George L. Harding Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: George L. Harding Papers
Dates: 1861-1976
Collection Number: 2003-57-1
Creator/Collector: Harding, George L. (George Laban), 1893-1976
Extent: 3 boxes (2 linear feet)
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Abstract: Small collection of personal papers of author George Laban Harding, primarily comprising family photographs, portraits, and Boy Scouts of America ephemera.
Language of Material: English
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Acquisition Information
Part of the Henry L. Harding Papers (Harding's son) originally donated to the Perham Foundation and Foothill Electronics Museum, later transferred to History San Jose in 2003 as part of the Perham Collection of Early Electronics.
Biography/Administrative History
Harding was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1893, and died in Berkeley on August 30, 1976. He graduated from Indiana University with an A.B. (1915), followed by Harvard University (M.B.A., 1917). He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve during World War I, then worked at a ship-building company in Tacoma, Washington, before joining the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in San Francisco in 1928, retiring in 1958. A successful executive, Harding was also very active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the National Executive Board and leading Palo Alto Troop 57. In addition, he was a published author, working closely with the California Historical Society, interested in the history of types and printing. (Some information taken from obituary published in the California Historical Quarterly (Vol. 55 No. 4, Winter, 1976/1977)).
Scope and Content of Collection
Includes Harding family letters and photographs; certificates and diplomas; Boy Scouts of America ephemera and photographs; photo album from Harding's Indiana University undergraduate years; portraits; and a binder of notes and outline, titled "Early Polynesian Printing."
Indexing Terms
Authors
Boy Scouts
Boy Scouts of America
Indianapolis (Ind.)
Palo Alto (Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.)
photograph albums
studio portraits
cabinet photographs
cartes-de-visite (card photographs)
diplomas
notes
outlines (documents)
letters (correspondence)
discharges
marriage certificates

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