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## Theodore Roscoe papers 4079278

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Roscoe, Theodore
<b>Title:</b>	Theodore Roscoe papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079278
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1085
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1850-1980
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 linear feet 10 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Theodore Roscoe papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Author of 21 books of naval history, crime stories, and murder mysteries, as well as 400 short stories, and many television, radio, and film scripts. Roscoe was a Columbia University student from 1927 to 1929.

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## Scope and Content

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Proofs, photographs, photostatic copies, and other printed materials of Roscoe. Included are proofs and illustrative materials for his book *The Web Of Conspiracy*; *The Complete Story*

*Of The Men Who Murdered Abraham Lincoln*, and a printed copy of his book, *Only In New England*, a book of crime fiction.

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## Scope and Content

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1992 ADDITION: This includes some correspondence relating to the publication of his books and other writings on the assassination of Lincoln and the American Civil War: *The Web Of Conspiracy*, *The Lincoln Assassination*, and *The Trent Affair*. There are manuscripts, proofs, and illustrative materials; extensive research files for the first two titles mentioned above consisting of handwritten drafts and notes; handwritten and typed transcripts and photocopies of numerous 19th century American letters, manuscripts, diaries, and documents, as well as 20th century clippings, brochures, and ephemera on this topic used as background data for Roscoe's life long research and writing on Lincoln's assassination. In addition there are manuscripts with some related materials of other published and unpublished writings including *Drama In Black*, *Only In New England*, and *To Live And Die In Dixie*.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged into 2 series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

The following boxes are located off-site: 3-10. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Roscoe, Theodore. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1983. Accession number--M-83.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Source of acquisition--Roscoe, Mrs Theodore. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--10/09/92. Accession number--M-92-10-09.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Theodore Roscoe, 1983.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Mrs Theodore Roscoe, 1992.

## Processing Information

Processed Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/89.

## Processing Information

Papers Processed HR 12/01/92.

## Accruals

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

There is also a collection of T. Roscoe papers in the George Arents Research Library for Special Collections at Syracuse University Library, Syracuse NY 13244-2010

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Detective and mystery stories
- Naval history
- Trent Affair, 1861
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Articles
- Audiocassettes
- Bibliographies
- Brochures
- Diaries
- Fiction (general genre)
- Galley proofs
- Illustrations
- Notes (documents)
- Photographs

- Photographic prints
- Proofs (printed matter)
- Reviews (documents)
- Scripts (documents)
- Authors, American
- Historians
- Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
- George Arents Research Library

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Book Titles

#### Subseries I.1: *The web of conspiracy; the complete story of the men who murdered Abraham Lincoln*

Title/Description	Instances
Galley proofs (xerox copies), with corrections -- Page proofs of the Reader's Digest article: "The Abraham Lincoln Murder Case", based on <i>The web of conspiracy</i> (Feb. 1960) -- Photocopy of the Reader's Digest Book: <i>The Abraham Lincoln Murder Mystery</i> , based on <i>The Web of Conspiracy -- The Lincoln Murder Case</i> by Dale Wasserman for CBS television, based on <i>The Web of Conspiracy</i> , 1961. -- Mimeographed playscript, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, [1959]	box 1
Photographs -- Photostats and xeroxes -- Printed illustrations	box 2

#### Subseries I.2: *Only in New England; the Story of a Gaslight Crime.*

Title/Description	Instances
<i>Only in New England; the Story of a Gaslight Crime.</i> , New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, [c1959] <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Printed copy, inscribed and signed by the author	box 2

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### Series II: Manuscripts and Subject Files

#### Scope and Contents

1992 Addition

Title/Description	Instances
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A-S	box 3
T-W, and "The Lincoln Assassination" <u>Physical Description</u> : Manuscript	box 4
<i>"The Lincoln Assassination.:</i> Research Files <u>Physical Description</u> : Notes, photo reproductions, printed materials, and four audio cassettes	box 5
<i>Drama in Black</i> <u>Physical Description</u> : Manuscripts	box 6
<i>The Web of Conspiracy</i> <u>Physical Description</u> : Correspondance, Review materials, etc.	box 7
Research files 1 <u>Physical Description</u> : Notes, transcripts of documents, printed materials, etc.	box 7
<i>The Web of Conspiracy.:</i> Research Files 2 <u>Physical Description</u> : Notes, transcripts of documents, printed materials, etc.	box 8
<i>The Web of Conspiracy</i> <u>Physical Description</u> : Front matter; typed manuscript; Galley	box 9
Biographical sketch and clippings, chiefly about Lincoln, research, and writings	box 10

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