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and Criminal Cases
of Clarence V.T.
Richeson, Leon F.
Czolgosz, and Bertram
G. Spencer 1910-1938



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract	Material compiled by Dr. L. Vernon Briggs, Director of the Massachusetts Department for Mental Hygiene, regarding the criminal trials and mental competence of the three convicted murderers who were the subject of his book <i>The Manner of Man that Kills: Spencer-Czolgosz-Richeson</i> (1921).

Information on Use

Access

Open for research. No restrictions.

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Scope Note

The collection contains material compiled by Dr. L. Vernon Briggs, Director of the Massachusetts Department for Mental Hygiene, regarding the criminal trials and mental competence of the three convicted murderers who were the subject of his book *The Manner of Man that Kills: Spencer-Czolgosz-Richeson* (1921). Volume I contains affidavits, clippings, correspondence and other documents regarding Leon Czolgosz, assassin of President William McKinley, and Clarence Richeson, executed for the 1911 murder of Avis Willard Linnell. Volume II documents Briggs' assessment of Bertram C. Spencer, convicted of killing Martha B. Blackstone in Springfield, Massachusetts. The collection also contains photographs and glass plate negative images of Richeson, two letters from Emma Goldman about her connections to

Leon Czolgosz, and a letter from Briggs regarding the donation of the collection to the John Crerar Library.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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Subject Headings

- Briggs, L. Vernon (Lloyd Vernon), 1863-1941
- Czolgosz, Leon F., 1873?-1901
- Goldman, Emma, 1869-1940
- McKinley, William, 1843-1901 -- Assassination
- Richeson, Clarence Virgil Thompson, 1876-1912
- Spencer, Bertram Gager, 1881-1912
- Insanity -- Jurisprudence
- Violent offenders
- Mentally ill offenders
- Glass negatives
- Scrapbooks

INVENTORY

Volume 1

Scrapbook

Volume 2

Scrapbook

Box 1

Clarence Richeson, photographs, circa 1911

Box 2

Correspondence, 1937-1938