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Guide to the Albert Sherer Papers 1905-1906, 1934



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.SHERERA
Title	Sherer, Albert. Papers
Date	1905-1906, 1934
Size	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract Albert Sherer (1884-1973) was a senior student at the University of Chicago who was shot near campus in 1905. The collection contains a letter from University President William Rainey Harper to Sherer, Sherer's police reports, newspaper accounts, a record of the 1934 University of Chicago's Board of Trustees, and the bullets that were extracted from Mr. Sherer.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Sherer, Albert. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Albert W. Sherer (1884?-1973) was a student at the University of Chicago. In 1905, he was attacked on 47th Street and Drexel Avenue as he was heading home after a circus event. Despite initial concern he would die from his wounds, Sherer recovered, and his attackers were eventually captured by the police. After graduation, Sherer would go on to be a member of the University's Board of Trustees in 1922. He would remain a member until his death in 1973, whilst serving on other committees and organizations throughout the Chicago area. Throughout his lifetime he worked in advertising and publishing, becoming the manager of Cutis Publishing Company in 1924, the Vice President and Director of Lord & Thomas & Logan Advertising in 1928, and eventually becoming the Advertising Manager and Vice President of the National Biscuit Company, later merging with McCann Erickson, Inc. in 1944.

Mr. Sherer died in Chicago, December 22, 1973.

Scope Note

The Albert Sherer Papers contain a letter written to Sherer by University President William Rainey Harper, a handwritten and typed 1906 account by Sherer of the shooting, original and photocopied newspaper clippings about the shooting, and the bullets with which Sherer was shot.

Related Resources

Browse finding aids by topic.

Subject Headings

- Sherer, Albert, b. 1884.
- University of Chicago -- Students
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INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

University documents, 1905, 1934

- William Rainey Harper, University of Chicago to Albert Sherer, Chicago Hospital, TLS, 1 p. and envelope, May 9, 1905.
- University of Chicago Board of Trustees, list of names and addresses including Sherer, July 23, 1934.

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Folder 2

Albert Sherer, narrative describing events leading up to arrest of Willie Ziek in order to establish who deserved the \$1000 reward offered in solving the case, typescript and signed handwritten texts, January 15, 1906.

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Newspaper stories regarding Sherer's shooting (mostly photocopies), circa 1905

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Folder 4

Two bullets shot into Albert Sherer on April 22, 1905