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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Thomas Brooks, a professor of Family Economics and Management at Southern Illinois University. The collection consists of materials Brooks assembled to write a biography of consumer leader, Colston E. Warne.

Custodial history

It received accession number P1988.44.

Scope and content

The Thomas Brooks Collection/Colston E. Warne Biography reflects the efforts of Brooks to write a biography on consumer leader, Colston Warne. A professor of Family Economics at Amherst College for 40 years, Warne played an important part in organizing professionals in the consumer affairs field. He was known for his many roles in the consumer movement, including: president of Consumers Union,

development of the international consumer movement, serving on numerous governmental committees and advisory boards, and helping to introduce the consumers point of view into economic and political public policy decisions.

The Administrative Files are related to Brooks' management of the biography project, and they are arranged in four subseries. The first subseries from this file contains correspondence between Brooks and other individuals. This includes letters between Brooks and people such as; Warne, individuals who knew Warne, and publishers. The second subseries is financial documents and includes budget statements and store requisitions for the project. The third subseries is miscellaneous files of articles and papers written by Warne. The fourth subseries is the Warne biography research proposal written by Brooks and submitted to the College of Human Resources, Southern Illinois University.

The Research Files series, organized into seven subseries, contains research material on Warne collected by Brooks. The first subseries is Amherst College, 1931-1960. Because Warne spent most of his career at Amherst, this subseries, contains pertinent information about Warne and his profession. The second subseries is articles on Colston E. Warne. These are specific articles written by others about Warne and they include: "Colston Estey Warne: Mr. Consumer", "Dr. Warne is Honored by Unitarian Society", "Advertising: Study Stirs Debate on Values", "Consumer Groups Going International". The third subseries contains biographical notes taken by Brooks while researching Warne. The fourth subseries is organizations. They include: The American Association of University Women, The American Council on Consumer Interests, and Consumers' Union. The fifth subseries contains information about people. Included are: Ralph Nader, Celia Warne, and Colston Warne. The sixth subseries is subjects and includes files on advertising, consumers in the market, cooperatives, labor, the loyalty check, and speeches/statements. The final subseries is the Warne family tree.

In the third series are Warne's personal files consisting of four subseries. The first subseries is activities and associations. They include: Consumer Advisory Committee, Council of Economic Advisors to the President of the U.S., 1947-1951; Consumers Research, Advisory Board, 1929-1935; Consumers' Union, President and member, Board of Directors, 1936-1979; People's Lobby (Washington D.C.), President, 1934-1936, Honorary Vice President, 1941, Board of Directors, 1936-1950. The second subseries is Warne's diary. This is Warne's personal diary for the years 1911-1918. The third subseries is personal papers of Warne's. Included are his address books, a pamphlet written by him, and correspondence. The fourth subseries is organizations and includes: consumer cooperatives, the consumer movement, Consumers Research, People's Lobby, and other miscellaneous organizations. Two dissertations comprise, Literary Works. The first one is titled, "An Historical Analysis of the Growth of the National Consumer Movement in the United States from 1947 to 1967", by Jeanine Gilmartin. The second is titled, "The Consumer Movement in the Sixties", by David R. Case.

The fourth series contains oral interviews Brooks conducted with Warne, and other persons related to his life. There are typed transcripts for the majority of the interviews recorded on cassette audio tapes. The tapes have been separated from the collection and stored in the Consumer Movement Archives Oral History Collection. Among the thirty-two people interviewed were: Senator Paul Douglas, Leland Gordon, Florence Mason, Margaret Warne Nelson, Barbara Warne Newell, Esther Peterson, Celia Warne Tower, Clint Warne, Colston Warne, and Francis Warne.

The fifth series contains printed material relating to the consumer movement. The majority of the printed material is either written by Warne or written about Warne. Approximately one hundred photographs were removed from the papers and filed in the University Archives Photograph Collection. The photographs are organized in three groups: Ithaca High School year book of 1916; Warne's career involving consumer movement events; and photographs of Warne at Amherst College. Included among the second group are photographs of the Consumer Advisory Council of 1948 and of 1962, Warne's visit

to Japan with the Consumer's Association in 1961, Warne's visit to India in 1969, President Kennedy, Frances Warne, Walter Wilcox, and Richard Morse.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquisition Source: Thomas Brooks

Acquisition Method: Donation.

