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Abstract: Series 1: personal and professional correspondence, including letters from entomologists working in Equitorial regions, and correspondence between Tyler and Sevrin Housen, owner of Naturegraph Publishers.
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The Hamilton A. Tyler papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Mrs. Hamilton Tyler, on August 8, 1984.

Biography
Hamilton Alden Tyler was born in Fresno, California, in 1917. His father was an ardent field ornithologist, a contributor to Bent's *Life Histories*, and the author of a study on nesting habits of birds. Young Tyler's interest in insects and earliest training began as an egg boy, climbing up trees and over cliffs for various naturalists.

After attending the University of California, Berkeley, with a brief interval as a squad leader on the Loyalist side in the Spanish Civil War, Tyler became a farmer, then a landscape gardener, and finally, a professional writer. His long-held interest in literature continued, with his Sonoma County farms becoming a crossroads for traveling poets and the literary and artistic wing of conscientious objectors; Robert Duncan and William Everson both lived for a time at Treesbank. Tyler has written books and articles on gardening and Pueblo Indian culture and ceremonialism, especially concerning the complex roles of birds and mammals in native mythology. He is also known for his book on owls and for *The Swallowtail Butterflies of North America*, a compendium of all the known species, subspecies, and forms found from Yucatan to Alaska.

Scope and Content
A well-rounded naturalist, Hamilton A. Tyler wrote with authority on several different subjects. His Papers point to this variety in both his correspondence and manuscripts. Three boxes of professional and personal correspondence in Series 1 provide extensive documentation of the research done by the lepidopterists and ornithologists with whom Tyler corresponded and traded. Many of the letters are from entomologists working in Equatorial regions collecting butterfly samples and data. While this collection contains primarily incoming correspondence, letters written by Tyler may be found in the exchange of correspondence between Tyler and Sevrin Housen, owner of Naturegraph Publishers. These, in particular, document and give insight into the very personal process and business of running a small, specialized press.

On the literary side, among Tyler's correspondents were poets Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Thomas Parkinson, who includes with one of his letters, a poem titled, An Elegy to Ezra Pound. Tyler and his wife, Mary, were also long-time friends of poet, Robert Duncan. A reminiscence of Tyler's memories of Duncan, written with Mary, may be found in the miscellaneous writings sub-series at the end of Series 2 (Carton 4, folder 22).

Manuscripts and working notes for Tyler's writings are found in Series 2, arranged by title. Background notes, research materials, and a small amount of miscellaneous personal records comprise Series 3. Two boxes of index cards of references on butterflies, owls, woodpeckers, and unidentified subjects complete this series.


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## Series 2: Writings, 1955-1978

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- **Folder 3-4**: Complete typescript (carbon) with annotations
- **Folder 5**: Footnotes and corrections
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- **Folder 7**: Book proposal

### A Farewell to Poisoned Gardens (Later Known as Organic Gardening Without Poisons)

- **Folder 8**: Typed manuscript with proofreader's marks
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### The Gourmet Garden (Later Known as Gourmet Gardening)

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- **Folder 22**: Obituary of John G. Tyler, written by H. A. Tyler (carbon manuscript)

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