Edwin Markham Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Edwin Markham Papers
Dates: 1878-1945
Collection Number: 1991-135
Creator/Collector: Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940 Hampton, Vernon Boyce, 1897-
Extent: .5 linear feet
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Abstract: Personal papers of the American poet Edwin Markham, collected by Dr. Vernon B. Hampton of Staten Island, N.Y. Of note are original manuscripts, early teaching and school administration records, one pocket diary (1902), and a letter from Jack London (1901).
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
The papers were purchased by the San Jose Historical Museum in 1991 from the American Dust Company of Staten Island, N.Y., who acquired the materials from Dr. Vernon B. Hampton.
Biography/Administrative History
American poet Edwin Markham moved from California to Staten Island, New York, circa 1901, where he lived until his death in 1940. Staten Island local historian Dr. Vernon B. Hampton was apparently his literary executor, friend, and colleague, and presumably acquired these papers from Markham.
Scope and Content of Collection
The small collection of papers includes original manuscripts, as well as signed broadsheets and tear sheets, and sheet music both published and unpublished, some given to Markham by the composers. Of note is an original letter from Jack London to Markham composed in 1901, apologizing for a recent review of Markham's work. Approximately half of the papers document Markham's early career as a teacher and school administrator in California. His pocket diary from 1902 documents his meetings with publishers, poetry readings, and other activities.
Indexing Terms
Poets, American
Educators
London, Jack, 1876-1916
El Dorado County (Calif.)
Alameda County (Calif.)
Staten Island (N.Y.)
sheet music
journals (accounts)
photographic prints
manuscripts (documents)
letters (correspondence)
certificates
administrative reports
broadsheet (format)
clippings (information artifacts)

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