



# Max Theiler family papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Title:</b>	Max Theiler family papers
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<b>Physical Description:</b>	13 boxes.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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Arnold Theiler (1867 March 26-1936 July 24) is commonly considered to be the father of veterinary science in South Africa.

Max Theiler (1899 January 30– 1972 August 11), Arnold's son, was a virologist and doctor awarded the 1951 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his 1937 efforts to develop a yellow fever vaccine.

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## Scope and Contents

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Types of records include: correspondence, obituaries, reprints, and photographs.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Arnold Theiler. Subseries 1.1: Obituaries and Memorials. Subseries 1.2: Reprints.

Series 2: Max Theiler.

Series 3: Photographs. Subseries 3.1: Arnold Theiler photographs. Subseries 3.2: Max Theiler photographs.

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Arnold Theiler		
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"Arnold Theiler 1867-1936, His Life and Times," compiled by Gertrud Theiler, 1966 August-October	box 1	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Typescript with corrections and annotations; includes "Reminiscences" by J. H. R. Bischoep		
"Arnold Theiler 1867-1936, His Life and Times," by Gertrud Theiler, 1966	box 1	folder 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Typescript; includes copy of Letter from Gertrud Theiler to Max and Lillian Theiler, 1972 July 5		
"Arnold Theiler 1867-1936: His Life and Times" by Gertrud Theiler, 1971	box 1	folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Publikasies van die Universiteit van Pretoria, Nuwe Reeks NR. 61		
"As I Remember Him," by Gertrud Theiler, 1960	box 1	folder 4
"Reminiscences" (of Arnold Theiler), by J.H.R. Bischoep, circa 1966	box 1	folder 5
"There was a Man: The Life and Times of Sir Arnold Theiler, K.C.M.G. of Onderstepoort," by Thelma Gutsche	box 1	folder 6

## Scope and Contents note

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"Letters from Arnold Theiler to His Parents, Franz and Marie Theiler" (Handwritten, First English Draft.), 1891-1901	box 1	folder 7
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## Scope and Contents note

Handwritten, First English Draft. Compiled by Alfred Theiler; translated from the German by Max Theiler.

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"Letters from Arnold Theiler to His Parents, Franz and Marie Theiler" (First Typed Draft.), 1891-1901	box 1	folder 8
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## Scope and Contents note

First Typed Draft. Compiled by Alfred Theiler; translated from the German by Max Theiler.

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"Letters from Arnold Theiler to His Parents, Franz and Marie Theiler" (Corrected Typed Draft.), 1891-1901	box 1	folder 9
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## Scope and Contents note

Corrected Typed Draft. Compiled by Alfred Theiler; translated from the German by Max Theiler.

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## Scope and Contents note

Final Draft. Compiled by Alfred Theiler; translated from the German by Max Theiler.

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"Letters from Arnold Theiler to His Parents, Franz and Marie Theiler" (Final Draft.), 1891-1901	box 2	folder 11
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## Scope and Contents note

Final Draft. Compiled by Alfred Theiler; translated from the German by Max Theiler.

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Notes on Arnold Theiler, by Alfred Theiler, undated	box 2	folder 12
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## Scope and Contents note

Notes and map used in "Letters from Arnold Theiler to His Parents"

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Letters from Arnold Theiler to Emma Theiler, 1899-1900	box 2	folder 13
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## Scope and Contents note

Includes note by G. (Gertrud Theiler?), July 28, 1972: "A batch of war letters from Father to Mother. Typed separately"

for easy insertion into the more fulsome collection which was sent to Grandfather.")

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From Journal of the South African Veterinary Medical Association, 1936 December

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 "Washington, 1934, Arnold Theiler and P. du Toit." Max  
 Theiler in back row, center?

## Max Theiler photographs

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