

Guide to the John Dollard Papers

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SUMMARY: The papers provide biographical information about John Dollard and insight into his experiences researching in the South. The papers include limited correspondence, the bulk of which concerns his family's attempts to arrange a reprinting of *Caste and Class in a Southern Town* during the 1980s, after Dollard's death. Writings consist of a scrapbook containing reviews of Dollard's work, a *Yale Alumni Magazine* with Dollard featured as part of an article about emeritus faculty, and booklets from the Humanities Research Series published by the University of Chicago during the 1920s.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

John Dollard was born on August 29, 1900, in Menasha, Wisconsin. He studied commerce and English at the University of Wisconsin, receiving a B.A. in 1922. In 1931, he earned a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago. He was a professor of psychology at Yale University from 1952 to 1969. His best known work, *Caste and Class in a Southern Town* (1937) describes the social system in place in the South that kept African-Americans in a lower caste and economic class. Dollard's other published works include *Frustration and Aggression* in 1939 and *Fear and Battle* in 1943. John Dollard died on October 8, 1980, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Scope and Contents

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Biographical information | 1977-1992, undated |
| b. 1, f. 2 - 3 | <i>Caste and Class in a Southern Town</i> [includes correspondence with publishers and reactions to the book] | 1934-1975, 1984 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Center for the Study of Southern Culture [includes an interview with Dollard] | 1975-1983, undated |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Correspondence (general) | 1943-1945, 1960-1980 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Writings | 1927-1939 |
| b. 2 | Scrapbook | 1934-1943 |

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.

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Dollard, John, 1900-1980

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