

# Frederick Albert Cook Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Frederick Albert Cook Papers

**Span Dates:** 1881-1977

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1891-1940)

**ID No.:** MSS79763

**Creator:** Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940

**Extent:** 6000 items ; 23 containers plus 2 oversize ; 10 linear feet ; 50 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Physician, explorer, and author. Correspondence, manuscript and printed copies of books and essays, diaries, financial and legal papers, genealogical notes, certificates, maps, and other papers relating primarily to Cook's expeditions to the Arctic (1891-1892 and 1901) with Robert E. Peary and Matthew Alexander Henson, to the Antarctic with Roald Amundsen's Belgian Antarctic Expedition (1897-1899), to Mt. McKinley (1906), to the North Pole (1907-1909), and around the world (1915-1916); and to the controversy surrounding Cook's claim that he discovered the North Pole.

## 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.

### People

Amundsen, Roald, 1872-1928--Correspondence.

Bennett, James Gordon, 1841-1918--Correspondence.

Bernier, J. E., 1852-1934--Correspondence.

Boriss, Stanley--Correspondence.

Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917--Correspondence.

Clemens, Cyril, 1902-1999--Correspondence.

Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940--Trials, litigation, etc.

Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940.

Cook, Marie Fidell Hunt--Correspondence.

Entrikin, Samuel J.--Correspondence.

Fiala, Anthony, 1869-1950--Correspondence.

Franke, Rudolph--Correspondence.

Franklin, Alfred S.--Correspondence.

Freeman, Andrew A., 1900- --Correspondence.

Goodsell, John W., 1873-1949--Correspondence.

Hamilton, Ruth Hunt Cook--Correspondence.

Harré, T. Everett (Thomas Everett), 1884-1948--Correspondence.

Hayes, J. Gordon (James Gordon), 1877-1936--Correspondence.

Henson, Matthew Alexander, 1866-1955.

Kiel, Lilian E.--Correspondence.

Levin, Hugo--Correspondence.

Lory, Milton M.--Correspondence.

Mears, William E.--Correspondence.

Murphy, Adah--Correspondence.

Murphy, Eugene A.--Correspondence.

Neville, Russell T.--Correspondence.

Nordenskjöld, Otto, 1869-1928--Correspondence.

Peary, Robert E. (Robert Edwin), 1856-1920.

Reitman, Ben L. (Ben Lewis), 1879-1942--Correspondence.

Riis, S. M. (Sergius Martin), 1883- --Correspondence.

Rost, Ernest Christian, 1867-1940--Correspondence.

Ruskin, John W.--Correspondence.

Schley, Winfield Scott, 1839-1911--Correspondence.  
Shea, William E.--Correspondence.  
Thompson, F. P. (Frank P.)--Correspondence.  
Vetter, Helen Cook. Helen Cook Vetter papers. 1910-1977.  
Wack, Henry Wellington, 1869-1954--Correspondence.  
Whitney, Harry, 1873-1936--Correspondence.

### **Organizations**

Petroleum Producers Association.  
United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas--Periodicals.

### **Subjects**

Cold--Physiological effect.  
Diet.  
Drug abuse--Treatment.  
Ethnology--Africa.  
Ethnology--Greenland.  
Ethnology--Patagonia (Argentina and Chile)  
Ethnology--Tierra del Fuego (Argentina and Chile)  
Prison reformers.  
Voyages around the world.

### **Places**

Antarctica--Discovery and exploration.  
Arctic regions--Discovery and exploration.  
Denali, Mount (Alaska)--Discovery and exploration.  
North Pole--Discovery and exploration.

### **Titles**

*Leavenworth new era.*

### **Occupations**

Authors.  
Explorers.  
Physicians.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Provenance**

The papers of Frederick Albert Cook, physician, polar explorer, and author, were given to the Library of Congress in 1989 by the estate of his granddaughter, Janet Cook Vetter. One item was given by the Frederick A. Cook Society in 1997.

### **Processing History**

The Cook papers were arranged and described in 1991; the finding aid was revised in 2006.

### **Additional Guides**

The Cook papers are described in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1989*, pp. 28-29, and in *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 49, no. 10 (May 7, 1990).

