George and Mae Worswick Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: George and Mae Worswick Papers

Dates: 1882-1938

Collection Number: 1988-57

Creator/Collector: Worswick, George Draper
Worswick, Mary L.
Worswick, Mildred

Extent: .75 linear feet (2 boxes)

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Abstract: Papers of George Draper Worswick and his wife Mary ("Mae") Holcomb Worswick, including personal correspondence and a scrapbook of political clippings related to Worswick's two terms as mayor of San Jose, California.

Language of Material: English

Access
The papers are open to the public for research by appointment with the Curator of Library & Archives

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Acquisition Information
Donated to the San Jose Historical Museum in 1988 by the Estate of Mildred Worswick, daughter of George and Mae

Biography/Administrative History
George Draper Worswick was born in 1881 in Kingston, Upper Canada, and later moved to Ketchum, Idaho, where he operated a fruit and produce store in the 1880s. He courted Mary "Mae" Holcolm while she resided in Caldwell, Idaho, and they married in 1886. After moving to San Jose, Worswick served two terms as Mayor of San Jose, beginning in 1902. He ran as a Citizen's Candidate, on a Progressive platform, for good government. In addition, Worswick owned Cherryvale Orchards and acted as local agent for the California Pine Box and Lumber Company. He died unexpectedly in 1921, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. Son George, Jr., served in the U.S. Navy, and daughter Mildred resided in San Jose.

Scope and Content of Collection
Personal correspondence makes up a large portion of the papers, including letters to and from George and Mae Worswick during their courtship and marriage, and letters to daughter Mildred from her family members. In addition, a small collection of real estate and financial papers are included. A scrapbook documents George Worswick's political career as a Progressive "Citizen's" candidate, serving as mayor of San Jose from 1902-1906. See attached inventory for details.

Indexing Terms
Mayors--California--San Jose
Courtship
Progressivism (United States politics)
San Jose (Calif.)--Politics and government
Nineteen hundreds (Decade)
San Jose (Calif.)
Ketchum (Idaho)
Caldwell (Idaho)

Inventory of the George and Mae Worswick Papers