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Collection Summary

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Abstract: This collection contains correspondence relating primarily to Bancroft's political activities as a member of the Republican Party, the Progressive Party, and as an unsuccessful candidate for United States Senator. Principal correspondents include Hubert Howe Bancroft, Herbert Hoover, Hiram Johnson, Edgar Augustine Lucie, Martin Madsen, Frank Finley Merriam, Raymond W. Miller, George Cooper Pardee, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Allerton Shurtleff, Justus S. Wardell, and Clement Calhoun Young.

Languages Represented: English

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Biographical Sketch

Philip Bancroft was born in San Francisco in 1881, the son of Hubert Howe and Matilda Coley Griffing Bancroft. He attended Harvard Law School and Hastings College of the Law, graduating from the latter in 1905. He then established a law practice in San Francisco and soon became interested in politics. In 1908 he was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention. In 1912 he was elected again to their convention where he became a member of the Progressive National Convention formed to nominate Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram W. Johnson. Following Army service in World War I, he decided to become a full-time farmer on his ranch in Walnut Creek, California. He was a member and officer of numerous agricultural organizations including the Associated Farmers of Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa Walnut Growers' Association and the California Pear Growers' Association. In 1938 and 1944 he was the Republican nominee for the office of United States Senator from California. He died in 1975.

Scope and Content

The collection contains correspondence relating primarily to Bancroft's political activities as a member of the Republican Party, the Progressive Party, and unsuccessful candidate for elective (and appointive) office. Some of his papers relate to his career as a farmer. There are also typed copies of Bancroft's speeches, which primarily concern political lobbying for agricultural interests, transcripts of proceedings, campaign memorabilia, clippings, and miscellaneous other Papers. Personal information about Philip Bancroft is contained in a record of his childhood (1881-1891), kept by his mother.

Box 1, folders 1-5.

Series 1: Letters Written by Bancroft, 1908-1966.

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Relates primarily to his activities with the Republican Party, the Progressive Party and to his unsuccessful campaigns for state senator.

Box 1, folder 1

letters 1908-1910

Physical Description: 67

folder 2

letters 1911-1915

Physical Description: 61

folder 3

letters 1916-1925

Physical Description: 35

folder 4

letters 1926-1940

Physical Description: 70

folder 5

letters 1941-1966

Physical Description: 52

Box 1, folders 6-16; Box 2.	Series 2: Letters Written to Bancroft, 1908-1959. Scope and Content Note Arrangement Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the key to arrangement. Unlisted letters are in a miscellany at the beginning of the file.
Box 1, folder 6	A - I 1908-1955 Physical Description: 30
folder 7	J - Q 1908-1952 Physical Description: 23
folder 8	R - Z 1908-1959 Physical Description: 22
folder 9	Alderman, Robert G. 1939 Physical Description: 3 Scope and Content Note Letter, June 15, comments on the 1940 election in California
folder 10	Angellotti, Frank M., 1861-1932 Nov. 17, 1914 Scope and Content Note Letter thanking Bancroft for his support
folder 11	Arlett, Arthur July 14, 1915 Scope and Content Note Letter written while member of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission. Transmits letter from J. H. McCallum listing people to be invited to hear Theodore Roosevelt's speech.
folder 12	Ballantine, Henry Winthrop, 1880-1951 June 13, 1935 Scope and Content Note Letter about the possible appointment of Bancroft as a Superior Court Judge in Contra Costa County.
folder 13	Bancroft, Hubert Howe, 1832-1918 1908-1917 Physical Description: 5 Scope and Content Note Written mainly to others. One letter is incomplete.
folder 14	Bath, Edwin G. Aug. 10, 1915 Scope and Content Note Letter asking Bancroft's support of his candidacy for Judge of the San Francisco Police Court.
folder 15	Bowie, John F. Sept. 23, 1914 Scope and Content Note Letter signed also by Warren Olney, Jr. and others. Notification of meeting of the Executive Committee of Attorneys Organized to Advance the Nomination and Election of Lucien Shaw as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