### **Transfers**

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Sound recordings and a video recording have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Frederick Albert Cook Papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frederick Albert Cook is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frederick Albert Cook are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on twenty-five reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Frederick Albert Cook Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1865, June 10	Born, Hortonville, Sullivan County, N.Y.
1885-1886	Student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, N.Y.
1889	Married Libby Forbes (died 1890)
1890	Graduated (M.D.) University Medical College, New York, N.Y.
1891-1892	Surgeon and ethnologist, North Greenland expedition led by Robert E. Peary
1893	Led Greenland expedition aboard the <i>Zeta</i>
1897-1899	Surgeon and ethnologist, Belgian Antarctic expedition led by Adrien de Gerlache, aboard the <i>Belgica</i>
1900	Published <i>Through the First Antarctic Night</i> (New York: Doubleday & McClure Co. xxiv, 478 pp.)
1901	Surgeon, Robert E. Peary's Greenland expedition aboard the <i>Erik</i>
1902	Married Marie Fidell Hunt (divorced 1923)
1906	Claimed attainment of the summit of Mount McKinley, Alaska
1907, July 3	Sailed from Gloucester, Mass., for Greenland aboard the <i>John R. Bradley</i> in preparation for polar expedition
1908	Published <i>To the Top of the Continent</i> (New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. xxi, 321 pp.)
1908, Apr. 21	Claimed discovery of the North Pole

1909, Sept. 1	Telegram from Lerwick, Shetland Islands, announcing Cook's claim
1909, Sept. 6	Robert E. Peary's counterclaim message received
1911	Published <i>My Attainment of the Pole</i> (New York: Polar Publishing Co. xx, 640 pp.)
1915-1916	Led round-the-world expedition, focusing on anthropological study in Borneo
1917	Conducted geological exploration in Wyoming
1923	Convicted of mail fraud in connection with Petroleum Producers' Association stock issue
1925-1930	Inmate, United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kans.; editor of prison newspaper, <i>Leavenworth New Era</i> (later called <i>New Era</i> )
1940, Aug. 5	Died, New Rochelle, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frederick Albert Cook (1865-1940) span the years 1881-1977 with the bulk dated during the years 1891-1940. They provide a documentary record of the explorer's various expeditions, the rush of popular attention surrounding his controversial claim of discovering the North Pole, his efforts to establish the validity of his claim in light of the world's recognition of Robert E. Peary as the discoverer, and his observations and reflections drawn from those experiences. Helen Cook Vetter's endeavor to carry forward her father's quest for vindication is represented in a small grouping of her correspondence and subject files. In addition to the records of Cook's disputed expeditions to Mount McKinley (1906) and the North Pole (1907-1909), there is much of interest in materials relating to his 1891-1892 and 1901 Arctic trips in the company of Peary and Matthew Henson and to his participation, with Roald Amundsen, in the 1897-1899 Belgian Antarctic Expedition.

Cook's [diaries](#) record both scientific data and his general observations during expeditions to destinations inside the Arctic and Antarctic circles, to Alaska's Mount McKinley, and once around the world. The diary entries typically note his party's daily progress and position, accompanied by short narrative passages. The 1906 Mount McKinley diary also includes sketches of newly observed natural features. The tissue-paper sheets on which Cook performed the "reduction calculations" determining his position en route to the North Pole, the published ephemerides on which those calculations were based, and a copy of the note deposited at the pole in a metal tube are also included.

The reaction to Cook's announcement of his discovery of the North Pole may be seen through his [correspondence](#). The *New York Times* and *Herald*, Harper Brothers, *Hampton's* and *Cosmopolitan* magazines, and other publishers cabled seeking to negotiate newspaper, article, and book rights to Cook's story. Promoters offered lecture tours and product endorsements. Cook also received messages from fellow explorers including Roald Amundsen, Samuel J. Entrikin, and Anthony Fiala, and from the general public. William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") wired his congratulations, and children wrote to inquire whether Cook had seen Santa Claus while at the pole. Few, if any, letters from detractors are to be found among the papers. Lecture appearances and the publication of a memoir, *My Attainment of the Pole* (1911), helped to sustain the public's interest in the controversy while, for the rest of his life, Cook collected affidavits and sought hearings before various official and scientific bodies in an effort to clear his name. He also filed suit (*Cook v. Mirsky*) against the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and the authors and publishers of *To the North* and *How Peary Reached the Pole* in response to published statements disparaging his accomplishments.

There is little documentation of the period immediately following Cook's 1915-1916 round-the-world tour. He engaged in geological exploration in Wyoming and Texas, founded an oil company, and was subsequently indicted for mail fraud in connection with his promotion of the company. Information about Cook's activities is mostly to be found among his legal and financial papers, particularly in transcripts of testimony given in *United States v. Cook* (1923).

