

# Guide to the Richard Hans Douai Boerker Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 920

**CREATOR:** Boerker, Richard H. D. (Richard Hans Douai), 1887-

**TITLE:** Richard H. D. Boerker papers

**DATES:** 1910-1962

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and printed matter relating to Richard Hans Douai Boerker's studies at the Universities of Michigan and Nebraska, his work with various government agencies and his books and articles. Many of the letters are acknowledgments of the receipts of his books from prominent foresters, botanists, ecologists and other scientists (1911-1950).

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Richard H. D. Boerker, 1966.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Richard Hans Douai Boerker was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 19, 1887. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1910 with an A.B. and the following year received an M.S. in forestry from the University of Michigan. In 1916, he received a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. Between 1910 and 1917, he worked for the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. In 1921, he began teaching biology at Kingston, New York, High School. He was married to Irene Frances Bostwick.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of Richard Hans Douai Boerker consist of letters from prominent foresters, botanists, ecologists, and other scientists, and of a small amount of printed matter, including announcements for books by Boerker and others, newspaper clippings, programs, certificates, and other memorabilia. The correspondence, which is arranged chronologically, contains letters pertaining to forestry jobs held by Boerker, including letters of recommendation and letters from a variety of federal and state officials; pertaining to his study at the University of Michigan and the University of Nebraska; and pertaining to his writings on forestry. Many of the latter letters are acknowledgments of receipt of copies of his books and other publications from professionals, forestry societies, libraries, and universities in America and Europe. One of these, dated November 29, 1918, comes from Theodore Roosevelt.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 4	Correspondence	1910-1962
b. 1, f. 5	Printed matter	1914-1951

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Conservation of natural resources  
Environmental protection  
Forests and forestry

### **Occupations**

Foresters

### **Names**

Boerker, Richard H. D. (Richard Hans Douai),  
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