folder 16	Brandeis, Louis Dembitz, 1856-1941 April 2, 1939 Scope and Content Note Written to Mrs. Bancroft.
Box 2, folder 1	California Hoover Progressive Club 1932 Physical Description: 4
folder 2	Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933 Dec. 26, 1923 Scope and Content Note Written for him by his executive clerk.
folder 3	DeCamp, C. A. Aug. 29, 1914 Scope and Content Note Thanking Bancroft for helping him secure the Progressive nomination for California Assemblyman.
folder 4	Delger, Edward F. Oct. 29, 1908 Scope and Content Note Thanking him for convention pictures.
folder 5	Devlin, Frank Raymond, 1867- Mar. 12, 1920 Scope and Content Note Written while member of the Finance Committee of the Johnson-for-Presidency organization.
folder 6	De Young, Michael Harry, 1849-1925 Oct. 20, 1908 Scope and Content Note Concerning a contribution.
folder 7	Dunne, Frank H., 1862-1941 Jan. 4, 1924
folder 8	Eells, Charles Parmelee May 10, 1914 Scope and Content Note Asking Bancroft's help in securing the nomination and election of F. S. Stratton to the First District Court of Appeals.
folder 9	Eshleman, John Morton, 1876-1916 Aug. 28, 1914 Scope and Content Note Thanking Bancroft for his support.
folder 10	Graupner, Adolphus E. April 22, 1914
folder 11	Greene, Lewis H. 1934 Physical Description: 2 Scope and Content Note Oct. 29, transmits copy of his letter to the Merriam-for-Governor Headquarters; Oct. 31, transmits letter from the Merriam-for-Governor Headquarters.
folder 12	Hale, Matthew Dec. 26, 1913 Scope and Content Note Written while publisher of the <i>Boston Journal</i> .
folder 13	Hatfield, George J., 1887-1953 July 4, 1934 Scope and Content Note Thanking Bancroft for his support.

- folder 14 **Hays, Will Harrison, 1879-1954 Mar. 1, 1920**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while Chairman, Republican National Committee.
- folder 15 **Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964 1940-1959**
 Physical Description: 9
 Additional Note
 Letter, 1943, written for him by his secretary. Letters, 1958-59, are printed copies.
- folder 16 **Johnson, Herbert, 1878- Jan. 23, 1941**
folder 17 **Johnson, Hiram Warren, 1866-1945 1914-1943**
 Physical Description: 20
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter, Dec. 20, 1916, addressed "*To the Subscribers to the John M. Eshleman Fund.*"
- folder 18 **Johnson-Eshleman Club, written by T. E. Haven, President. Oct. 3, 1914**
 Scope and Content Note
 Notifying Bancroft of his appointment to the Executive Committee.
- folder 19 **Johnson Finance Committee March 12, 1920**
 Scope and Content Note
 Notifying Bancroft that he has been appointed a member.
- folder 20 **Keesling, Francis Valentine, 1877- 1921-1935**
 Physical Description: 3
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter (copy), July 14, 1935, concerns Bancroft's possible appointment to the Contra Costa County Superior Court Bench.
- folder 21 **Kimball, Rufus Hatch Nov. 10, 1916**
 Scope and Content Note
 Commenting on the election.
- folder 22 **Lucie, Edgar Augustine, 1881-1958 1911-1948**
 Physical Description: 2
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter, 1911, comments on the Progressive Movement in California. Letter, 1948, comments on R. G. Cleland's references to Hiram Johnson in his book: *California In Our Time -1900-1940.*
- folder 23 **McCormick, Medill, 1877-1925 March 17, 1915**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while member of the Illinois Assembly.
- folder 24 **Madsen, Martin C. 1914-1916**
 Physical Description: 14
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter (copy), Dec. 20, 1916, written to Hiram Johnson, transmits final statement of the John M. Eshleman Fund.