Conversely, the period of Cook's incarceration in Leavenworth Prison is relatively well documented. He edited the *Leavenworth New Era* (later named *New Era*), a prison publication, writing many short pieces which he reworked in later compositions. Cook's [writings](#) include both discursive memoirs ("Hell is a Cold Place") and more straightforward narratives of his polar experiences; proposals for the economic exploitation of polar regions; ethnographic studies of the native peoples of Africa, Greenland, Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego; medical theories on diet and nutrition, the effects of cold, and the treatment of drug addiction; and essays on prison reform. Finally, the collection includes Cook's annotated copies of his own published works and assorted other books relating to the polar controversy.

[Helen Cook Vetter](#) gained custody of her father's papers upon his death, resulting in the intermingling of a few of her papers with his. These items include letters of condolence received upon Cook's death and Vetter's later correspondence with her father's associates, especially Lilian E. Kiel. In addition, Vetter marked texts and made additional notes for subject files pertaining to her own study of her father's life and career.

Correspondents include: Roald Amundsen, James Gordon Bennett of the New York *Herald*, J. E. Bernier, Stanley Boriss, Cyril Clemens, Marie Fidell Hunt Cook, Samuel J. Entrikin, Anthony Fiala, Rudolph Franke, Alfred S. Franklin, Andrew A. Freeman, John W. Goodsell, Ruth Hunt Cook Hamilton, T. Everett Harré, J. Gordon Hayes, Lilian E. Kie, Milton M. Lory, William E. Mears, Adah Murphy, Eugene A. Murphy, Russell T. Neville, Otto Nordenskjold, Ben L. Reitman, S. M. Riis, Ernest Christian Rost, John W. Ruskin, Winfield Scott Schley, Ralph Shainwald-von Ahlefeldt, William E. Shea, F. P. Thompson, Harry Whitney, and Henry Wellington Wack.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

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## Description of Series

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### *Series*

#### **Diaries, 1893-1930**

Records of data and general observations pertaining to various expeditions; lists of supplies; and outlines and/or drafts for subsequent writings.  
Arranged chronologically.

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#### **Correspondence, 1891-1940**

Predominantly letters received.  
Arranged chronologically.

BOX 6-19  
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#### **Writings, 1891-1953**

Manuscript and typescript drafts and printed copies of books and essays; association books (published works by Cook and others, annotated by Cook); and film and radio scripts.  
Arranged by type of writing and alphabetically therein by title.

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#### **Miscellany, 1889-1944**

Address lists, genealogical notes, legal and financial papers, maps, polar calculations and ephemerides, press clippings, printed ephemera, and subject files.  
Grouped by subseries and arranged alphabetically.

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#### **Helen Cook Vetter File, 1910-1977**

Letters received, clippings, and research notes pertaining to Frederick A. Cook, the North Pole controversy, and related literature.  
Letters arranged chronologically; clippings and notes arranged alphabetically.

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#### **Oversize, 1881-1914**

Diplomas, certificates, and a poster advertising *My Attainment of the Pole*.  
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<b>BOX 2-5</b> <b>REEL 2-5</b>	<b>Correspondence, 1891-1940</b>  Predominantly letters received. Arranged chronologically.
<b>BOX 2</b> <b>REEL 2</b>	1891-1894  1894 1902-1908 1909 A-M (8 folders)
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## Correspondence, 1891-1940

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1937-1940, undated  
(5 folders)

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### Writings, 1891-1953

Manuscript and typescript drafts and printed copies of books and essays; association books (published works by Cook and others, annotated by Cook); and film and radio scripts. Arranged by type of writing and alphabetically therein by title.

BOX 6  
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Article file

"Advertising--Man Versus Nature," undated  
"Africana," 1927-1931  
"The Afterglow (Indians of Central New York)," 1927  
"America's Unconquered Mountain," 1904  
"Amphibian Progenitors of Man (Wild Men and Wild Women)," undated  
*The Apartment Owner*, 1931-1933  
"The Arctic Regions as a Summer Resort," 1894  
"The Ark," 1931  
Autobiographical notes, undated  
"Brim of the Unknown," undated  
"Cellular Therapy," 1930  
"Century Club," 1930  
"The Coldest Spot on Earth," 1933  
"The Conquest of Mount McKinley," 1907  
"Conspiracy & Plot," 1939  
"Crime is a State of Mind," undated  
"The Eclipse of 1909 at Upernavik," undated  
"Edge of the Beyond," 1929  
"Edge of the Unknown," undated  
"Experiences with a Camera in the Antarctic," 1938  
"Factors in the Destruction of Primitive Man," 1904  
"Feeling Perception," 1929  
"Frontiers of a New Horizon," 1925-1930

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(3 folders)  
Greenland Expedition, 1891-1892  
"The Greenlanders," 1895  
"The Half was Never Told--Polar Delusion," 1930  
"Hell is a Cold Place," undated

