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RICHARD THEODORE ELY

(1854 - 1943)

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See: Letter of 3/17/56 from Wisconsin State Historical Society filed under LA FOLLETTE, Robert M.

Biographical Note

1854, Apr. 13	Born, Ripley, New York
1876	A.B., Columbia Univ.
1879	S.M., Columbia Univ.
1879	Ph.D., Univ. of Heidelberg
1884, June 25	Married Anna Morris Anderson (dec.) - 4 children (one dec.)
1931	Married Margaret Hahn - 2 children
1881-92	Professor of political economy, Johns Hopkins Univ.
1885-86	Member, Baltimore Tax Commission
1886-88	Member, Maryland Tax Commission
1885-1901	One of founders, secretary, then president, American Economic Association
1892-1925	Head of department of political economy, Univ. of Wisconsin; honorary professor of economics since 1925
1907-08	First president, American Association for Labor Legislation
1913	Lecturer on political economy, Univ. of London
1925-33	Professor of economics, Northwestern Univ.
1931-32	Member, President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership
1937-	President, Institute for Economics Research and School of Land Economics, honorary associate in economics, Columbia Univ.
1943, Oct. 4	Died

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- Author of: French and German Socialism in Modern Times. 1883.
Taxation in American States and Cities. 1888.
Introduction to Political Economy. 1889.
Outlines of Economics (with Prof. Ralph H. Hess),
 6th edition, 1937.
Monopolies and Trusts. 1900.
Studies in the Evolution of Industrial Society. 1903.
Property and Contract in Their Relation to the
 Distribution of Wealth. 2 vols., 1914.
Elementary Economics (with Prof. G. R. Wicker. 1904,
 1917, new edition in collaboration with Dr. S. J.
 Brandenburg, 1923.
Foundations of National Prosperity (in collaboration).
 1917.
Elements of Land Economics (with E. W. Morshouse). 1926.
Hard Times--The Way In and The Way Out. 1931.
The Great Change (with Dr. Frank Bohn). 1935.
Ground Under Our Feet. 1938.
Land Economics (with George S. Wehrwein). 1940.
 Also articles in various periodicals.
- Editor of: Macmillan's Citizen's Library of Economics, Politics
 and Sociology
Macmillan's Social Science Text Book Series
Macmillan's Land Economics Series
- Founder and editor of Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics

See: Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol. II, Marquis