

**T. Noel (Thomas Noel) Stern (1913-)  
Writings, 1939-1995**

**Manuscript Collection - MC 7  
Guide and Collection Inventory**

.8 linear feet (2 manuscript boxes)

**Biographical Note:** T. Noel Stern was born July 7, 1913 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated with honors from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania in 1934 and received an MA and PhD (1940 and 1942) in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania. He was a Quaker conscientious objector during World War II, choosing to labor on dairy and fruit farms in Pennsylvania and New Jersey instead. After the war he taught at Boston University (1945-1953), was director of the Fondation des Etats-Unis, Universite de Paris (1953-1956), and was president of West Chester State College in Pennsylvania (1960-1961). He joined the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 1964, founding the Political Science department; he retired in 1985 as professor emeritus. Dr. Stern's writings include reports produced for government agencies, and articles on Quaker social thought, American and European political philosophy, French politics, African development, civil rights, labor legislation, and forest conservation. In 1988, Stern wrote an autobiographical novel *Secret Family* concerning his life as the child of parents born out of wedlock in early 1910's America.

**Scope and Contents note:** The collection consists exclusively of T. Noel Stern's writings, which include scholarly journal articles, opinion pieces (letters to the editors), government reports, book reviews and an autobiographical novel, *Secret Family* (published privately in 1988), as well as reviews of the latter by other authors. Stern's writings cover a period of more than 50 years, from his work with the U.S. Forestry Service (1941) to his involvement with Dartmouth town government (1990s). Dr. Stern compiled a complete list of citations for all writings in the collection ("Index of writing and publicity"), divided into broad categories according to subject. A similar collection of writings was donated to Swarthmore College.

**Acquisition:** The collection was donated by professor emeritus T. Noel Stern in June 1995. A similar collection was donated to his alma mater, Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, at the same time. Accession # 96-2.

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**Series, box and folder list outline**  
**See “Index of writing and Publicity” for item list**

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	
1	1	“Index of Writing and Publicity” and Bio-sketch from <i>Who’s Who</i>
	2-9	Series I. Book and Book-length research studies A. Autobiography <i>Secret Family</i> , 1988 B. Research Reports
2	10	Series II. Autobiographical and Family - Essays Series III. Quaker Publications
	11	A. Social and Political Ideas
	12	B. Social Action and Education
	13	C. Quakerism - General
		Series IV. General Publications
	14	A. Political Thought - Essays
	15-16	B-C. Political Institutions - Articles in newspapers, journals, and magazines (essays and reports)
	17	D. Government Research Reports
	18	E. Book Reviews
	19	Series V. Letters to the Editor
	20-21	Series VI. Publicity, Interviews and Programs of Events