folder 25	Martin, Irving 1932-1934 Physical Description: 2 Scope and Content Note Written while President of the <i>Stockton Record</i> .
folder 26	Mayberry, H. H. Nov. 10, 1908
folder 27	Melvin, Henry Alexander, 1856-1920 Oct. 16, 1908
folder 28	Merriam, Frank Finley, 1865-1955 Dec. 4, 1934 Scope and Content Note Written while Governor of California thanking Bancroft for his support.
folder 29	Meyer, Martin A. Nov. 18, 1914
folder 30	Miller, Raymond W. 1934-1935 Physical Description: 5 Scope and Content Note Letters, 1934, written while Chairman, Northern California Agricultural Division, Merriam For Governor campaign. Letter (copy), 1935, written to Gov. F. F. Merriam
folder 31	Municipal League of Independent Republican Clubs 1909 Physical Description: 2
folder 32	National Economic League 1911-1924 Physical Description: 2 Scope and Content Note Letter, 1911, written to Livingston Jenks. Letter, 1924, transmits notification of nomination for membership on the National Council.
folder 33	Neumiller, Charles L. May 13, 1922 Scope and Content Note Written while Chairman, Organization Committee, Northern California Organization to Re-Elect Hiram W. Johnson U.S. Senator.
folder 34	Northern California Merriam-Hatfield Campaign Committee Nov. 5, 1934 Scope and Content Note Written by R. W. Barrett thanking Bancroft for his help in the campaign.
folder 35	Oddie, Clarence M. Oct. 31, 1916 Scope and Content Note Written while Secretary of the Hughes Business Men's Club of San Francisco.
folder 36	Oliver, James M. June 19, 1919 Scope and Content Note Suggesting people in Alameda County who are qualified to become members of the Hiram W. Johnson for President League of California.
folder 37	Pardee, George Cooper, 1857-1941 1914-1934 Physical Description: 3 Scope and Content Note Concerning various Progressive issues.
folder 38	Paul, James L. 1908 Scope and Content Note Written while President of the Ontario (Calif.)-Cucamonga Fruit Exchange

- folder 39 **Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946 1916**
 Physical Description: 2
- folder 40 **Power, Harold T. Oct. 7, 1908**
 Scope and Content Note
 Concerning pictures of the Republican National Convention.
- folder 41 **Progressive Party. California. State Central Committee. 1914**
 Physical Description: 2
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter, Sept. 19, transmits notification of Bancroft's election to the Committee.
- folder 42 **Progressive Party. National Committee. Feb. 24, 1914**
 Scope and Content Note
 Copy written to Meyer Lissner, transmits copy of Bainbridge Colby's western itinerary
- folder 43 **Republican Party. California. State Central Committee. 1908-1932**
 Physical Description: 4
 Scope and Content Note
 With these: two invitations to act as Vice-President at meetings
- folder 44 **Republican Party. National Committee. May 22, 1908**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written to G. A. Knight. With this: printed circular about a postal station to be established in Chicago for the convention.
- folder 45 **Richards, John E., 1834- Nov. 13, 1914**
 Scope and Content Note
 Thanking Bancroft for his support during the recent election.
- folder 46 **Roosevelt, Archibald, 1918- May 4, 1959**
 Scope and Content Note
 Concerning Harvard University.
- folder 47 **Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919 1910-1918**
 Physical Description: 2
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter (copy), 1910, written to C. H. Lindley. Letter, 1918, written to Mrs. Bancroft.
- folder 48 **Roosevelt, Theodore, 1887-1944 March 18, 1935**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while Chairman of the Board, American Express.
- folder 49 **Rowell, Chester Harvey, 1867-1948**
 (Fresno Republican Publishing Company) 1914-1932
 Physical Description: 6
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter, Nov. 14, 1914, transmits copy of his letter to C. C. Young.

- folder 50 **Sayres, James B. 1914**
 Physical Description: 2
 Scope and Content Note
 Letter, Jan. 23, transmits resignation from the Republican County Committee of San Francisco and intention to join the Progressive Party.
- folder 51 **Sharkey, William Richard June 28, 1935**
 Scope and Content Note
 Copy, written to F. V. Keesling recommending that Bancroft be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Superior Court of Contra Costa County.
- folder 52 **Shortridge, Samuel Morgan, 1861-1952 June 30, 1914**
 Scope and Content Note
 Asking Bancroft to support his candidacy for U.S. Senator from California.
- folder 53 **Shurtleff, Charles Allerton, 1857-1941 1914**
 Physical Description: 3
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while Chairman of the Angellotti Campaign Committee.
- folder 54 **Stephens, William Dennison, 1859-1944 July 28, 1916**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while United States Representative from California.
- folder 55 **Thomas, Johnson A. 1949**
 Physical Description: 3
 Scope and Content Note
 About honoring Herbert Hoover on his seventy-fifth birthday.
- folder 56 **U.S. War Food Administration Feb. 17, 1945**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written by R. F. Ballou, Executive Officer, to Paul and Philip Bancroft about their application for permission to increase their employees' wages. With this: copy of application.
- folder 57 **Veale, Richard Rains, 1864-1937 1924**
 Physical Description: 2
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while Sheriff of Contra Costa County.
- folder 58 **Walker, Fred J. 1933-1934**
 Physical Description: 4
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while editor of the *Pittsburg Post Dispatch*. 2 letters (copies), 1934, written to others.
- folder 59 **Wallace, Henry Agard, 1888-1965 Nov. 23, 1933**
 Scope and Content Note
 Written while Secretary of Agriculture, thanking Bancroft for his letter of support.

