Descriptive Summary

Title: Edwin Markham Poetry Society Hoe Room Collection
Dates: 1865-1975
Collection Number: 1997-277
Creator/Collector: Edwin Markham Poetry Society
Extent: 13 linear feet
Repository: History San Jose Research Library
San Jose, California 95112
Abstract: Collection of Edwin Markham Poetry Society records, print material, clippings, and original correspondence and manuscripts primarily related to Edwin Markham and Henry Meade Bland. Some of these items were on display at the Hoe Room in the Edwin Markham House before the house was moved to San Jose's History Park.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Acquired by the San Jose Historical Museum during restoration of the Edwin Markham House after it was moved to History Park in 1987.
Biography/Administrative History
The Edwin Markham Poetry Society was founded circa 1930 to encourage interest in poetry and kindred literature and arts, to sponsor an annual poetry contest, and to preserve the contents of the Hoe Room at the Edwin Markham House (formerly located at 832 South Eight Street in San Jose, now located at History Park). The organization's goals were to study poetic literature and allied subjects, to further the work of members and to provide a visitor reception center in the Edwin Markham house. It was disbanded circa 1990. The Edwin Markham House was moved from the San Jose State University grounds to History Park in 1987 and subsequently renovated and restored. The Poetry Society collection was acquired as part of these efforts in order to create a museum exhibit in the house at History Park.
Scope and Content of Collection
Collection of Edwin Markham Poetry Society records, publications, clippings, photographs, and original correspondence and manuscripts primarily related to Edwin Markham and Henry Meade Bland. The collection also includes nine boxes of books that were part of the Hoe Room Collection, comprising Bland's original library and later donations by Poetry Society members.
Indexing Terms
Poets, American
Literature--Societies, etc
Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940
Bland, Henry Meade, 1863-1931
Edwin Markham Poetry Society
San Jose (Calif.)
administrative records
poems
letters (correspondence)
photographic prints
manuscripts (documents)
serials (publications)
programs (documents)
clippings (information artifacts)

Inventory of Edwin Markham Poetry Society Hoe Room Collection