Guide to the Donald J. Dewey Collection of Frank Knight 1905-1988
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Descriptive Summary

Identifier  ICU.SPCL.DEWEYDJ
Title  Dewey, Donald J. Collection of Frank Knight
Date  1905-1988
Size  0.5 linear feet (1 box)
Repository  Special Collections Research Center
            University of Chicago Library
            1100 East 57th Street
            Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract  Donald J. Dewey (1923-2002) was a professor of economics at Duke University and Columbia University. He earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Chicago in 1943. The materials in this collection were gathered by Dewey in preparation for an article he wrote on economist Frank H. Knight: "Frank Knight before Cornell: some light on the dark years," Research in the History of Economic Thought & Methodology 8 (1990): 1-38.

Information on Use
Access  The collection is open for research.

Citation  When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Dewey, Donald J. Collection of Frank Knight, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note  Donald J. Dewey was born in Solon, Ohio in 1922. He earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Chicago in 1943 and a master’s degree from the University of Iowa in 1947. He attended the London School of Economics from 1948 to 1949, and taught at Duke University from 1950 to 1959. From there, Dewey went on to teach economics at Columbia University from 1960 to 1992, chairing the department from 1973 to 1976. He was best known for his work on industrial organization, publishing more than 30 articles and 70 book reviews throughout his career. Dewey died on March 5, 2002 in Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York.

Frank Hyneman Knight (1885-1972) was an economist, professor, social philosopher, and author.
Scope Note

The materials in this collection were gathered by Dewey J. Dewey in preparation for an article he wrote on economist Frank H. Knight: "Frank Knight before Cornell: some light on the dark years," Research in the History of Economic Thought & Methodology 8 (1990): 1-38. The collection contains some of Dewey’s personal correspondence concerning the project. The bulk of the collection is made up of Dewey’s research material, mainly photocopied correspondence and ephemera belonging to Frank Knight and other members of the Knight family. Materials date from the late 1980s. Dewey photocopied archival materials dating from approximately 1905 to 1951.

Related Resources

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

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Knight, Frank Hyneman. Papers

Subject Headings

• Knight, Frank H. (Frank Hyneman), 1885-1972
• Dewey, Donald
• Economics
• Economic history
• Economists - 20th century

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
Correspondence - Dewey, 1985-1988 and undated

Box 1
Folder 2
Research material - Photocopied correspondence, ephemera, and photographs from Laura Safir, 1907-1986

Box 1
Folder 3
Research material - Photocopied correspondence - Melvin M. Knight, 1917-1927

Box 1
Folder 4
Research material - Photocopied correspondence - Frank H. Knight and Frederick D. Kershner, 1919-1951

Box 1
Folder 5
Notes and research material, undated

Box 1
Folder 6
Photographs - Reproductions, circa 1905-1913