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ALBERT LANG (1885-1971)

PAPERS, 1909, 1924, 1937-1971  
8.5 linear inches

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## **Biography**

Albert Ray Lang was born on October 31, 1885. He graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1909 and received an M.A. from University of Nebraska in 1912 and a Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1924. Lang was the principal of the Waverly, Nebraska, high school in 1909 and was later a principal and superintendent of schools in Wyoming. From 1913 to 1922 he served as superintendent of the U.S. government schools of the Panama Canal Zone. His career at Fresno State College lasted from 1927 to 1955. While here, Lang served as Dean of the Upper Division and Head of the Education and Psychology Department (1927-1946), Dean of Professional Education (1946-1948), Dean of Administration (1948-1951) and Executive Dean (1951-1955). Outside his work at Fresno State College, Lang participated in many organizations. From 1941 to 1944 he served as vice chairman of the California Curriculum Commission and as president of the California Educational Research Association. Lang served as secretary (1952-1953) and as president (1954-1955) for The Academy, a discussion club organized by prominent Fresnoans. He was also an active member of the North Fresno Rotary Club and a lifelong member of the Shriners Club. Albert Lang died on November 7, 1971.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Albert Lang papers measure 8.5 linear inches and date from 1909, 1924 and 1937 to 1971. The personal folder contains profiles of Lang, Lang's family genealogy, which was compiled by Florence Kamphoefner, and a drawing of the Lang family shield. The correspondence folder contains letters between Lang and various people who helped edit his manuscript, "The United States in the Panama Canal." His Ph.D. thesis from Stanford University is entitled "A Study of Amount of Training and of Experience as Objective Factors Entering into a Basis for Grading Teachers' Salaries" (1924). The U.S. Navy folder contains correspondence and a certificate of recognition for the use of a pair of binoculars that Lang had given to the Navy in 1942. "The United States in Panama Canal" (or "Uncle Sam in Panama Canal" as Lang alternatively called it) is an unpublished manuscript with several drafts. Included with the drafts (in folders 6 and 7) are a silver peso from Panama and numerous photographs and other illustrations. The loose photographs include portraits of Lang and photographs of friends and family.

## **Related Collections**

The Academy records, 1935-1999

Folder on Lang in Faculty Biographical Information box, University Archives

**Box no.   Description**

Box 1

Personal, 1941, 1948, 1968, 1971  
The Academy, 1950, 1953, 1958, 1961, 1964  
Articles, 1944-1951 and undated  
California State College Deans Conference, undated  
Certificates, 1909, 1924 and undated  
Correspondence, 1939, 1962  
History of Rotary Club of North Fresno, 1955  
Ph.D. thesis, 1924  
Radio scripts, 1937-1938 and undated  
"The United States in the Panama Canal," undated  
Folders 1-4

Box 2

Folders 5-7  
U.S. Navy, 1942, 1945  
Photographs, 1955 and undated [1 oversize photograph shelved in map case A,  
drawer 7]