Ralph Hamlin Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ralph Hamlin Photograph Collection

Dates: 1894-1976

Collection Number: P-115

Creator/Collector: Hamlin, Ralph

Extent: 8.64 linear feet (Boxes: 6 letter, 1 1/2 letter, 1 flat, 3 ov, ov folders)

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Abstract: Photographs relating to Ralph Cunningham Hamlin (1880 - 1974): his personal and family life; bicycling; motorcycling; and automobile racing activities; auto road and endurance trips; business matters and associates (including early auto shows); and the Franklin automobile dealerships.

Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History

Hamlin operated an automobile dealership by 1901 at 1806 So. Main Street, Los Angeles. His original Franklin dealership opened in 1905 at 1040 So. Flower Street. He also acquired a dealership in Hollywood at 5766 Hollywood Boulevard; he also had a Glendale branch selling Franklins under the "Ralph Hamlin" company name.

Scope and Content of Collection

Photographs relating to Ralph Cunningham Hamlin (1880 - 1974): his personal and family life; bicycling; motorcycling; and automobile racing activities; auto road and endurance trips; business matters and associates (including early auto shows); and the Franklin automobile dealerships. Includes a color sketch tribute to Hamlin from artist Charles Owens, with seven photos mounted and a map sketch of the route from Los Angeles to Indio. 1894-1976, undated. See also GC1342 - Ralph Hamlin (1880 - 1974) Collection

Indexing Terms

Automobile industry and trade--California.
Automobile industry and trade--History.
Automobile racing--California--History.
Bicycles and bicycling--History.
H.H. Franklin Manufacturing Co.
Franklin Automobile Co.

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