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## **Benjamin F. Gilbert Papers**

1940-1985

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Benjamin F. Gilbert Papers

**Dates:** 1940-1985

**Collection Number:** 1994-114

**Creator/Collector:** Gilbert, Benjamin F. (Benjamin Franklin)

**Extent:** 3 linear feet

**Repository:** History San Jose Research Library

**Abstract:** Research materials focusing on local history by San Jose State University professor Dr. Benjamin F. Gilbert.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**

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**Acquisition Information**

Donated to History San Jose in 1994.

**Biography/Administrative History**

Dr. Benjamin F. Gilbert (1918-1992), Associate Professor of History at San José State College, was a native Californian and an authority on California state history, particularly the Civil War era. Born in San Francisco, he attended the University of California where he obtained his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Gilbert began his teaching career in San Francisco and Oakland, and was a teaching assistant at the University of California before joining the faculty of San José State College in 1950. He also served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945. As a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of San José, Gilbert authored the book *Pioneers for One Hundred Years: San José State College, 1857-1957*, the first definitive history of the college to be published since 1928. This book would be updated in 1980 in *Washington Square, 1857-1979: The History of San José State University* by Gilbert and his colleague Charles Burdick. (Biography courtesy of San Jose State University).

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Research materials focusing on local history by San Jose State University professor Dr. Benjamin F. Gilbert, author of *Pioneers for One Hundred Years: San José State College 1857-1957*, and co-author of *Washington Square 1857-1979: The History of San José State University*. Includes personal correspondence, manuscripts, published papers, series of photographs of Moffett Field. See attached inventory.

**Indexing Terms**

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