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(1 folder)  
(3 folders)  
"In the Penguin World," 1929  
"The Indomitable Pathfinder, Amundsen," undated  
"Influence of Cold," 1925-1929  
*Leavenworth New Era* *See New Era*

## Writings, 1891-1953

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	"Man--The Poor Fish," 1928
	"Medical Observations Among the Esquimaux," 1894
	"Memoirs of Polar Adventure," undated
	"The Most Northern Tribe on Earth," 1893
	<i>New Era</i> , 1925-1930 (articles organized by title)
	A-H
	(8 folders)
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	(12 folders)
	Untitled
	(2 folders)
BOX 11	(1 folder)
REEL 11	
	"The North Pole at Last," 1909
	"On the Mystery of Andr�e's Death," 1930
	"Opianna," 1927-1931
	(2 folders)
	"Other Worlds to Conquer," 1925-1930
	(2 folders)
	"Out of the Jungle," undated
	(2 folders)
BOX 12	(1 folder)
REEL 12	
	"Outward Extension of the Mind," undated
	"Peeps into the Beyond," undated
	(3 folders)
	"The People of the Farthest North," 1902
	"Pigmiana," undated
	"Plans for Dr. Cook's Proposed Antarctic Expedition and Story of the Eskimos and Dogs,"
	circa 1894
	"Post-thumous," 1935
	"Present Status," circa 1932-1934
BOX 13	"Primitive Intellectuals," undated
REEL 13	
	"The Prince of Liars," 1925
	"Retrospect of the Polar Controversy," 1935
	<i>Return from the Pole</i> ("At the End of North"), 1930-1935; 1950
	(3 folders)
	"Ripley's Believe it or Not," 1935
	"Round Mt. McKinley," 1904
	"Some Physical Effects of Arctic Cold, Darkness, and Light," 1897
	"Tahkoo: Wild People and Wild Animals," undated
	"Test of Fidelity in an Explorer's Work," 1936
	"The War of the Ice World," 1916
BOX 14	"With Wild Man of Farthest North," undated
REEL 14	

	Untitled, undated (4 folders)
	Association books
	Cook, Frederick A.
	<i>Through the First Antarctic Night, 1898-1899</i> (New York: Doubleday & McClure Co., 1900. xxiv, 478 pp.)
BOX 15	<i>To the Top of the Continent</i> (New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1908. xxi, 321 pp.) (3
REEL 15	copies)
BOX 16	<i>My Attainment of the Pole</i> (New York: The Polar Publishing Co., 1911. xx, 640 pp.)
REEL 16	
	(2 copies)
BOX 17	(1 copy
REEL 17-18	
	<i>My Attainment of the Pole</i> (Press Edition. New York and London: Mitchell Kennerley, 1913. xx, 610 pp.) (4 copies)
BOX 18	<i>Return from the Pole</i> (London: Burke, 1953. 254 pp.)
REEL 19	
	<i>Wo Norden Süden Ist</i> (Hamburg: Hoffman und Campe Verlag, 1953. 268 pp.)
	Hayes, J. Gordon. <i>Robert Edwin Peary: A Record of His Explorations, 1886-1909</i> (London: Grant Richards & Humphrey Toulmin, 1929. xv, 299 pp.)
	Henson, Matthew A. <i>A Negro Explorer at the North Pole</i> (New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co., 1912. xx, 200 pp.)
	Hobbs, William Herbert. <i>Peary</i> (New York: Macmillan, 1936. xv, 502 pp.)
	<i>The Individualist</i> [Vol. 27], January 1931.
	Levin, W. Henry. <i>The Great North Pole Fraud</i> (London: The C. W. Daniel Co., Ltd., 1935. vii, 192 pp.)
BOX 19	Morris, Charles, ed. <i>Finding the North Pole</i> ([Philadelphia]: W. E. Scull, 1909. xii, 448 pp.)
REEL 20	
	Scripts
	"Battling Round the World in War Time," circa 1915-1916 (2 folders)
	Radio, 1936-1940, undated
	Speeches, 1909-1936, undated
BOX 19-21	<b>Miscellany, 1889-1944</b>
REEL 20-22	
	Address lists, genealogical notes, legal and financial papers, maps, polar calculations and ephemerides, press clippings, printed ephemera, and subject files. Grouped by subseries and arranged alphabetically.
BOX 19	Address books and lists, undated
REEL 20	
	(3 folders)
BOX 20	Affidavits
REEL 21	
	Franke, Rudolph, 1935
	Harré, T. Everett, 1944
	Kiel, Lilian E., 1910-1912
	Badge, Motor Racing Association, 15-16 Oct. 1909

