William Chapman Weather Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: William Chapman Weather Records
Dates: 1995-2009
Collection Number: 2019-41
Creator/Collector: Chapman, William Ashley (1919-2010)
Extent: .25 linear feet (3 notebooks)
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Abstract: Three notebooks created by William Chapman recording daily high and low temperatures and rainfall between May 1995 and November 2009 at his residence in Los Altos, California.
Language of Material: English
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Acquisition Information
Donated to History San Jose in 2019 by the Chapman family.
Scope and Content of Collection
Three notebooks created by William Chapman recording daily high and low temperatures and rainfall between May 1995 and November 2009 at his residence in Los Altos. Occasional weather details are sprinkled throughout, e.g. "overcast," "blustery," "beautiful day." Chapman, who flew private planes and was therefore interested in the weather, was part of a local corps of weather observers around the San Francisco Bay Area, using analog high-low weather gauges in his garden and at least two rain gauges on his fence. Local stations KRON and KCBS were in contact with Chapman and used his data for their reporting. As Chapman got older and his handwriting shakier, his wife Faye took over the data recording. She passed away at the end of 2009, and William Chapman passed shortly thereafter.
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Weather
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Two thousands (Decade)
Los Altos (Calif.)
San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)
notebooks