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Guide to the Thorstein Veblen Papers 1895-1930



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.VEBLEN
Title	Veblen, Thorstein. Papers
Date	1895-1930
Size	.2 linear ft. (2 folders)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Thorstein Veblen, economist, writer, teacher. The Thorstein Veblen Papers consist primarily of personal correspondence. The collection also includes an off-print of the article, "Some Neglected Points in the Theory of Socialism," and notes titled "Spencer's Principles of Sociology (manuscript and typescript).

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

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Biographical Note

Thorstein Veblen was born in Cato, Wisconsin. He received an A.B. from Carleton College (1880), and a Ph.D. from Yale University (1884). Veblen was a fellow at Cornell University (1891-1892), and at the University of Chicago (1892-1893).

Veblen remained at the University of Chicago as a reader in political economy (1893-1894). He became associate professor at the University (1894-1896), instructor (1896-1900), and assistant professor (1900-1906). From 1906 to 1909, Veblen was associate professor of economics at Stanford University. Upon leaving Stanford, he worked as a lecturer in economics at the University of Missouri (1911-1918). He co-founded the New School for Social Research in 1919, lecturing there until 1926. Veblen also served as the managing editor for the *Journal of Political Economy* from 1896 to 1905.

Veblen published many books, of which the best known is *The Theory of the Leisure Class: An Economic Study in the Evolution of Institutions* (1899). The book did not become highly regarded among academics until after Veblen's death. Some of Veblen's other published works include: *The Instinct of Workmanship and the State of the Industrial Arts* (1914), *Imperial Germany and the Industrial Revolution* (1915), and *An Inquiry Into the Nature of Peace and the Terms of Its Perpetuation* (1917). Several collections of Veblen's work were published posthumously, including: *Essays in Our Changing Order* (1934), and *What Veblen Taught: Selected Writings of Thorstein Veblen* (1936). Veblen is also the subject of many books.

Thorstein Veblen died in 1929.

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Related Resources

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

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Subject Headings

- Veblen, Thorstein, 1857-1929
- Economic-United States-History
- Sociology-United States-History
- United States-Social Conditions

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Correspondence, 1895-1930

Box 1

Folder 2

Article and Notes n.d.

- Off-print, "Some Neglected Points in the Theory of Socialism"
- Notes, "Spencer's Principles of Sociology"