

Guide to the John Zeleny Papers

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Collection Overview

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TITLE: John Zeleny papers

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SUMMARY: Largely reprints of papers by John Zeleny (1897-1945), together with a volume of laboratory notes kept during his attendance at the University of Berlin (1897), biographical information, photographs, and a testimonial book presented to Zeleny upon his retirement in 1940.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. John Zeleny in 1980.

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Biographical / Historical

John Zeleny was born on March 26, 1872, in Racine, Wisconsin. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1892, where he taught physics for five years. In 1897 Zeleny went abroad to study, spending six months at the University of Berlin and two years at Cambridge, where he did research work in the Cavendish Laboratory under Sir J. J. Thomson, the physicist. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1906 and two years later was named head of the physics department.

In 1915 he moved to Yale and served there as chairman of the physics department from 1920-1940. Zeleny retired from Yale in 1940 and died on June 20, 1951.

Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical sketches of John, Anthony, and Charles Zeleny; with family genealogy	undated
b. 1, f. 2	Lab notes from Berlin	1897
b. 1, f. 3	"The Place of Physics in the Modern World" [address] English	1928 November 30
	Reprints	
b. 1, f. 4	1897-1899	
b. 1, f. 5	1903-1919	
b. 1, f. 6	1920-1929	
b. 1, f. 7	1930-1938	
b. 1, f. 8	1940-1945	
b. 1, f. 9	Invitations	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Obituary notices and eulogy by Alois F. Kovarik	1951
b. 1, f. 11	Photographs	1898-1940
b. 2	Oversize photographs	1920, 1929
b. 2	Diplomas	1892, 1897, 1906, 1915
b. 2	Testimonial book presented to John Zeleny upon his retirement	1940

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Educators
Physics
Science

Occupations

Physicists

Names

Zeleny, John, 1872-1951

Corporate Bodies

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