Frederick Albert Cook
A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

Prepared by Karen Stuart

Manuscript Division, Library of Congress

Washington, D.C.

1991
Contact information: http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/mss/address.html

Finding aid encoded by Library of Congress
Manuscript Division, 2001
Finding aid URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms001011
Latest revision: 2004-09-17
Collection Summary
Title: Papers of Frederick Albert Cook
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
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: 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.

Names:
Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940
Amundsen, Roald, 1872-1928
Bennett, James Gordon, 1841-1918
Bernier, J. E., 1852-1934
Boriss, Stanley
Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917
Clemens, Cyril, 1902-
Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940--Trials, litigation, etc.
Cook, Marie Fidell Hunt
Entrikin, Samuel J.
Fiala, Anthony, 1869-1950
Franke, Rudolph
Franklin, Alfred S.
Freeman, Andrew A., 1900-
Goodsell, John W., 1873-1949
Hamilton, Ruth Hunt Cook
Harré, T. Everett (Thomas Everett), 1884-1948
Hayes, J. Gordon (James Gordon), 1877-1936
Henson, Matthew Alexander, 1866-1955
Kiel, Lilian E.
Levin, Hugo
Lory, Milton M.
Mears, William E.
Murphy, Adah
Murphy, Eugene A.
Neville, Russell T.
Nordenskjöld, Otto, 1869-1928
Peary, Robert E. (Robert Edwin), 1856-1920
Reitman, Ben L. (Ben Lewis), 1879-1942
Riis, S. M. (Sergius Martin), b. 1883
Rost, Ernest Christian, 1867-1940
Ruskin, John W.
Schley, Winfield Scott, 1839-1909
Shainwald-von Ahlefeldt, Ralph
Shea, William E.
Thompson, F. P. (Frank P.)
Wack, Henry Wellington, 1869-1954
Whitney, Harry, 1873-1936
Vetter, Helen Cook. Papers
Petroleum Producers' Association
United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas--Periodicals

Subjects:
Leavenworth new era
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
Antarctica--Discovery and exploration
Arctic regions--Discovery and exploration
McKinley, Mount (Alaska)--Discovery and exploration
North Pole--Discovery and exploration

Occupations:
Authors
Explorers
Physicians

Administrative Information

Provenance:
The papers of Frederick Albert Cook (1865-1940), physician and polar explorer, 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:

Transfers:
Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs haven 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.).
Restrictions:
Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions.

Microfilm:
A microfilm edition of these papers is available on twenty-five reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1865, June 10</td>
<td>Born, Hortonville, Sullivan County, N.Y.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1885-1886</td>
<td>Student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, N.Y.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1889</td>
<td>Married Libby Forbes (died 1890)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1890</td>
<td>Graduated (M.D.) University Medical College, New York, N.Y.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1891-1892</td>
<td>Surgeon and ethnologist, North Greenland expedition led by Robert E. Peary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1893</td>
<td>Led Greenland expedition aboard the <em>Zeta</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1897-1899</td>
<td>Surgeon and ethnologist, Belgian Antarctic expedition led by Adrien de Gerlache, aboard the <em>Belgica</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1900</td>
<td>Published <em>Through the First Antarctic Night</em> (New York: Doubleday &amp; McClure Co. xxiv, 478 pp.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1901</td>
<td>Surgeon, Robert E. Peary's Greenland expedition aboard the <em>Erik</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1902</td>
<td>Married Marie Fidel Hunt (divorced 1923)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1906</td>
<td>Claimed attainment of the summit of Mount McKinley, Alaska</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1907, July 3</td>
<td>Sailed from Gloucester, Mass., for Greenland aboard the <em>John R. Bradley</em> in preparation for polar expedition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1908</td>
<td>Published <em>To the Top of the Continent</em> (New York: Doubleday, Page &amp; Co. xxi, 321 pp.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1908, Apr. 21</td>
<td>Claimed discovery of the North Pole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1909, Sept. 1</td>
<td>Telegram from Lerwick, Shetland Islands, announcing Cook's claim</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1909, Sept. 6</td>
<td>Robert E. Peary's counterclaim message received</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1911</td>
<td>Published <em>My Attainment of the Pole</em> (New York: Polar Publishing Co. xx, 640 pp.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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


1940, Aug. 5  Died, New Rochelle, N.Y.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Frederick Albert Cook Papers 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. Entikin, 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.


Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

- Diaries, 1893-1930
- Correspondence, 1891-1940, n.d.
- Writings, 1891-1953, n.d.
- Miscellany, 1889-1944, n.d.
- Oversize, 1881-1914
## Description of Series

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Series</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BOX 1</td>
<td><strong>Diaries, 1893-1930</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 1</td>
<td>Records of data and general observations pertaining to various expeditions; lists of supplies; and outlines and/or drafts for subsequent writings. Arranged chronologically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 2-5</td>
<td><strong>Correspondence, 1891-1940, n.d.</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 2-5</td>
<td>Predominantly letters received. Arranged chronologically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 6-19</td>
<td><strong>Writings, 1891-1953, n.d.</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 6-20</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 19-21</td>
<td><strong>Miscellany, 1889-1944, n.d.</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 20-22</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 22-23</td>
<td><strong>Helen Cook Vetter File, 1940-1977, n.d.</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 23-25</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX OV 1-2</td>
<td><strong>Oversize, 1881-1914</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 25</td>
<td>Diplomas, certificates, and a poster advertising <em>My Attainment of the Pole</em>. Organized and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Container List

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BOX 1</td>
<td><strong>Diaries, 1893-1930</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 1</td>
<td>Records of data and general observations pertaining to various expeditions; lists of supplies; and outlines and/or drafts for subsequent writings. Arranged chronologically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 1</td>
<td>19 Aug.-4 Oct. 1893</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 1</td>
<td>17 July-20 Sept. 1906</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15 Oct.-11 Dec. 1907</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>25 May [1907]-1909</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3 July 1907-17 Feb. 1908</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>19 Feb. 1908-4 Sept. 1909</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>17 Aug. 1908-17 June 1909</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 Sept. 1908-18 June 1909</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ca. 1908-1909]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8 June-12 Dec. 1915</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9 Mar.-5 Aug. 1930</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 2-5</td>
<td><strong>Correspondence, 1891-1940, n.d.</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 2-5</td>
<td>Predominantly letters received. Arranged chronologically.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 2</td>
<td>1891-1894</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 2</td>
<td>1894</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1902-1908</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1909</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A-M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(8 folders)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 3</td>
<td>N-Z</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 3</td>
<td>(5 folders)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1910-1916</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1921-1929</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(4 folders)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 4</td>
<td>1930-1935</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 4</td>
<td>(6 folders)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1936</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(1 folder)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOX 5</td>
<td>(1 folder)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
# Correspondence, 1891-1940, n.d.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BOX 6-19</td>
<td>Writings, 1891-1953, n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REEL 6-20</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BOX 6</th>
<th>Article file</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Africana,&quot; 1927-1931</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Afterglow (Indians of Central New York),&quot; 1927</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;America's Unconquered Mountain,&quot; 1904</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Amphibian Progenitors of Man (Wild Men and Wild Women),&quot; n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>The Apartment Owner</em>, 1931-1933</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Arctic Regions as a Summer Resort,&quot; 1894</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Ark,&quot; 1931</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Autobiographical notes, n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Brim of the Unknown,&quot; n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Cellular Therapy,&quot; 1930</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Century Club,&quot; 1930</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Coldest Spot on Earth,&quot; 1933</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Conquest of Mount McKinley,&quot; 1907</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Conspiracy &amp; Plot,&quot; 1939</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Crime is a State of Mind,&quot; n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Edge of the Beyond,&quot; 1929</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Edge of the Unknown,&quot; n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Experiences with a Camera in the Antarctic,&quot; 1938</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Factors in the Destruction of Primitive Man,&quot; 1904</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Feeling Perception,&quot; 1929</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Frontiers of a New Horizon,&quot; 1925-1930</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BOX 7</th>
<th>(3 folders)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>REEL 7</td>
<td>Greenland Expedition, 1891-1892</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Greenlanders,&quot; 1895</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;The Half was Never Told--Polar Delusion,&quot; 1930</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Hell is a Cold Place,&quot; n.d.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(1 folder)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BOX 8</th>
<th>(3 folders)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>REEL 8</td>
<td>&quot;In the Penguin World,&quot; 1929</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| BOX 9  | "The Indomitable Pathfinder, Amundsen," n.d. |
|--------| "Influence of Cold," 1925-1929 |

