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Biographical Information
J.F.W. Conrad, 1825-1902, built on an inherited collection a fine library of books, map, and photographs concerning European waterways. He was a third generation official (Inspector) in the Dutch Waterways Department ("Rykswaterstaat") in the late 19th century. His grandfather, Frederik Willem Conrad, 1769-1808, had been Inspector General of the Waterways; Frederik Willem's Threee sons were likewise employed in the Engineers Corps: Jan Willem, 1795-1853 (J.F.W. Conrad's Father), and Martin Hendrik, 1798-1854, both reaching the position of Senior Engineer; Frederik Willem, son, 1800-1869, becoming Senior Inspector of the Waterways.

Scope and Content
The papers include an eight-volume manuscript history of Dutch waterworks, 860-1837, written by Frederik Willem son (1800-1869), together with a two-volume manuscript index written by Frederik Willem's nephew, J.F.W. Conrad, listing the contents of his Waterways Library - a collection of books and maps purchased by Stanford in 1903 from Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague. Also included in the papers is Nijhoff's list of additional and missing material (i.e. exceptions to the two-volume index) at the time of the shipment of the Library to Stanford.