Edwin Markham Poetry Society Records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Edwin Markham Poetry Society Records
Dates: 1930-1988
Collection Number: 1992-179
Creator/Collector: 
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Abstract: Records of the Edwin Markham Poetry Society, donated by a past member, including poetry competition records from the 1980s, and administrative records from the 1930s-1980s.
Language of Material: English
Access
The records are available to researchers by appointment with the Curator of Library & Archives
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Acquisition Information
The records were donated to the San Jose Historical Museum in 1992 by Evelyn Reed Sloan and her daughter Ednamae Lee. Sloan was a long-term member of the Society.
Biography/Administrative History
The Edwin Markham Poetry Society was founded circa 1930 to encourage interest in poetry and kindred literature and arts, to sponsor an annual poetry contest, and to preserve the contents of the Hoe Room at the Edwin Markham House (formerly located at 832 South Eight Street in San Jose, now located at History Park). The organization's goals were to study poetic literature and allied subjects, to further the work of members and to provide a visitor reception center in the Edwin Markham house. It was disbanded circa 1990.
Scope and Content of Collection
The records comprise Phelan Poetry Contest and student poetry contest entries and related administrative records from the 1980s, as well as minutes and correspondence spanning years 1930-1988. In addition, a number of folders contain documentation on the Ellis Obeson poetry collection, Robert Frost Chapter of the Chapparal Poets, Fine Arts League of Cupertino, and the Ina Coolbrith Circle.