Guide to the Helen Mignon Collection 1979.2555

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**Title:** Helen Mignon Collection

**Identifier/Call Number:** 1979.2555

**Contributing Institution:** History San Jose Research Library

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 10.0 Linear feet (10 boxes and oversize items)

**Date (inclusive):** 1870-1968

**Abstract:** The collection includes significant materials, many of them serial publications, relating to the San Jose State Normal School and San Jose State College, the U.S. Food Administration Program in Santa Clara County, and early 20th century maps of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

**Language of Materials note:** Materials are in English.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**
The materials were donated by Helen Mignon.

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**Biographical/Historical note**
Helen Mignon graduated from San Jose State Teachers College in 1902 and taught Home Economics as an emeritus professor at San Jose State College in San Jose, California. She joined the faculty in 1912 and was named head of the department in 1924.

**Scope and Contents note**
The bulk of the collection is related to the teaching of homemaking (or home economics) at San Jose State College during the period 1917-1935, as well as other publications relating to student life during that time. In addition, there are a significant number of alumni publications dating from 1925-1958 as well as alumni papers from 1924-1931.

Commencement programs (1874-1912, 1914-1929, 1931-1959) and student/faculty directories (1919, 1921-26, 1929-39, 1948-54, 1956-57), as well as catalogs from 1883-1913, are also found in the collection. There are 20 scrapbooks containing news clippings relating to San Jose State University from 1919-1952 and the U.S. Food Administration programs from both World War I and World War II. Other U.S. Food Administration materials specific to Santa Clara County include bulletins, reports, correspondence (1917-1919), food guides and campaigns. The collection also contains two boxes of scattered school publications.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Mignon, Helen L.
FACULTY MEMBER, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (education)
Home economics--Study and teaching
San Jose (Calif.)
San Jose State College
San Jose State Normal School
San Jose State University
Santa Clara County (Calif.)
scrapbooks
United States Food Administration

**Administrative (grades, forms) 1917-1934**
Language of Material: English
Alumni Correspondence 1924-1931
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Alumni Association - const. & activities 1924-1931
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Alumni - Diamond and Centennial celebration
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Commencement programs 1874-1912, 1914-1929, 1931-1959
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.25 Linear feet (1 folder)

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.0 Linear feet

Educational Aids 1916, 1927
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.25 Linear feet (1 folder)

Information regarding faculty activities & 1948 manual 1948
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

**Homecoming circa 1924-1933**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

**Homemaking Department 1917-1934**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)
Scope and Contents note
Student information, exams, department information.

**Homemaking Department program announcements 1927-1945**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

**Homemaking Department fashion programs 1925-1935**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

**Programs, various circa 1917-1935**

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

**Sororities and clubs circa 1917-1935**

Language of Material: English
San Jose State Normal School 1870

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Student activities circa 1917-1935

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Yearbook June 1912

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Catalogs 1883-1884, 1887-1887, 1893-1894, 1897, 1910, 1913, 1938-1940, 1949

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.25 Linear feet

Classes and registration information 1932-1951

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Alumni Bulletin 1925-1958

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.0 Linear feet
US Food Administration Program in Santa Clara County 1917-1919

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear feet (7 folders)
Scope and Contents note
Materials in this series include bulletins and reports, correspondence, food guides, forms, food campaigns, Santa Clara County organization, school support, and several scrapbooks of news clippings.

San Jose State University news clippings scrapbooks 1919-1952

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 2.0 Linear feet (2 boxes)

Publications 1898-1968

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 2.0 Linear feet (2 boxes and oversize items)
Scope and Contents note
Publications consist of the Spartan (1964-1968, incomplete); miscellaneous pamphlets published by San Jose State College (1898-1954); La Torre (1914, 1915, 1918); California Education (1906-1908, incomplete); Normal Pennant (1901-1909, incomplete); San Jose State College Student Directories (1926-1956, incomplete); Spartan Daily (April 21, 1939 and March 13, 1941); and State Teacher's College Times (May 12 and June 9, 1926, April 11, 1933).