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## Descriptive Summary

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**Abstract** Evan Ames Thomas is Professor-Emeritus of History at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. This collection contains documents and notes relevant to Thomas' unpublished dissertation "The Sociology of William I. Thomas in Relation to The Polish Peasant."

## Information on Use

### Access

This collection is open for research.

### Citation

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## Biographical Note

Evan Ames Thomas is Professor-Emeritus of History at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he taught from 1987 to 2016. Raised in the South Side of Chicago, Thomas earned his Bachelor of Science in Education at Chicago State University in 1971 and completed graduate work in History at the University of Iowa, where he earned his Master of Arts in 1973 and his PhD. in 1986. This collection contains documents and notes relevant to Thomas' unpublished dissertation "The Sociology of William I. Thomas in Relation to The Polish Peasant," an "enormous and overwhelmingly documented" project according to his colleagues Andrew Abbott and Rainer Egloff. The bulk of the collection is composed of photocopies of articles, unpublished documents, and correspondence written by the American sociologist William Isaac Thomas (1863-1947) and his Polish-American contemporary Florian Witold Znaniecki (1882-1958) in the first decades of the twentieth-century, along with essays and selections from monographs by various scholars responding to the work of these two men. The articles collected reflect Evan Thomas' interest in the collaboration between Thomas and Znaniecki on the 1918-1920 work *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America*, considered a classic of American sociology. The collection also includes Evan Thomas' personal notes

and annotations on these articles, his extensive inquiries to Special Collections departments concerning archival material, and his research on Fair Use copyright law.

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