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SUMMARY: Miscellaneous scientific papers and proposals, an autobiographical essay, a biographical article by Julian Sturtevant, reminiscences of students, a bibliography of Herbert Spencer Harned's works (1912-1963), an outline for a science course at Yale University, and a few items of correspondence make up this collection.

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Biographical / Historical

Herbert Spencer Harned, chemist, was born on December 2, 1888, the son of Thomas Biggs and Augusta Anna (Traubel) Harned. His father was a successful lawyer and his mother an abolitionist. Both parents were close friends of Walt Whitman.

Herbert Harned received a B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909, a B.S. in 1910, and a Ph.D. in 1913. He was an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania from 1913 to 1917, an assistant professor from 1917 to 1926, and a professor from 1926 to 1928. During World War I, Harned served as a captain in the chemical war service of the U.S. Army. In 1928 Herbert Harned came to Yale and was a professor of chemistry until his retirement in 1957. From 1943 to 1945 he was a group leader for the Manhattan Project and from 1950 to 1965 served as a consultant for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Herbert Harned died on July 29, 1969.

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b. 1, f. 2	Miscellaneous correspondence relating to H. S. Harned	1955-1960, 1978
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence, financial statements and reports relating to contract At (30-1) 1375	1951-1958
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence and proposals relating to Science I	1955
b. 1, f. 5	Summary report relating to research at the Sterling Chemistry Laboratory	1943
b. 1, f. 6	Proposal to the National Science Foundation	1953
b. 1, f. 7	Writings (abstract)	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Biographical data	1978
b. 1, f. 9	Autobiographical data	1954
b. 1, f. 10	Recollections of students and colleagues	1927, 1975-1976
b. 1, f. 11	Bibliography	1912-1963
b. 1, f. 12	Financial papers	1929-1930

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

Chemistry
Educators
Science

Occupations

Chemists

Names

Harned, Herbert S. (Herbert Spencer),
1888-1969
Sturtevant, Julian M. (Julian Munson),
1908-2005

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