Arthur L. Clarke Collection of Drawings and Photographs

1900-1927
Descriptive Summary
Title: Arthur L. Clarke Collection of Drawings and Photographs
Dates: 1900-1927
Collection Number: 1986-98
Creator/Collector: Clarke, Arthur L.
Extent: 44 items
Repository: History San Jose Research Library
Abstract: Cartoon illustrations and photographs of friends and co-workers collected by newspaper editor Arthur L. Clarke.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Donated to History San Jose in 1986.
Biography/Administrative History
Arthur L. Clarke was editor in chief of the San Jose Mercury-Herald, and prior to that worked with newspapers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. Clarke began his newspaper career on the sports department of the Omaha Bee. After serving the San Francisco Chronicle and Chicago Tribune he was sent by the latter paper to London as special correspondent during the Boer war. He was later city editor of the Chicago Examiner, managing editor of the Los Angeles Examiner, Chicago Examiner and New York American. He died in San Jose, California, in 1928.
Scope and Content of Collection
Clarke had a special interest in collecting cartoons and illustrations of fellow workers and friends. These mostly pen and ink drawings, as well as a small number of photographs, feature scenes of newsrooms, Los Angeles artist Paul de Longpre, Walter Russell, John T. McCutcheon, artist Howard Chandler Christy, Richard Mansfield and Sarah Bernhardt. Most are autographed. Many are undated, but appear to date from 1905-1927.
Indexing Terms
Caricatures and cartoons
Newspaper editors--United States
San Jose Mercury-news
Caricatures
Black-and-white photographs
Signatures (names)