brookings City Commission.

Related Resources

South Dakota State University Library records, UA 14. South Dakota State University Archives and Special Collections, Hilton M. Briggs Library, Brookings, South Dakota.

Key Words

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Administrative Information

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Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	8	Certificate from the University of Denver: Alfred G. Trump successfully completed requirements for the Annual Institute of Archival Administration and Related Fields of Regional, State and Local History	1968
1	4	Certificate of Recognition awarded to Alfred G Trump October 19, 1975 by the Mountain-Plains Library Association	1975
1	7	Plaque: In appreciation of your interest in and support of South Dakota State University. 1978. Alfred Trump- President's Club 1977	1977-1978
1	6	Plaque: In recognition--Your interest and support of South Dakota State University, its program and its students is sincerely appreciated. Thank you. H.M. Briggs, President. Al Trump - President's Club 1976	1976
1	5	Proclamation of Anne Trump Day (April 5, 1981) by the Brookings City Commission	1981
1	3	Programs from Trump's Retirement Party	1972
1	2	Retirement Scrapbook: its 27 color 3.5" x 3.5" snapshots	1972
1	1	Retirement Scrapbook: its correspondence and clippings	1972