DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of photocopies of papers associated with the life of Theos Bernard primarily between 1932 and 1939. Present are one Bernard student paper on Mysticism and several research papers deal with the period he spent near Acoma Pueblo studying Native Americans. Most significant to the collection are items associated with his trip to India and Tibet in 1936 – 1938 including his journal and correspondence to his wife Viola after their separation in India. Additional folders documenting Viola’s participation in the trip to India are also present. Folder 42 contains a portrait of Bernard.

3 Boxes, 1.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Theos. Casimir Bernard, known as the White Lama, was born Dec. 10, 1908 in Los Angeles, CA. He attended the University of Arizona and received a degree in 1934. He received a MA degree from Columbia University in Philosophy in 1936 and a PhD in 1943. Bernard pioneered Indian and Tibetan studies at Columbia. He published accounts of theory and practice of the religions of India and Tibet including Hatha Yoga. He was a founder of the first Tibetan Buddhist research institute in the United States. Bernard visited India and Tibet to obtain important Tibetan manuscripts and observe sacred ceremonies in 1936 - 1938. He returned to India in 1947 to seek additional manuscripts but his party was attacked by tribesmen and Bernard was killed.

RELATED NOTE

See Also MS 1060 Theos. Bernard Collection

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PROCESSING

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Box and Folder Listing

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