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(Predominantly, 1930's-1940's)**

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Ernest Rutherford Groves was born on May 6, 1877 at Framingham, Massachusetts. After graduation from high school, he entered Yale Divinity School and received a B.D. in 1901. Two years later he earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College and took a job teaching sociology at the University of New Hampshire. After a brief stint teaching English at Dartmouth, he returned to the University of New Hampshire in 1909 and five years later became dean of the Arts College. From there he moved to Boston University in 1920, where he developed the first credit course on marriage and the family, and then, in 1927, to the University of North Carolina as professor of sociology and research professor in the Institute for Research in Social Science. He died August 29, 1946.

A pioneer among educators on sex, marriage and the family, Groves authored and co-authored several books on marriage and family life, including *The American Family*, *Parents and Children*, *The American Woman*, and *The Family and Its Social Functions*, and contributed articles to a number of scientific journals and popular magazines. He and his wife, social worker and educator Gladys Hoagland Groves, with whom he collaborated on a number of writing projects, supported the birth control and sex education movements.

The papers of Ernest R. Groves consist of correspondence with colleagues, publishers, and readers of his articles, manuscript drafts, teaching and research files, and conference materials reflecting his professional interests in sex, marriage and the family. Additional material relating to the Groves Conferences on Marriage and Family Life may be found in the Merrill-Palmer Institute: Kresge Historical Library Collection.

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**PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.**

**Important subjects in the collection:**

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African-American children  
African-Americans--Families  
African-Americans--Marriage  
Birth control  
Family--Mental health  
Family life education--United States  
Marriage counseling

**Important subjects (cont'd):**

North Carolina College for Negroes  
Parenting--Study and teaching  
Problem families--Counseling of  
Sex in marriage  
Sex instruction

**Important correspondents in the collection:**

Benjamin R. Andrews  
Jerome Beatty  
Phyllis Blanchard  
Emory S. Bogardus  
Bayard Carter  
Robert R. Dickinson  
W. Clark Ellzey  
Gladys Hoagland Groves  
Howard E. Jensen  
Bertha Klausner  
Howard W. Odum  
H. L. Pritchett  
Margaret Sanger  
Ray V. Sowers  
Olive Stone  
Helen Hunt West

**Non-manuscript material:**

A few photographs received with the collection have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

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7-24	Accident-proneness; clipping, 1945
5-44 thru 45	Addresses, speeches, notes, misc., 1930's
6-66	Adolescent idealism; notes, n.d.
7-12	Adoption; articles, 1937-45
5-16	"Adventuring with People," n.d.
5-30	American Association of University Women; corres., 1939
3-39	<i>American Family</i> ; draft, n.d.
1-17	<i>American Family</i> ; permissions for book, 1933
6-44	<i>American Family</i> ; permissions for quotes, 1943-44
7-87	<i>The American Family Magazine</i> ; corres., 1943-44
2-35	<i>American Family</i> revision; research materials, 1946
9-14	American Home Economics Assn., 1933
8-36	American Sociological Society, 1931-32
3-27	<i>American Woman</i> ; corres. re., reviews., 1939
3-34 thru 36	American Youth Commission, 1939
3-33	American Youth Commission; corres., 1938-39
5-31	Andrews, Benjamin R.; corres., 1939-40
7-79	Andrews, Benjamin R.; corres., 1943-44
3-47	Appointments, 1938-39
4-41 thru 42	Appointments, 1939-40
7-86	Appointments, 1943-44
3-28	Appointments accepted, 1935-39
5-32	Appointments canceled, 1939-40
1-1	Appointments filled, 1934-35
3-37	Appointments filled, 1938-39
7-80	Appointments refused, 1943-44
7-82	Appreciation from students and others, 1941-42
2-46	Articles, 1945-46
7-29	Articles and ideas, unfinished, 1944
3-38	Articles, reviews, 1938-39
4-40	Assignments accepted, 1939-40
7-90	Assignments accepted, 1943-44
7-81	Assignments completed, 1943-44
4-44	Assignments refused, 1939-40
9-17	<i>Author's League Bulletin</i> , 1931
6-32	Autobiography; draft, n.d.
4-43	Beatty, Jerome; corres., 1939-40
7-72	Bereavement for son; clippings, 1945
4-30	Bibliography, 1937-39
2-57	Bibliography of E.R. Groves, 1927-53