folder 60	Wardell, Justus S., 1872-1945 1914-1933 Physical Description: 3 Scope and Content Note Letters, 1933, written while Regional Advisor, Sixth District, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.
folder 61 folder 62	Wheeler, Charles Stetson, 1863-1923 July 29, 1916 Wickett, F. A. 1949 Physical Description: 3 Scope and Content Note Letter, June 22, written for him by his secretary about plans for honoring Herbert Hoover on his seventy-fifth birthday.
folder 63	Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, 1881- 1949 Physical Description: 2 Scope and Content Note Concerning Harvard University.
folder 64 folder 65	Woodruff, Clinton Rogers, 1868- Nov. 1, 1934 Young, Clement Calhoun, 1869-1947 1922-1934 Physical Description: 4 Scope and Content Note Letter, April 3, 1934, informs Bancroft of his decision to become a candidate for Governor of California.
folder 66	Young (C. C.) For Governor. Northern California Campaign Committee. 1934 Physical Description: 3 Scope and Content Note Concerns obtaining sponsors from Contra Costa County for Young.
Carton 1, folders 1-49.	Series 3. Bancroft's Speeches and Writings, 1935-1955. Scope and Content Note Arrangement Arranged alphabetically. Typed or mimeographed unless noted otherwise.
Ctn. 1, folder 1 folder 2	Agricultural Labor Situation Dec. 8, 1937 American Morale Oct. 20, 1936 Additional Note (Radio address)
folder 3 folder 4 folder 5 folder 6	Answer to the La Follete Committee Feb. 21, 1940 The Causes of the Present Depression Jan. 28, [1938] [Comments on behalf of farmers] at San Francisco Mayor's meeting April 7, 1938 Dangerous Legislation We Are Facing 1940 Scope and Content Note (Report to the Associated Farmers)
folder 7 folder 8	Discussion at the Fifth Annual Institute of International Relations June 29, 1939 Does <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> Present A Fair Picture of California Farm-Labor Conditions? 1940
folder 9	Effect of Walnut Control Agreement on Prices Received By Growers March, 1936

folder 10	The Farmer and the Communists April 26, 1935 Scope and Content Note Address before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco
folder 11	A Few Of the Dangerous Bills Before Our State Legislature May 25, 1939 Scope and Content Note (Report to the Associated Farmers)
folder 12	Fifth Column Activities In This Country June 7, 1940 Scope and Content Note (Address Before the Annual Meeting of the Associated Farmers of Kings County)
folder 13	Final primary address Aug. 29, 1938 Additional Note (Radio address)
folder 14	Final Radio address Nov. 7, 1938
folder 15	Initial campaign address June 15, 1938 Scope and Content Note Delivered at the Pro-Americans banquet
folder 16	Investigation or Inquisition, Which? June 21, 1936
folder 17	Is <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> Justified By California Farm Conditions? March 29, 1940 Scope and Content Note Address before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco
folder 18	[Labor Problems in Contra Costa County] Nov. 12, 1936 Scope and Content Note Talk delivered before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco
folder 19	Legislative Activities of the Associated Farmers 1939 Scope and Content Note Report to the Associated Farmers
folder 20	Let's Preserve Democracy May 2, 1942 Scope and Content Note Address before the annual banquet of the Legal Secretaries, Inc. at Fresno
folder 21	Manpower Shortage - Real or Artificial? n.d.
folder 22	Mr. Farley's Affront to California Nov. 3, 1938 Additional Note (Radio address)
folder 2 3	My Opponent's Record Oct. 24, 1938
folder 24	Opening radio address - Senatorial campaign March 13, 1944
folder 25	Our Horse-and-Buggy Virtues Oct. 27, 1936 Additional Note (Radio address)
folder 26	The Parable of the Two Shirts 1936?
folder 27	Philip Bancroft For Senator Nov. 3, 1938 Additional Note (Radio address)