## Miscellany, 1889-1944

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Clippings, 1889, 1893-1940, undated  
(3 folders)  
Diplomas and certificates [\*See Oversize\*](#)  
*Explorers Club Yearbook*, 1906  
Genealogical notes, undated  
Legal and financial papers  
*Cook v. Mirsky*, 1935-1938  
Divorce decree, 1923  
Estate papers, 1937-1940  
Orient Film Co., 1915  
Petroleum Producers' Association, 1920-1923  
Publication contract, "Peeps into the Beyond," 1936  
Receipted bills, 1932-1940  
Trial transcripts, *United States v. Cook*, 1923  
(1 folder)  
(2 folders)

BOX 21

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Warrant of pardon, 1940  
Maps  
Bartholomew, J. G., *Physical Chart of North Polar Regions*, 1897  
Geographical Survey of Canada, *Geological Map of the Northeastern Part of the Dominion of Canada to Illustrate the Report on the Cruise of the D. G. S. Neptune to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Islands*, 1906  
Servoss, R. D., [North Polar Regions, 1906]  
Sketch showing magnetic and geographic north poles, [1908]  
National Geographic Society, *North America*, 1924  
Polar calculations and ephemerides  
Almanacs and ephemerides, 1908  
Reductions of sextant data  
30 Mar. 1908  
8 Apr. 1908  
14 Apr. 1908  
21 Apr. 1908  
Seven polar reductions, 21 Apr. 1908  
Copy of note in tube, 21 Apr. 1908  
Range of vision from an altitude, undated  
Printed matter  
Miscellany, 1902-1939, undated  
(3 folders)  
Advertising poster, *My Attainment of the Pole*, 1911 [\*See Oversize\*](#)  
Silhouette portraits, 1932

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Correspondence, 1940-1977  
  
(6 folders)  
Subject file  
Cook, Frederick A.  
    "Hell is a Cold Place," undated  
    *My Attainment of the Pole*, undated  
    "Present Status," undated  
    *Return from the Pole*, 1951  
    *To the Top of the Continent*, undated  
    Miscellany, circa 1934-1950, undated

(3 folders)

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*Cook v. Mirsky*, undated  
  
Fiala, Anthony, undated  
Franke, Rudolph, undated  
Harré, T. Everett, undated  
Hayes, J. Gordon, *Robert Edwin Peary*, undated  
Henson, Matthew A., *A Negro Explorer at the North Pole*, undated  
Hobbs, William Herbert, *Peary*, undated  
Kiel, Lilian E., undated  
Lecture notes, undated  
Lewin, W. Henry, *The Great North Pole Fraud*, undated  
Miscellany, undated  
Morris, Charles, ed., *Finding the North Pole*, undated  
Mount McKinley, Alaska, undated  
Peary, Robert E.  
    General, undated  
    Holograph letters, 1910-1911  
    United States Senate, Committee on Constitutional Rights, 1955

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### Oversize, 1881-1914

Diplomas, certificates, and a poster advertising *My Attainment of the Pole*.  
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### Miscellany

Diplomas and certificates (Container 20)  
    American Ethnological Society, election to resident membership, 1893  
    Board of Education of the City of Brooklyn, N.Y., P.S. 37, For faithfulness and proficiency as a pupil, 1881  
    Chevalier de l'Ordre de Léopold, decoration civile, 1899  
    City of New York, Freedom of the City, New York, N.Y., 1909 [transcription]  
    Det Kongelige Danske Geografiske Selskab . . . Guldmedaile, 1909  
    Exposition Coloniale Nationale, Marseilles, diplôme commémoratif, 1906  
    New York University, University Medical College, New York, N.Y., 1891 [1931]

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Nord Cincinnati Turn-Verein, diploma, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1909  
Société Royale Belge de Géographie, diplôme de médaille d'argent, 1899  
United Danish Societies of Greater New York, 1909  
[University of Copenhagen], Copenhagen, Denmark, summos in philosophia honores,  
1909  
University of the City of New York, Medical Department, New York, N.Y.  
Laboratory of chemistry, laboratory student in urinalysis, 1890  
Laboratory of materia medica, 1890  
Operative surgery, 1889  
Private instruction in physical diagnosis by Charles Elihu Quimby, M.D., 1890  
Westminster Kennel Club, New York, N.Y., exhibition of Eskimo dogs, 1894 (3 items)  
Zetetic Society of Massachusetts, 1914  
Printed matter (Container 21)  
Advertising poster, *My Attainment of the Pole*, 1911