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1-42	Bibliography, yearly, n.d.
7-27	Biochemistry and personality; clipping, 1945
8-71	Biographical information; E.R. and Gladys Groves
7-10	Birth control; clippings, 1945
1-36	Birth Control Conference; corres., 1934
4-46	Birth Control Federation of America; corres., 1939-40
7-9	<i>Birth Control News</i> , 1946
9-16	Birth control; paper, n.d.
4-45	Blanchard, Phyllis; corres., 1939-40
4-48	Bogardus, Emory S.; corres., 1939-40
3-32	Book, new, 1938
6-37	Book requests, 1944-45
6-30	Book reviews, 1943-44
2-26	Boston University; corres., 1927
4-49	Carter, Bayard; corres., 1939-40
6-7 thru 9	Cases; corres. re marriage problems, n.d., 1923, 1927-36, 1938
5-46 thru 47	Cases; corres. re marriage problems, 1937
9-7	Child Health Protection, White House Conference on, 1930
4-39	Clippings, 1923
2-47 thru 54	Clippings, misc., n.d., 1912-29
6-67	Clippings, misc., 1944-45
2-18 thru 24	Correspondence; professional, 1910-24, 1933-36, 1946-47
6-10	Correspondence; professional, 1929-41
5-1	Correspondence; professional, 1939-40
8-39 thru 70	Correspondence; professional, A-R, 1928-32
9-1 thru 3	Correspondence; professional, W-Z, 1928-32
1-24 thru 31	Correspondence; professional, A-H, 1933-34
1-32 thru 34	Correspondence; professional, J-K, 1933-34
2-3 thru 14	Correspondence; professional, M-Z, 1933-34
1-45 thru 67	Correspondence; professional, A-Z, 1934-35
2-69 thru 74	Correspondence; professional, A-F, 1938-39
3-1 thru 17	Correspondence; professional, G-Y, 1938-39
5-2 thru 8	Correspondence; professional, B-G, 1939-40
4-53 thru 55	Correspondence; professional, I-K, 1939-40
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6-1 thru 5	Correspondence; professional, R-Y, 1939-40
7-92 thru 99	Correspondence; professional, A-H, 1943-44
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6-51 thru 61	Correspondence; professional, N-Z, 1944-45

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8-38	Correspondence; from secretary, 1931
2-15 thru 17	Correspondence; misc., n.d., 1912-38
8-29	Correspondence; misc., 1943-44
2-25	Correspondence; speaking engagements, 1933
8-37	Correspondence and appointments, 1931-32
2-67	Course schedules, 1916-23
1-41	"Courtship and Marriage"; books on combined article, n.d.
2-27	"Crying, Whining, and Self-Reliance"; draft, n.d.
7-65	"Dad is Home"; article for <i>Coronet</i> magazine, 1945
7-85	Desenbach, Bernard; corres., 1940-44
7-84	Dickinson, Robert F.; corres., 1942-44
6-63	Draft of chapter one for book, n.d.
4-50	Duke-Carolina Cooperative Training, 1939-40
5-43	Education; lecture notes, n.d.
6-68	Eliot, Thomas D.; published articles and reviews, 1922-43
4-51	Ellzey, W. Clark; corres., 1939-40
7-102	Ellzey, W. Clark; corres., 1943-44
4-52	Emerson Books, Inc.; corres., 1939-40
7-101	Emerson Books, Inc.; corres., 1943-44
2-59	"Ernest R. Groves and His Work" by Howard W. Odum, 1946
2-43	Examination book, n.d.
1-2	Family; clippings, 1933-34
7-8	Family, history of; clippings, 1946
1-3	Family in the Depression; corres., 1935
7-15	Family in WW II and postwar; clipping, 1945
1-43	"Family and Its Relationships"; revision, n.d.
5-39	"Family Limitation," 1918
5-42	Family; notes, 1928
4-28	Family Relations, National Conference on, 1939-40
9-4	"Family Relationships"; drafts, n.d.
7-17	Fatherhood; clippings, 1945
7-75	Fears; clippings, 1945
8-35	Federal marriage and divorce laws, 1943
7-76	Foreign brides; clippings, 1945
1-44	Foushee, O.M.; corres., 1932-35
7-25	GI education; clippings, 1945
9-8	Girls; questions on courtship, 1931
1-4	Greenberg Publishing Co.; corres., 1935
4-29	Greenberg Publishing Co.; corres., 1939-40

