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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
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Abstract:	Ernest Groves was a pioneer educator on sex, marriage, and the family. He was a prolific writer on these subjects and a supporter of the birth control and sex education movements. His papers reflect these personal and professional interests.

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History

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.

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Scope and Content

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.

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

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