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Biographical Note
Fredric Mosher joined the University of California, Berkeley faculty in the School of Librarianship in 1950. His teaching focused on bibliography and reference work and he was broadly interested in the history of books, printing, publishing, and early forms of bibliographical description. His legacies include building a strong reference collection, including rare books, for teaching and doctoral research.
Content Description
The collection consists mostly of files relating to Mosher's work on the American printing of the revised edition of Lexikon des Gesamten Buchwesens, the leading encyclopedia on the history of books. Also included are project files relating to Mosher's doctoral dissertation on The Dial, a research project on the Way and Williams publishing house in Chicago, and the 18th century printer John Haberkorn. The collection contains manuscripts and some reprints of Mosher's writings, professional files from his career at the University of California, Berkeley, files on book selection and intellectual freedom during the 1950s, and some correspondence.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Mosher, Fredric J. (Fredric John)--Archives
University of California, Berkeley. School of Information
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Library education
Book selection
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Physical Description: Carton 1-9
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Series 2: Dissertation files (The Dial) approximately 1949

Physical Description: Carton 10, folder 10-36, volume 1

Series 3: Files on book selection approximately 1953-1958

Physical Description: Carton 11, folder 1-22
Scope and Contents
Files relating mainly to intellectual freedom and the politics of book selection in the 1950s, including some on a University of California, Berkeley School of Librarianship study of freedom of book selection in California public school libraries.

Series 4: Writings approximately 1950-1980

Physical Description: Carton 11, folder 23-40; carton 12, folder 1-6
Scope and Content
Book reviews, manuscripts and reprints of articles written by Mosher, manuscripts and research materials for works on Victor Hugo and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Series 5: Way and Williams project files approximately 1956-1960

Physical Description: Carton 12, folder 7-66; carton 13; carton 14, folder 1-4
Scope and Content
Mosher's files for a project on the publisher Way and Williams, a Chicago publishing house founded in 1895 by Washington Irving Way and Chauncey L. Williams. Included are research files, notes, transcriptions, a chronological file of clippings and other research material, and some correspondence.

Series 6: Research files on printer John Haberkorn approximately 1980

Physical Description: Carton 14, folder 5-20

Series 7: Professional and University of California files approximately 1950-1990

Physical Description: Carton 14, folder 21-35

Series 8: Printer files approximately 1960-1980

Physical Description: Carton 15, folder 1-3; oversize folder 1
Scope and Content
Files on the Tamalpais Press, the Black Rock Press, and the Quenian Press. Oversize folder contains item printed by the Black Rock Press.

Series 9: Correspondence approximately 1960-1997

Physical Description: Carton 15, folder 4-15