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2-42	Groves, E.R., record of, n.d.
4-4	Groves, Gladys; corres., 1946
4-31	Groves, Gladys; Parent Teacher Leadership Course, 1938
7-42	Groves, Gladys; paper, n.d.
7-1	Health League of Canada, 1945
9-9	Henry Holt & Co.; corres., 1931-32
1-5 thru 6	Henry Holt & Co.; corres., 1934-35
4-32	Henry Holt & Co.; corres., 1939-40
7-91	Henry Holt & Co.; corres., 1943-44
7-14	Home-building; clipping, 1945
7-77	Honeymoon article, 1945
7-74	Honeymoon travel articles, 1946
9-10	Hotels; corres., 1930-32
7-26	"I Am So Nervous"; clipping, 1945
7-59	"I Am So Nervous"; notes for <i>Argosy</i> article, n.d., 1934-35
9-19	Index of names, n.d.
7-63	Information wanted, 1949
4-12	Institute for Research in Social Sciences; study materials, 1941
2-44	Invitations, 1929
9-5	Invitations, 1931-32
1-7	Invitations, 1933-35
2-38	Invitations, 1938-39
4-33	Invitations, 1939-40
8-28	Invitations, 1942-44
1-8 thru 9	J.B. Lippincott Co.; corres., 1934-35
4-35	J.B. Lippincott Co.; corres., 1939-40
4-34	Jensen, Howard E.; corres., 1939-40
7-66	Klausner, Bertha; article ideas for, 1945
7-64	Klausner, Bertha; corres., 1945-46
2-64	Laconia Woman's Club; yearbook, 1916-17
4-13	"Life on Our Street," n.d.
9-11 thru 12	Longman's, Green & Co.; corres., 1930-31
1-11 thru 12	Longman's, Green & Co.; corres., 1933-35
2-40	Longman's, Green & Co.; corres., 1939
4-36	Longman's, Green & Co.; corres., 1939-40
8-30	Longman's, Green & Co.; corres., 1943-44
4-15	<i>Look</i> magazine; corres., 1939
7-67	<i>Look</i> magazine; corres., 1944

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7-68	<i>Look</i> magazine series of articles, 1944
9-13	Macauley Co.; corres., 1930-32
2-28	Macauley Co.; corres., 1933-34
1-10	Macauley Co.; corres., 1934-35
4-25	Macauley Co.; corres., 1940
1-14	Macmillan Co.; corres., 1934
2-29	Macmillan Co.; corres., 1934
1-13	"Making the Most of Yourself"; draft, n.d.
5-41	Maps from vacations, n.d.
7-83	Marriage; bibliography, n.d.
3-29	Marriage, books on, n.d.
7-30	Marriage; clippings, 1933
7-6	Marriage and divorce; notes, n.d.
4-26	Marriage and Family Council; corres., 1940
4-47	<i>Marriage and the Family</i> ; bibliography, 1939-40
3-20 thru 21	Marriage and the Family Conference; corres., 1938
2-37	Marriage and the Family Conference; speakers, 1938-39
3-23	Marriage and the Family Conference; committee corres., 1939
2-39	Marriage and the Family Conference; corres., 1939
3-30	Marriage and the Family Conference; publicity, 1939
3-22	Marriage and the Family Conference; registration, 1939
4-16	Marriage and the Family Conference; invitation list, 1939-40
4-17	Marriage and the Family Conference; committees, 1940
4-21	Marriage and the Family Conference; letters of appreciation, 1940
4-23	Marriage and the Family Conference; misc., 1940
4-20	Marriage and the Family Conference; programs, 1940
4-22	Marriage and the Family Conference; publicity, 1940
4-19	Marriage and the Family Conference; registration, 1940
4-18	Marriage and the Family Conference; speakers, 1940
1-37 thru 38	Marriage and the Family Conference; corres., 1941-42
1-40	Marriage and the Family Conference; invitation list, 1941-42
4-3	Marriage and the Family Conference; letters of regret, 1941-42
6-47	Marriage and the Family Conference; programs, 1941-42
6-46	Marriage and the Family Conference, 1942
7-103	Marriage and the Family Conference, 1942-43
1-39	Marriage and the Family Conference; attendance, 1943
6-41	Marriage and the Family Conference; committees, 1942-43
6-40	Marriage and the Family Conference; letters of appreciation, 1942-43
6-42	Marriage and the Family Conference; misc., 1942-43

