Guide to the Elwood Mead Papers

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Biographical / Historical
Elwood Mead (1858-1936) was a professor of engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. As a politician and engineer, he is known for heading the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) from 1924 until his death in 1936. In that capacity, Mead oversaw the Hoover, Grand Coulee and Owyhee dams projects.

Related Archival Materials
Cartons 6-7, glass plate negatives transferred to the Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library (BANC PIC 1966.035--NEG).

Related Archival Materials
Lantern slides transferred to the Bancroft Pictorial Collections (BANC PIC 1966.036).

Related Archival Materials

Scope and Contents
Correspondence, research data, manuscripts and reprints of writings, photographs and slides, hearing transcripts, students' theses, etc., relating in part to agriculture, irrigation, and engineering in California, Australia, Canada, Britain, and Mexico. There are typed cards in many cartons or attached to folders which provide detail on the contents of the collection.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Mead, Elwood, 1858-1936
University of California (1868-1952).. Dept. of Engineering
Engineers -- California -- Berkeley
Irrigation -- California -- History
Agriculture -- California -- History -- Sources
Engineering -- California -- History -- Sources
Faculty papers

Carton 1
Correspondence--incoming and outgoing together, A-O 1922

Carton 2
Correspondence-- P-Z 1922

Carton 3
Correspondence 1923

Carton 4
Australia 1906-1923
Scope and Contents
Reports, maps and other material on Australian irrigation work and related correspondence (1907-1915) and 1923 visit. Material on rural settlement of soldiers in Australia.

Carton 5
Hawaii approximately 1920s
Scope and Contents
Material on Mead's work with the Hawaii Homes Commission in putting native Hawaiians back on the land. Reports by Mead and various companies and individuals, some correspondence, maps etc.
Carton 5  **Land settlement in foreign countries approximately 1920s**  
Scope and Contents  
Reports and other material on land settlement work in Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico. Questionnaire sent to foreign countries and replies.

Carton 5  **California approximately 1920s**  
Scope and Contents  
Berkeley Land Settlement Conference, 1922--speeches and reports, correspondence; miscellaneous reports on land reclamation, etc.; Articles of Incorporation of the Dehli Co-operative Association; Walter Packard's Report of Proposed Settlement, Inyo, Calif., 1924; articles and clippings regarding California reclamation; Dehli and Durham projects; periodicals, etcetera regarding land settlement in California.

Carton 8  **Clippings concerning the Dehli and Durham settlements 1917-1923**  

Carton 9  **Tracts of land offered to the State for settlement projects**  
Scope and Contents  
Reports of investigations and related correspondence.

Carton 10  **Farm Tenancy Survey**  
Scope and Contents  
Survey done in Turlock district on farm conditions; individual questionaires.

Carton 11  **Farm Tenancy Survey**  

Carton 12  **Articles and speeches by Mead 1905-1922**  
Scope and Contents  
Primarily on land settlement, irrigation and soldier settlement. These are arranged chronologically according to a list included.

Carton 13  **Assorted other articles and speeches by Mead**  
Carton 13  **Assorted non-California land material**  
Carton 13  **Manuscript and revisions of Irrigation Institutions (book) and other irrigation materials**  
Carton 13  **Davis residential community settlement project planning, correspondence**  
Carton 14  **Soldier land settlement**  
Scope and Contents  
Proposed legislation regarding soldier land settlement and rehabilitation; reports, etcetera, on soldier land settlement; problems of the returned soldier and rural settlement in foreign countries and the United States.

Carton 14  **United States land settlement miscellany**  
Scope and Contents  
Notebook containing material for 1923 Land Settlement Conference and other correspondence and miscellany; report of the Committee on Colonization; Official Report to the Jewish Colonization Association; On Two Years' Experimental Work in Agriculture, by Amran Khazanoff; North Carolina--papers on rural credits; Land settlement miscellany.

Carton 14  **Orland Project**  
Scope and Contents  
Reports, data, correspondence and statements of settlers on the Orland Federal Reclamation project.

Carton 15  **Clippings**  
Scope and Contents  
On soldier settlement, agriculture, rural credits, farm tenancy, irrigation and Mead himself.
Carton 16

**Commercial land settlement investigations**

**Scope and Contents**
Reports of investigations into the policies and conditions of land settlement ventures of commercial land companies in California. These include the statements of companies, of settlers of the land, advertisements, and reports of the investigators to Mead.

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**Commercial land settlement investigations, continued**

**Scope and Contents**
Includes the Imperial Valley and Kerman land colony.

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**Madera Survey**
**Correspondence of the U.S. Reclamation Service Board of Review**
**Proposed legislation on reclamation**
**Material on Arizona reclamation and irrigation**

**Scope and Contents**
Reports and correspondence. Also North Platte project.

Carton 18

**Orland, Calif., Federal Reclamation project, report of local board**
**Miscellaneous papers regarding hearings by Board of Review on California lands**
**Milk production and marketing in Bay area**
**Food marketing in Australia, Germany, and United States, particularly California**
**Miscellaneous reports on agriculture, irrigation (not by Mead)**
**Maps of Madera district and other irrigation projects in California**
**Transcripts of the proceedings of the California State Rural Credit Commission September 29-October 23, 1915**

Carton 19

**Hilgardia**

**Scope and Contents**
vol. 6, no. 1, 5; vol. 10, no. 1-10.

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**Proceedings of the 1945 California Water Conference and other publications dealing with irrigation**

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**Kansas Agricultural publications**
**Agricultural publications from various state institutions, Kansas-Wyoming**

Carton 20

**Student theses 1908-1925**

**Scope and Contents**
From the College of Mechanics, of Civil Engineering etcetera, dealing with storage batteries, engines, power plants, pumps etcetera.

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**Student theses and reports, continued 1908-1925**