Acquisition Date: 19880101

Arrangement

The collection comprised of four boxes and is organized into six series; 1) Administrative Files, 2) Research Files, 3) Warne's Personal Files, 4) Literary Works, 5) Oral Interviews, and 6) Printed Material.

Restrictions on access

No access restrictions: All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Series descriptions

Series 21889: Series 1: Administration File

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21896	Otherlevel - Box 1		

Subseries 21897: Sub-Series 1: CorrespondencePublication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21911	File - Folder 1: General, 1947-1979		
21912	File - Folder 2: Publisher, 1973		

Subseries 21898: Sub-Series 2: Financial DocumentsPublication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21913	File - Folder 3: Budget Statements, 1974-1975		
21914	File - Folder 4: Budget Statements, 1976-1977		
21915	File - Folder 5: Requisitions, 1974-1975		

Subseries 21899: Sub-Series 3: MiscellaneousPublication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21916	File - Folder 6: 1956-ND		
21917	File - Folder 7: 1930-1973		

Subseries 21918: Sub-Series 4: Research Proposal, 1974Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21919	File - Folder 8: Research Proposal, 1974		

Series 21890: Series 2: Research FilePublication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21900	Otherlevel - Box 1		

Subseries 21901: Sub-Series 5: Amherst CollegePublication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21920	File - Folder 9: 1931-1948		
21921	File - Folder 10: 1948		
21922	File - Folder 11: 1948-1960		
21923	File - Folder 12-14: ND		
21924	File - Folder 15: Articles on Colston E. Warne, CA 1960		

Subseries 21902: Sub-Series 6: Biographical Notes by BrooksPublication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21925	File - Folder 16: 1973-1975		
21926	File - Folder 17: 1975-1976		
21927	File - Folder 18-19: ND		
21928	File - Folder 20-21: Note cards, ND		
21929	File - Folder 22-23: ND		

Subseries 21903: Sub-Series 7: OrganizationsPublication status:

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File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21930	File - Folder 24: Association of American University Women, 1944		
21931	File - Folder 25: American Council on Consumer Interest, 1953-1970 Consumer's Union		
21932	File - Folder 26: 1925-1929		
21933	File - Folder 27: 1930-1933		
21934	File - Folder 28: 1935-1939		
21935	File - Folder 29: 1940-1950		
21936	File - Folder 30: 1953-1969		
21937	File - Folder 31: 1974-ND		
21938	File - Folder 32-34: Finding aid for CU, ND		
Subseries 21904: Sub-Series 8: People			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21939	File - Folder 35: Brady, Mildred, 1963-1965		
21940	File - Folder 36: Cryues, Carloyn S.		
21941	File - Folder 37: Kallet, Arthur, 1975		
21942	File - Folder 38: Landry, Richard, ND		
21943	File - Folder 39: Marsh, Benjamin C., ND		
21944	File - Folder 40: Matthews, J.B., 1938-1974		
21945	File - Folder 41: Nader, Ralph, 1969-1972		
21946	File - Folder 42: Newell, Barbara, ND		
21947	File - Folder 43: Sandback, Walter, 1966-1972		
21948	File - Folder 44: Sorenson, Helen, 1941-ND		
21949	File - Folder 45: Strong, Lydia, 1964		
21950	File - Folder 46: Warne, Celia, ND		

21951	File - Folder 47: Warne, Colston E., 1961-1972		
Subseries 21905: Sub-Series 9: Subjects			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21952	File - Folder 48: Advertising, 1936-1948		
21953	File - Folder 49: Advertising, 1961-1962		
21954	File - Folder 50: Consumers in the Market, 1971		
21955	File - Folder 51: Cooperatives, General, 1945		
21956	File - Folder 52: Cooperatives, Illinois, ND		
21957	File - Folder 53: Labor, 1945-		
21958	File - Folder 54: Loyalty Check, 1947		
21959	File - Folder 55: Loyalty Check, 1974		
21960	File - Folder 56: Speeches/Statement, 1967-1972		
21961	File - Folder 57: Warne Family Tree, 1951		
Series 21891: Series 3: Warne Personal Files			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21906	Otherlevel - Box 2		
Subseries 21907: Sub-Series 10: Personal Files			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21962	File - Folder 1-3: Report on Activities, 1930-1953		