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4-7	Marriage course; advisers to Professor Groves, 1939
4-5 thru 6	Marriage course; corres., 1939
8-34	Marriage course; institutions giving or interested in giving, 1941-42
5-20	Marriage course materials, 1939
4-8	Marriage course; misc. inquiries, 1940
4-10	Marriage course; openings for teachers, 1938-39
8-31	Marriage course; openings for teachers, 1941-42
4-9	Marriage course; students wanting, 1940
8-33	Marriage course; students wanting, graduate training for teachers, 1941-42
7-78	Marriage course; syllabus, n.d.
8-32	Marriage course; teachers available, 1941-42
5-14	<i>Marriage Crisis</i> ; reviews, 1928
6-6	Marriage lecture notes, n.d.
4-2	Marriage Quiz answers, n.d.
3-26	Marriage training, students wanting, 1939
7-73	"Men, Women, and Science"; article for Nationall Enterprise Assn., 1946
3-43	Mental hygiene, 1938-39
6-31	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; chapter references, n.d.
6-28	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft, n.d.
6-14	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Biological Aspects," n.d.
3-42	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Biological Aspects," n.d.
6-24	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Family," n.d.
6-19	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Homemaking," n.d.
6-11 thru 12	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Law," n.d.
3-41	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Medical Aspects," n.d.
6-17	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Methods of Family Counseling," n.d.
6-21	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Psychological Aspects," n.d.
6-23	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Qualities Needed by the Family Counselor," n.d.
6-15	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Religious Aspects," n.d.
6-26	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Social Work," n.d.
6-18	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "Sociological Aspects," n.d.
6-27	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "The Future of Family Counseling," n.d.
6-22	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "The Home and Its Activities," n.d.
6-13	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> draft; "What Family Counseling Is and How It Developed," n.d.



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6-16	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; glossary and appendix, n.d.
3-44 thru 45	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; manuscript, n.d.
6-29	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; Part II, n.d.
6-20	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; preface, n.d.
7-2	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; revisions, 1941
6-25	<i>Mental Hygiene</i> ; revisions, n.d.
4-1	<i>Mental Hygiene and Family Relationships</i> ; final copy, 1941-42
3-46	<i>Mental Hygiene and Family Relationships</i> ; final copy, 1941-42
4-27	Mental Hygiene Society, 1939-40
9-20	Miscellaneous, n.d.
7-39	"Miss Liberty Girl"; drafts submitted to <i>Argosy</i> , 1945
1-15	Names; various organizations, 1934
7-71	National Enterprise Assn.; corres., 1946
5-29	National Enterprise Assn. Yearbook commission agreement; corres., 1939-40
7-50	Negro, books on, 1945
7-41	Negro children and adolescents; clippings, 1945
7-34	Negro children; papers, 1945
7-33	Negro; clippings, n.d.
7-47	Negro data, 1945
7-23	Negro education; clippings, 1945
7-21	Negro history; clipping, 1945
7-36	Negro organizations, 1945
7-48	Negro Who's Who, 1944
7-49	Negro Youth Center; clipping, 1945
7-35	Negroes, publicity re; clippings, 1945
7-70	New York City; clippings, misc., 1945
7-69	New York City; notes and clippings, 1945
7-46	North Carolina College for Negroes, 1945
7-51	North Carolina College for Negroes; former students, 1944
7-52	North Carolina College for Negroes; President James Shepard, 1945
7-40	North Carolina College for Negroes; Sociology 400, 1945
7-53	North Carolina College for Negroes; Sociology 400, 1945
7-54	North Carolina College for Negroes; summer school, 1945
7-20	North Carolina Conference of Colored Parents and Teachers, 1945
2-30	North Carolina, Univ. of; corres., 1933-34
1-16	North Carolina, Univ. of; corres., 1934-35
8-1	North Carolina, Univ. of; Groves' study, n.d.
5-23	North Carolina, Univ. of, Library; reserve book list, n.d.

