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Abstract: The Amnon Goldworth Research Collection represents the research conducted by SJSU Philosophy Professor Amnon Goldworth to produce a single manuscript of the major philosophical works of British philosopher Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832). This collection consists of photocopies from Bentham's papers, held by the University College in London, as well as Professor Goldworth's research and editorial notes. In 1983, Goldworth published "The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham: Deontology Together with the Springs of Action and the Article of Utilitarianism," (Oxford University Press), which represents the culmination of Goldworth's efforts to edit and transliterate the collected works of Bentham into a single volume.

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Creator: Goldworth, Amnon

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Biographical History

In 1983 SJSU Philosophy Professor Amnon Goldworth published "The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham: Deontology Together with the Springs of Action and the Article of Utilitarianism," (Oxford University Press), which represents the culmination of Goldworth's efforts to edit and transliterate the collected works of Bentham into a single volume.

English philosopher Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832), was born in London on February 15, 1748. He was educated at Oxford University College, and studied law, for which he developed a profound mistrust. From this mistrust developed a lifelong devotion to working out a theory of law that would codify and reform both civil and penal law. He is known today for his moral philosophy, especially his principle of utilitarianism--a moral act is one which produces the greatest happiness for the greatest number of people.

Bentham deposited his papers with the University of London. The depository was created when, at his death in London on June 6, 1832, Bentham left tens of thousands of manuscript pages. He also left a large estate, which was used to finance the newly-established University College in London and his cadaver, per his instructions, was dissected, embalmed, dressed, and placed in a chair, which to this day resides in a cabinet in a corridor of the main building of University of London College.

Committed to enriching student understanding of Bentham's philosophy, Goldworth gathered together Bentham's philosophical works in a single manuscript, which he edited and translitereated.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series: Series I: Jermey Bentham; and Series II: Editor's notes and manuscript.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Bentham, Jeremy, 1748-1832

Article on Utilitarianism

Deontology

Ethics

Springs of Action

Utilitarianism

Series I: Jeremy Bentham Manuscripts 1805-1979

Physical Description

2 boxes

Scope and Content of Collection

The content in this series consist of photocopies from the papers of Jeremy Bentham, provided to Professor Goldworth by the University of London. The bulk of these papers pertain to Bentham's views on deontology and utilitarianism. In addition, there are several untitled and unpublished manuscripts including : Article on Utilitarianism and the Table of the Springs of Action, which Goldworth edited and transliterated into a single volume entitled "The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham: Deontology Together with the Springs of Action and the Article of Utilitarianism," (Oxford University Press, 1983).

Arrangement

This series is alphabetically arranged by subject matter.

Box 1

Folder 1: Article on Utilitarianism Manuscript 1829
Folder 2: Bentham Bowring Collaborative, Part I 1819-1826
Folder 3: Bentham Bowring Collaborative 1819-1826
Folder 4: General Deontology, Part I 1805-1830
Folder 5:General Deontology, Part II 1814
Folder 6: General Deontology, Part II 1814-1830
Folder 7: Greatest Happiness Principle Manuscript Undated

Box 2

Folder 8: Logic or Ethics Theory 1814-1816
Folder 9: Miscellaneous Deontology Writings 1814
Folder 10: Practical Deontology 1819-1829
Folder 11: Private Deontology 1819-1824
Folder 12: Theoretical Deontology 1814-1816
Folder 13: Springs of Action 1813-1815
Folder 14: Copy Receipts 1979

Series II: Editor's Notes 1978-1980

Physical Description

1 box

Scope and Content of Collection

The contents in this series consist of Amnon Goldworth's research and editorial notes on Jeremy Bentham's (1748-1832) manuscripts. Included are transcribed versions of Bentham's manuscripts, both handwritten and typed, as well as the notes on the organization and preliminary index of Goldworth's book "The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham: Deontology Together with the Springs of Action and the Article of Utilitarianism," (Oxford University Press, 1983).

Arrangement

This series is alphabetically arranged by subject matter.

Box 3

Folder 1: General Deontology, Part I undated
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Folder 4: Index to Book undated
Folder 5: Intellectual Faculties undated
Folder 6: Organizational Notes undated
Folder 7: Private Deontology, Part I undated
Folder 8: Private Deontology, Part II undated
Folder 9: Table of Springs Marginal Commentary undated
Folder 10: Transcibed Marginal Commentary 1978-1980
Folder 11: Springs of Action undated
Folder 12: Sumnum Bonum and the Passions undated
Folder 13: Utilitarian Principles undated