21963	File - Folder 4: Diary, 1911-1918		
Subseries 21908: Sub-Series 11: Personal Papers			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21964	File - Folder 5: Address books, ND		
21965	File - Folder 6: Impact on consumerism on the market, 1971		
21966	File - Folder 7: Impact on consumerism on the market, 1976		
Subseries 21909: Sub-Series 12: Organizations			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21967	File - Folder 8: Consumer Cooperative, 1890-1976		
21968	File - Folder 9: Consumer's Movement, 1910-1914		
21969	File - Folder 10: Consumer's Movement, 1932-1966		
21970	File - Folder 11: Consumer's Research, ND		
21971	File - Folder 12: Consumer's Union of the U.S., 1973-1974		
21972	File - Folder 13: Consumer's Union, 1936-1939		
21973	File - Folder 14: Consumer's Union, 1938-1974		
21974	File - Folder 15: Consumer's Union, 1936		
21975	File - Folder 16: Consumer's Union, 1958-1965		
21976	File - Folder 17: Consumer's Union, 1966-1972		
21977	File - Folder 18: League of Women Shoppers, ND		

21978	File - Folder 19: Miscellaneous, 1947-1974		
21979	File - Folder 20: People's Lobby, 1931-1945		
21980	File - Folder 21: People's Lobby, 1931-1940		
21981	File - Folder 22: People's Lobby, 1974		
Subseries 21910: Sub-Series -			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
Series 21892: Series 4: Literary Works			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21982	Otherlevel - Box 2		
21983	File - Folder 23: An Historical Analysis of the Growth of the National Consumer Movement in the United States from 1947 to 1967.", by Jeanine Gilmartin, 1969.		
21984	File - Folder 24: "The Consumer Movement in the Sixties," by David Case, 1972		
Series 21893: Series 5: Interviews			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21985	Otherlevel - Box 2		
21986	File - Folder 25: Angevine, Dave and Erma, 1974		
21987	File - Folder 26: Collery, Arnold, 1974		
21988	File - Folder 27: Damon, G. Edward, 1974		
21989	File - Folder 28: Douglas, Paul, 1973		
21990	File - Folder 29: Fleisher, Henry, 1973-1974		

21991	File - Folder 30: Gordon, Leland, 1974-1975
21992	File - Folder 31: Guest, James R. (Al), 1974
21993	File - Folder 32: Hewlett, Horance W., 1974
21994	File - Folder 33: Isserman, A.J., 1972
21995	File - Folder 34: Johnson, Margery Watson, 1974
21996	File - Folder 35: Kanter, Robert, 1974
21997	File - Folder 36: Kern, Paul and Colston Warne, 1972
21998	File - Folder 37: Lee, Mrs. John, 1974
21999	File - Folder 38: Margolius, Sidney, 1976
22000	File - Folder 39: Mason, Florence, 1972-1973
22001	File - Folder 40: Nelson, James, 1974
22002	File - Folder 41: Nelson, Margaret (Warne), 1973
22003	File - Folder 42: Newell, Barbara (Warne), Dr., 1974
22004	File - Folder 43: Pabst, William, ND
22005	File - Folder 44: Palmer, Frank, 1971
22006	File - Folder 45: Peterson, Ester, ND
22007	File - Folder 46: Phillips, M.C., 1970
22008	File - Folder 47: Price, Ray G., 1976
22009	File - Folder 48: Schlink, F.J., 1970
22010	File - Folder 49: Southworth, Herman, 1973
22011	File - Folder 50: Taylor, George R., 1974
22012	File - Folder 51: Thope, Willard and Claire, 1974
22013	File - Folder 52: Tower, Celia (Warne), ND
22014	File - Folder 53: Warne, Clint, Dr., 1973
22015	File - Folder 54: Warne, Colston E., (CEW), 1971
22016	File - Folder 55-59: CEW, 1971
22017	File - Folder 60: CEW, 1971-1972
22018	File - Folder 61-63: CEW, 1972
22019	File - Folder 64-66: CEW, 1973
22020	File - Folder 67: CEW, 1974

22021	File - Folder 68: Warne, Francis, 1973		
22022	File - Folder 69: Warne Nelson, Margaret 1973		
22023	File - Folder 70: Woodhouse, Mrs. Chase Going, 1974		
Series 21894: Series 6: Printed Material			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
21895	Otherlevel - Box 3-4: These materials contain articles written by and about Warne.		