*Leavenworth New Era* [See New Era]
"Man--The Poor Fish," 1928
"Medical Observations Among the Esquimaux," 1894
"The Most Northern Tribe on Earth," 1893
*New Era*, 1925-1930 (articles organized by title)
  A-H
  (8 folders)
  I-Z
  (12 folders)
  Untitled
  (2 folders)
"The North Pole at Last," 1909
"On the Mystery of Andrée's Death," 1930
"Opianna," 1927-1931
  (2 folders)
"Other Worlds to Conquer," 1925-1930
  (2 folders)
"Out of the Jungle," n.d.
  (2 folders)
"Outward Extension of the Mind," n.d.
"Peeps into the Beyond," n.d.
  (3 folders)
"The People of the Farthest North," 1902
"Pigmiana," n.d.
"Plans for Dr. Cook's Proposed Antarctic Expedition and Story of the Eskimos and Dogs," ca. 1894
"Post-thumous," 1935
"Present Status," ca. 1932-1934
"Primitive Intellectuals," n.d.
"The Prince of Liars," 1925
"Retrospect of the Polar Controversy," 1935
*Return from the Pole* ("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
"Test of Fidelity in an Explorer's Work," 1936
"The War of the Ice World." 1916
"With Wild Man of Farthest North," n.d.
Writings, 1891-1953, n.d.

Container    Contents

Untitled, n.d.
(4 folders)

Association books
Cook, Frederick A.
*Through the First Antarctic Night, 1898-1899* (New York: Doubleday & McClure Co., 1900. xxiv, 478 pp.)

**BOX 15**

**REEL 15**

*To the Top of the Continent* (New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1908. xxi, 321 pp.) (3 copies)

**BOX 16**

**REEL 16**


**BOX 17**

**REEL 17-18**


**BOX 18**

*Return from the Pole* (London: Burke, 1953. 254 pp.)

**BOX 19**

**REEL 20**

*Wo Norden Süden Ist* (Hamburg: Hoffman und Campe Verlag, 1953. 268 pp.)


Henson, Matthew A. *A Negro Explorer at the North Pole* (New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co., 1912. xx, 200 pp.)


*The Individualist* [Vol. 27], January 1931.


Morris, Charles, ed. *Finding the North Pole* ([Philadelphia]: W. E. Scull, 1909. xii, 448 pp.)

**BOX 19**

**REEL 20**

 Scripts
"Battling Round the World in War Time," ca. 1915-1916
(2 folders)

Radio, 1936-1940, n.d.

Speeches, 1909-1936, n.d.

**BOX 19-21**

**REEL 20-22**

Miscellany, 1889-1944, n.d.

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**

**REEL 20**

Address books and lists, n.d.

(3 folders)

**BOX 20**

**REEL 21**

Affidavits
Franke, Rudolph, 1935
Harré, T. Everett, 1944
Kiel, Lilian E., 1910-1912
Badge, Motor Racing Association, 15-16 Oct. 1909
Clippings, 1889, 1893-1940, n.d.  
(3 folders)
Diplomas and certificates  See Oversize  
*Explorers Club Yearbook*, 1906  
Genealogical notes, n.d.  
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**
REEL 22

Warrant of pardon, 1940  
Maps  
Bartholomew, J. G., *Physical Chart of North Polar Regions*, 1897  
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, n.d.  
Printed matter  
Miscellany, 1902-1939, n.d.  
(3 folders)  
Advertising poster, *My Attainment of the Pole*, 1911  See Oversize  
Silhouette portraits, 1932

**BOX 22-23**
REEL 23-25

**Helen Cook Vetter File, 1940-1977, n.d.**

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**BOX 22**

**REEL 23-24**

Correspondence, 1940-1977

(6 folders)

Subject file

Cook, Frederick A.

"Hell is a Cold Place," n.d.

_My Attainment of the Pole_, n.d.

"Present Status," n.d.

_Return from the Pole_, 1951

_To the Top of the Continent_, n.d.

Miscellany, ca. 1934-1950, n.d.

(3 folders)

**BOX 23**

**REEL 25**

_Cook v. Mirsky_, n.d.

Fiala, Anthony, n.d.

Franke, Rudolph, n.d.

Harré, T. Everett, n.d.


Henson, Matthew A., _A Negro Explorer at the North Pole_, n.d.

Hobbs, William Herbert, _Peary_, n.d.

Kiel, Lilian E.

Lecture notes, n.d.

Lewin, W. Henry, _The Great North Pole Fraud_, n.d.

Miscellany, n.d.


Mount McKinley, Alaska, n.d.

Peary, Robert E.

General, n.d.

Holograph letters, 1910-1911

United States Senate, Committee on Constitutional Rights, 1955

**BOX OV 1-2**

**REEL 25**

Oversize, 1881-1914

Diplomas, certificates, and a poster advertising _My Attainment of the Pole_.

Organized and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

**BOX OV 1**

**REEL 25**

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]
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

BOX OV 2
REEL 25

Printed matter (Container 21)

Advertising poster, My Attainment of the Pole, 1911