Descriptive Summary
Title: Rodman W. Paul Papers,
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Abstract: Paul was a historian of the American West. His special interest was in mining. The small collection of Rodman Paul papers was given to the Archives by the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2001. It contains a sampling of his correspondence, publication projects and research notes, plus some biographical material, in particular, documents relating to his Harvard years.
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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated by Caltech's Division of Humanities and Social Sciences in June, 2001.
Biography
Rodman Paul was born November 6, 1912 in Philadelphia and grew up near Boston. He was educated at Milton Academy (preparatory school) and Harvard, where he received the degrees of AB (1936), AM (1937) and PhD (1943). He served in the US navy reserve from 1943 through 1946, after which he took a position as instructor at Yale for one year. In 1947, he came to Caltech, where he eventually became the first Edward S. Harkness Professor of History (1972-1981). Paul was an expert in western American history and especially on western mining. He is credited with building up Caltech's history department after World War II. He also was closely allied with the development of the western history collection at the Huntington Library. Paul retired from Caltech in 1981. He died on May 15, 1987.
Scope and Content
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The collection is organized into the following series:
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Related Material
Researchers should also consult the Rodman Paul Historical File in the Archives, as well as Paul's oral history done with Carol Bugé in 1982.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Paul, Rodman W. (Rodman Wilson)
West(U.S.)--History
Mines and Mineral Resources--West(U.S.)--History
California Institute of Technology
Occupations
Mining

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