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7-3	<i>Older Married Men and War</i> ; draft, 1944, n.d.
7-89	"Overcoming Obstacles to Community Planning Presented by Vested Interests," 1942
2-68	Pamphlets, religious, n.d.
2-45	Papers, n.d.
9-15	Parent Education, Conference on, 1932
8-2	<i>Parent's Magazine</i> ; corres., 1942-44
6-45	Pending matters, 1944
2-1	Personal corres., 1917-28
5-36 thru 37	Personal corres., 1923-43
3-18	Personal corres., 1938-39
4-37	Personal corres., 1940
7-28	Personality; clipping, 1945
7-22	Planned Parenthood; clipping, 1945
8-4	Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 1943-44
6-35	"Planned Parenthood to Family Security, The Contribution of," by Dana Robinson, n.d.
6-48	Premarital examinations; physician list, 1942-44
5-38	"Prevention," 1933
8-5	Pritchett, H. L.; corres., 1943-44
2-65	Programs, conferences, 1909-16
2-55	Programs, invitations, 1925
2-2	Promised articles, 1933-34
3-31	Promised articles, 1938-39
1-18	Promised articles; corres. and articles, 1934-35
7-11	Psychosomatic studies, 1945
1-19	Publications, 1934-35
1-20	Publications, record of, 1941
2-41	Publicity, 1923-26
6-33	Publicity, 1942-44
4-11	Publicity; clippings, misc., 1940
6-34	Publishers; business cards, n.d.
4-24	Publishers; corres., directories, 1939
7-43	Race relations; clippings, 1945
8-6	Radio, 1942-44
7-45	Radio; clippings, 1946
5-21	<i>Readers Digest</i> ; corres., 1938
6-36	Recommendations, 1942-44

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6-64	"Reconversion Problems and the Family," 1945
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7-3	Religion research materials; "Harmony in Marriage," 1939
8-8	Requests for Groves' books, 1942-44
8-7	Requests for information, 1942-44
7-62	Research; clippings, 1946
8-9	Reservations, 1942-44
5-15	Reviews, misc., 1928-30
4-14	Reviews; several books, 1926
5-24	Reynal & Hitchcock, Inc.; corres., 1940
3-40	Rauschenbusch lecture, n.d.
5-34 thru 35	Sabatini, Dion; personal corres., 1942-43
1-35	Sanger, Margaret; corres. re Birth Control Conference, 1933
7-7	Sex, book on; research materials, 1945
2-62	"Sex Education in School Programs on Health and Human Relations,"
1944	
7-32	Sex education; Negro data and ideas re, 1945
2-58	<i>Sex in Childhood</i> ; book cover, n.d.
2-31	<i>Sex in Childhood</i> ; corres., 1934
2-32	<i>Sex in Marriage</i> ; corres., 1933
7-38	Sexual development; notes, drafts, n.d.
6-50	"Shall I Marry Now?"; booklet, 1943-44
4-38	Sign-in book, 1928-29
5-27	Skinner, Edna F.; corres., 1938-40
5-17 thru 19	"So You Want to Get Married" in <i>American Magazine</i> ; reader corres. re, Mar-Apr 1938
8-11	<i>Social Forces</i> , books reviewed for, 1943-44
2-36	<i>Social Problems of Education</i> ; corres., reviews, 1925
2-33	<i>Social Problems of the Family</i> ; corres., 1932-33
8-3	Social Protection, U.S. Office of; corres with Eliot Ness, 1942-44
6-65	"Social & Psychological Factors Affecting Fertility," 1945
3-25	Sociology course, 1939
7-44	Sociology course; exams, papers, 1946
8-12	Sociology course; notes, 1943
5-25	Sociology courses, 1939-40
7-88	Southeastern Regional Problems, Potentialities and Planning; summary report, 1942
8-10	Sowers, Ray V.; corres., 1943-4
6-49	Sowers, Ray V.; corres., 1944-45

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5-26	Stone, Olive; corres., 1939
5-33	Strowd, Martha; personal corres., 1942-43
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5-28	Student marriages, 1939
6-62	Student marriages, 1942-44
1-21 thru 22	Summer school; corres., 1934-35
2-63	Summer school; <i>The American Family</i> , n.d.
2-60	<i>Survey, The</i> , 1950
9-6	“Training for Marriage,” 1932
7-56	Travel, 1944
7-55	Travel costs, 1944
2-61	“Understanding Marriage and the Family,” n.d.
2-56	“Understanding the Child and His Needs”; lecture series, n.d.
7-13	Unemployment; clippings, 1945
2-34	U.S. government departments; corres., 1933-34
1-23	U.S. government departments; corres., 1934-35
7-19	Unmarried women; clippings, 1945
5-40	Vacation, summer, 1946
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7-61	Veterans; clippings, 1946
7-60	Veterans; notes; clippings, 1945
7-58	Vital statistics; clippings, 1945
9-18	War widows; clipping, n.d.
7-57	“Why Can’t We Have a Baby?,” 1946
7-16	Women and work; clipping, 1945
2-66	YMCA; misc., 1916-17
7-18	Youth problems; clippings, 1945