



Guide to the Seymour Mauskopf Papers, 1930-1993

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Summary

Collection Title:

Seymour Mauskopf papers, 1930-1993

Creator:

Mauskopf, Seymour H.

Abstract:

Duke University Professor of History. Materials and recordings used in preparation for Mauskopf's book, *The Elusive Science*, and other research on the history of parapsychology and psychical research. Also includes articles by Mauskopf and other historians, scientists, and psychologists.

Extent:

10 Linear Feet
4408 Items

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.00859

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Background

Scope and Content

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the council minutes of the Society for Psychical Research; and there is also a reel-to-reel tape of an interview with Mrs. K.M. Goldney.

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Biographical/Historical

Seymour Mauskopf is a professor emeritus of history at Duke University. He earned an AB from Cornell in 1960 and a PhD from Princeton University in 1966. His research interests include intellectual history, particularly the history of science, ranging from chemistry and the allied sciences in the 18th and 19th centuries to the history of parapsychology and marginal sciences.

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Acquisition Information

The Seymour Mauskopf Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 2005-2012.

Processing Information

Processed by Meghan Lyon, June 2012

Encoded by Meghan Lyon, June 2012

Updated for [2012] accession by Alice Poffinberger, February 2014

Accession(s) described in this finding aid: 2005-0071, 2011-0193, [2012]

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Names and Subjects

- Parapsychology -- Research -- History
- Audiovisual materials
- Mauskopf, Seymour H. -- Elusive Science
- Skinner, B.E. (Burrhus Frederic), 1904-1990
- Rhine, J. B. (Joseph Banks), 1895-1980
- Rhine, Louisa E., 1891-1983
- Murphy, Gardner, 1895-1979
- Pratt, J. Gaither (Joseph Gaither), 1910-1979
- Mauskopf, Seymour H.
- McVaugh, M.R. (Michael Rogers), 1938-

Collection Inventory

Original Accession, 1972-1985

Physical Description: 5 boxes

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Access Restrictions:

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Audio recordings

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William Bevan, 1977-12-23

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Research Materials

Interview notes: J.B. Rhine, Thouless, Murphy, etc.	Box 1
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Primary research photocopies	Box 1
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American Society for Psychical Research notes	Box 1
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Application for History of Parapsychology grants, 1970s	Box 1
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