Guide to the Richard Hans Douai Boerker Papers

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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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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.

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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Subjects
Conservation of natural resources
Environmental protection
Forests and forestry

Occupations
Foresters

Names
Boerker, Richard H. D. (Richard Hans Douai), 1887-