

Accession No.: 92-08

PROCESSING RECORD
SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY ARCHIVES

Sverdrup Family Papers, 1880-1992

Physical Description: 1 mss; 2 videotapes, 1 caricature

Description: The collection includes copies of original and copy photographs, films, newspaper clippings, letters and other material documenting the Sverdrup Family, the family of Norwegian oceanographer and polar explorer Harald Ulrik Sverdrup. The first record of a Sverdrup appeared in Norway in 1620. Harald Ulrik Sverdrup (1888-1957), polar explorer and oceanographer traced his ancestry on his father's side to his great-great-grandfather, a large land owner in northern Norway. In 1813 one of his three sons, Georg Sverdrup, was a professor at the University of Oslo and a participant in the Norwegian constitutional convention. His grandfather and namesake, Harald Ulrik Sverdrup (1813-1891) was a Lutheran theologian. Sverdrup's father, Johan Edvard Sverdrup (1866-1923) was a minister of the State Church of Norway (Lutheran). His mother, Maria Vollan, died when Sverdrup was a child. The collection includes

*** ten family photographs of various sizes dated 1880-1938 including images of Johan Edvard Sverdrup, his wife Agnes and their children including Einar Sverdrup, Gudrun Sverdrup, Harald Ulrik Sverdrup, Helga Sverdrup, Jacob Sverdrup and Mimi Sverdrup, and other members of the family. Some of these photographs are original prints while others are copy prints.

*** a 12 1/4 X 16 3/4 inch caricature of Harald Ulrik Sverdrup in ink colored in gouche signed "J. Parrilla Sevilla XXIX."

*** a privately published family memorial biography of George Sverdrup (1879-1937), President of Augsburg College and Theological Seminary.

*** newspaper clippings about the family.

*** two 120-minute video tape recordings which copy family movies made in Norway and in St. Louis of family homes and gatherings. This videotape was made by George Sverdrup for SIO Archives from original movies in his possession and in the hands of other family members.

Location of Originals/Duplicates: Many original photographs and the Sverdrup family original movies remain in the hands of family members in Norway and in the United States.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Date: gift, Sverdrup Family, February 25, 1992, May 11, 1999. Almost all of the material in this collection was received from George Sverdrup whose father, George, was a cousin of Harald Ulrik Sverdrup. The caricature was a gift of Anna Sverdrup Hamre, daughter of Harald Ulrik Sverdrup.

Parrilla, J. artist; Sverdrup, George; Sverdrup, Harald Ulrik

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Sverdrup Family Biographical Information

Photographs, c. 1880-1938

Correspondence, 1918, 1937

Newspaper Clippings

Videotape 1-Excerpts from Sverdrup Family home movies made by George Sverdrup, June 1992

Videotape 2-Excerpts from Sverdrup Family home movies made by George Sverdrup, June 1992