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McElroy  
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Accession # \*83 M 4 Location 6  
Title <sup>McN.</sup> Robert M. McElroy. Papers  
Approximate inclusive dates ca.1930s  
Date of receipt Nov., 1937 & Feb. 1938 Received from Robert McNutt McElroy  
Volume on arrival 1 box (?); 1 pkg.  
Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 RCs  
Condition very good with exception of galley proofs that seem to be **en** relatively brittle (acidic) paper  
Restrictions None

Description Robert McNutt McElroy was born on December 28, 1872 to William Thomas Eliza Casseday McElroy in Perryville, Kentucky. He studied at the universities of Leipzig and Berlin, Oxford University and St. John's University, Shanghai, China. He served as an instructor of history, asst. professor of history and professor of history at Princeton from 1898 to 1916. He was the first American exchange professor to China, lecturing on government and education from 1916 to 1917. During the 1920s and 1930s McElroy taught at various universities in Great Britain, including Oxford (1925-1938 & ff.), Cambridge, Edinburgh, Bristol, Manchester and Leeds. In 1932 he returned to the United States to give the Centennial Address at New York University. Publications in the field of history include Kentucky in the Nation's History (1909), The Representative Idea in History (1917), Grover Cleveland--the Man and the Statesman (1923), and Jefferson Davis--The Unreal and the Real (1937). in addition to other monographs and edited works. An adamant opponent of "provincial thinking", McElroy was well thought of by historians in the United States and Great Britain: he succeeded Woodrow Wilson as the chair of the Princeton department of history and politics in 1912 and succeeded Samuel Morison as the Harold V. Harmsworth professor of American History at Oxford. McElroy's works, however, are not considered classics in American historiography and are infrequently cited for students of United States or Anglo-American relations history. McElroy, in addition to his teaching and writing, was seriously concerned about national security and defense of the Constitution. This manifested itself in political activity with the Republican party and the Nat'l. Security League.

The Papers consist of notes, manuscript and galley-proofs for his book, Jefferson Davis--The Unreal And The Real, which was published by Harpers in 1937. McElroy died on Jan. 16, 1959.

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  Artifacts  Machine-readable records  Other (list) galley-proofs

Temporary catalog card added entries DAVIS, Jefferson U.S.- History - Historical Research  
Galley-proofs  
U.S. - History & Civil War Historians, American  
U.S. - History - Confederacy

Container List

- 1: Notes to chapters, ms. copy for Jefferson Davis the Unreal and the Real; galley-proofs of critical bibliography
- 2 Notes to chapters and ms. copy of Jefferson Davis the Unreal and the Real

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Main Entry

MCELROY, Robert M., 1872-1959

Papers. 2 Record Center cartons

Historian. Author's notes, manuscript and galley-proofs  
of critical bibliography on Jefferson Davis and the book,  
Jefferson Davis - The Unreal and the Real.

Gift of Mr. McElroy, 1937-38.

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