Guide to the Frederick Slate Papers, 1862-1937

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Abstract: Letters, diaries, drafts of speeches and articles (including a biography of Hilgard), diplomas and photographs, relating mainly to his career at the University. Some papers pertaining to property in Berkeley and to his estaste, and a small group of family papers, 1847-1879, also included.
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Biographical Sketch
Frederick Slate, physicist, the University of California at Berkeley, was born in London, England, on January 21, 1852. He obtained his degree from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1871, was instructor of chemistry from 1874 to 1877, and studied at Berlin and Strasbourg from 1877 to 1879. He came to the University of California where he taught physics from 1891 to 1918, and was the author of several books on physics.

Scope and Content
These papers, given to The Bancroft Library from the Slate estate, via the Gift Division of the Main Library, in May, June and July 1966, contain letters, diaries, drafts of articles and speeches, diplomas and photographs. Some papers pertaining to property in Berkeley and to the settlement of his estate are included, as are some family papers from 1847 to 1879.

Box 1

Outgoing letter, June 10, 1862
Incoming letters.

Additional Note
Single letters placed in A-Z Miscellany. Two or more letters arranged alphabetically, then chronologically within each folder.

Drafts of articles and talks
Personal papers, 1866-1901, including official copy of birth certificate, naturalization papers, marriage certificate, etc.

Biographical information
Papers relating to property in Berkeley, 1888-1930
Papers relating to the estate of Frederick Slate, 1930-1937
Miscellaneous family papers, 1847-1879, mainly letters to Slate's mother from various members of her family.

Miscellaneous miscellany
Papers relating to the estate of Ella (Hurd) De Wolfe Slate, 1926

Diaries and notebooks

volume v. 1
Diary, entitled University matters, 1881-1896

volume v. 2
Personal diary, Jan. 1915-Aug. 1919

volume v. 3
Diary, Sept. 1919-Sept. 1925

volume v. 4
Notes, some in German, 1879-1891

volume v. 5
Misc. notes

volume v. 6
Misc. notes on laboratories, etc., at various universities, with lists of books in the libraries and types of apparatus, n.d.

volume v. 7
Misc. notes, 1884-1886, many relating to education

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Mechanical Drawing plates by F. Slate

Diplomas

A-Z Miscellany

Brasch, Frederick Edwards, 1875-
Letter, Nov. 29, 1921

California. University, Berkeley. President
Letter, Feb. 12, 1918, by Benjamin Ide Wheeler, containing copy of letter from the Carnegie Foundation.

Hall, Edwin, Herbert, 1855-1938
Letter, Aug. 9, 1918

Heaviside, Oliver, 1850-1935
Letter, Aug. 7, 1921

Lovejoy Arthur Oncken, 1873-1962
Letter, Jan. 2, 1923
Shewhart, Walter Andrew, 1891-
  Letter, Oct. 13, 1918
Van Valkenburgh, Arba Seymour, 1862-1944
  Letter, Aug. 30, 1909
Webster, Arthur Gordon, 1863-1923
  Letter, Oct. 22, 1920
Wilczynski, Ernest Julius, 1876-1932
  Letter, Oct. 21, 1920
Campbell, William Wallace, 1862-1938
  2 letters, 1919-1920
Crew, Henry, 1859-
  3 letters, 1918-1921
Leuschner, Armin Otto, 1868-1953
  3 letters, 1918-1921
Millikan, Robert Andrews, 1868-1953
  2 letters, 1919-1920
Quimby, Shirley Leon, 1893
  4 letters, 1920-1921
Snow, Benjamin Warner, 1860
  2 letters, 1918-1920
Wheeler, Benjamin Ide, 1854-1927
See California. University, Berkeley. President