

Frederick Watson Reed Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator - Author	Reed, Frederick Watson, 1853-1945
Title	Frederick Watson Reed Collection
Date	1906-1946
Extent	1.0 boxes
Language	English

Biography

Frederick Watson Reed was an attorney for the Legal Aid Society and practicing attorney in a Minneapolis law firm. He was considered the Father of the Conciliation Court. He was also instrumental in the development of the Bethel Sunday School, which developed into the Pillsbury Settlement House. He was director of Associated Charities and very involved in the Plymouth Congregational Church. He married Selina Brown, a librarian at the Minneapolis Public Library. They were members of the Saturday Club. After retiring, he wrote a volume of essays on law, democracy, and world conditions, entitled "What Price Freedom?" He died in 1945 at the age of 92.

Collection Description

One box. The Frederick Watson Reed collection consists of miscellaneous letters and papers from the early 1900s to 1940s that were presented to the Minneapolis Collection by the author in 1944. Papers and correspondence cover topics of legal aid issues, the Chattel Loan Business trial (mortgage on personal property as security for an obligation or draft), Anti-Saloon League, liquor patrols, Ku Klux Klan, correspondence between Rev David Nelson Beach of the Plymouth Congregational Church. Files also include autobiographical writings and biographical clippings.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

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See also SCMC book, What price freedom, and other essays by Frederick W. Reed. **824.0R32**

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Minnesota -- Politics and government.

Subject(s)

- Lawyers -- Minnesota -- Biography.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Autobiography and personal writings n.d., 1939-1944	1	1
<p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Includes the complete type-written manuscript of Reed's autobiography, along with Reed's handwritten notations. "Presented to the Minneapolis Collection of the Minneapolis Public Library by the author. 1944"</p>		
Biographical information, including obituaries and a personal memorial written by Judge Waite 1945-1946	1	2
Correspondence with Harold Stassen, Dakota County Attorney 1938	1	3
Correspondence with Reverend Beach of the Plymouth Congregational Church 1937-1939	1	4
Editorials and public remarks n.d., 1935-1938	1	5
Europe trip materials via Holland America Cruise Line 1936	1	6
Holland America Cruise recollections 1914	1	7
Legal correspondence 1906, 1937, 1939	1	8

Miscellaneous correspondence n.d., 1924-1945	1	9
Seminars and services materials 1938	1	10