- folder 28 **Philip Bancroft Opens State-wide Campaign For United States Senator Oct. 3, 1938**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 29 **The Policy of the Good Neighbor Oct. 15, 1936**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 30 **The Problem of Labor Union July 9, [1938]**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 31 **Protecting California Farmers Against the Communists Dec. 3, 1940**
 Scope and Content Note
 Address to the annual convention of the Associated Farmers of California
- folder 32 **Protecting Your Food Supply Aug. 9, [1938]**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 33 **Raising Our Standard of Living Aug. 2, 1938**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 34 **The Reactionary New Deal ca. 1938**
folder 35 **Relief July 26, [1938]**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 36 **Report of the Legislative Committee of the Associated Farmers of California Dec. 8, 1939**
 Scope and Content Note
 Report to the Associated Farmers
- folder 37 **Saving Our Home Markets July 12, 1938**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 38 **Shall California Be Ruled By the W.P.A.? Oct. 17, 1938**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 39 **Should Relief Workers Be Unionized? Aug. 23, [1938]**
 Additional Note
 (Radio address)
- folder 40 **Should the Farmers Be Put On the Dole? Feb. 4, 1936**
 Scope and Content Note
 Address delivered before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco

folder 41	<p>The So-called Downey Ham-And-Eggs Plan Oct. 10, 1938</p> <p>Additional Note (Radio address)</p>
folder 42 folder 43	<p>[Speech at Harvard University] ca. 1955</p> <p>Strikes in Defense Industries May 6, 1941</p> <p>Scope and Content Note Address before the Lindsay High School Forum</p>
folder 44	<p>The Tax on Pay-rolls Aug. 16, 1938</p> <p>Additional Note (Radio address)</p>
folder 45 folder 46	<p>Tree Fruit Agreement Referendum April 1936</p> <p>Twenty-five Years Ago and Today n.d.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note (Speech to the Associated Farmers)</p>
folder 47	<p>Unexpected Results of the Wagner Act July 5, [1938]</p> <p>Additional Note (Radio address)</p>
folder 48	<p>What Should American Do For the "Joads"? March 7, 1940</p> <p>Additional Note (Radio address: America's Town Meeting of the Air)</p>
folder 49 Carton 1, folders 50-68; Cartons 2-4; Oversize folder 1 A.	<p>Why I Am In Favor of the Walnut Marketing Agreement Oct. 1935</p> <p>Series 4. Related and Miscellaneous Papers, 1881-1938.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note Arrangement Arrangement is roughly chronological. Includes transcripts, clippings, campaign materials, and other assorted papers concerning Republican Party activities in California. Also includes a record of Bancroft's childhood.</p>
Ctn. 1, folder 50 folder 51 folder 52 folder 53 folder 54 folder 55-56 folder 57 folder 58 folder 59 folder 60-61 Oversize folder 1 A carton 1, folder 62 folder 63-64 folder 65 folder 66-67 folder 68 Ctn. 2, folder 1 folder 2-21 Ctn. 3, folder 1-17 Ctn. 4, folder 1-13	<p>Record of Bancroft's childhood, 1881 to about 1891, kept by his mother 1881-1891</p> <p>Copies of Official Election Returns By Precincts 1909</p> <p>General election 1909</p> <p>Republican National Convention 1912</p> <p>Copy of Conservation plank - 1912 convention 1912</p> <p>Republican Party. California. San Francisco County Committee. 1910-1912</p> <p>Papers concerning the 1912 election 1912</p> <p>Papers of various Republican clubs 1909-1910</p> <p>Campaign material - state election for governor 1934</p> <p>Campaign material - senatorial election 1938</p> <p>Campaign poster undated</p> <p>Senatorial election 1944</p> <p>Miscellaneous papers n.d.</p> <p>Convention badges and admission tickets, campaign buttons 1908-1912</p> <p>Clippings - state election 1910</p> <p>Clippings - state election 1912</p> <p>Clippings - state election 1934</p> <p>Clippings - U.S. Senate campaign 1938</p> <p>Clippings - U.S. Senate campaign 1938</p> <p>Clippings - U.S. Senate campaign 1938</p>

folder 14-17

Clippings - U.S. Senate campaign 1944

folder 18-19

Clippings - farm labor ca. 1932-40

folder 20

Miscellaneous ca. 1914-1959