
A Guide to the Papers of Frances Evelyn Bishop

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The papers of Frances Bishop were donated to the Department of Parks and Recreation and consist of 4.5 cubic feet of materials. The papers date between 1852 and 1987, with the bulk of the materials between 1852 and 1900 and 1975-1985. Document types include annotated manuscript drafts and typescripts, research notes and note cards, correspondence, articles and news clippings, and photographs.

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Acquisition Information

The papers of Frances Bishop were donated to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Biographical Notes

Frances Bishop was born in Sacramento and grew up in the Stockton area, attending school in both Stockton and the town of Lodi. She was a descendent of a pioneer family, and her aunt and uncle, Frances and Charles Gann, owned grazing land along Highway 4 above Cottage Springs. Bishop and her husband, Thomas Bishop, moved to the town of Arnold in 1967.

As a historian, researcher, and writer, Bishop's life work focused on the history of the Calaveras Big Trees, with an emphasis on the Ebbett's Pass area. For nearly 30 years, Bishop gathered facts from various repositories and individuals for her articles, brochures, and unpublished manuscript. She served as historian for the Calaveras Big Trees Association for 13 years, often contributing articles to the organization's newsletter. Although her major work remains unpublished, Bishop's influence permeates the brochures, trail guides, maps, and interpretation of Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

Scope and Content

Arrangement

The papers of Frances Evelyn Bishop have been organized into four series and four subseries.

Series I: Publications

Series II: Background Research

Subseries I: Individuals

Subseries II: Places and subjects

Subseries III: Graphics

Subseries IV: General background materials

Series III: Personal Papers

Series IV: Calaveras Big Trees Association

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Folder headings were copied and material were rehoused in acid-free folders and boxes. Harmful fasteners, such as brads and paper clips, were removed and replaced with plastic clips. Photographs were sleeved in polyethylene sleeves. Newspaper articles were photocopied and the originals discarded.

Often, it is unclear which notes and graphical materials correlate with which writing effort, and occasionally several articles or manuscript drafts will use the same graphics. No attempt has been made to separate background research materials and relate them to specific efforts.

Arrangement

Frances Bishop was an extremely meticulous researcher, often questioning her sources and her own conclusions. For this reason, and because her major work was still in progress, the vast majority of her handwritten notes and her research note cards have been retained and kept in their original order when possible.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Anable, Henry Sheldon

Atwood, Henry

Baker, Isaac W.

Bernasconi, Barney

Blake, William P.

Case Philip H.

Curtis, Charles A.

Cutting, Ephraim

Davis, Ina

DeLaittre, John

Doble, John

Dowd, Augustus T.

Dunbar, Freeman

Dunbar, Willis

Farquhar, Francis P.

Flanders, Ira M.

Fricot, Desire

Gibbes, Charles D.
Graves, Newton H.
Greeley, Horace
Greenlaw, Louise
Horn, Alexander
Hutching, James M.
Hutchinson, James Sloan
Jameson, Phoebe Caroline
Jaquith, Abram
Journey, James
Lapham, William W.
Libby, William J.
Manuel, John
Ordway, Ed
Sequoyah
Silliman, Benjamin
Smith, Andrew J.
Smith, Jedediah Strong
Smith, Leslie James
Sperry, James L.
Sperry, Mehitabel Berry Felton
Taylor, Bayard
Thompson, John A. "Snowshoe"
Tourtillott, Jane Augusta Holbrook
Turrill, Charles B.
Watkins, Carleton E.
Wheeler, George M., Lt.
Whiteside, Elizabeth
Whitney, J. D.
Wooster, John Marshall

Manuscripts and Drafts:

The big tree story The Mammoth Tree Ranch The big tree, the big stump, and the first hotel A brief history of the big tree and the big stump The Winter of the Flood: 1861-1862

Arnold (Calif.)
Cottage Springs (Calif.)
Dorrington (Calif.)
Douglas Flat (Calif.)
Ebbets Pass (Calif.)
Mosquito Lake (Calif.)
Murphys (Calif.)
Silver Valley (Calif.)
Squaw Hollow (Calif.)
Tamarack (Calif.)
Blagen Lumber Company
Calaveras Timber Company
Union Water Company.

I/1-24. Series I. **Publications 1850-1978****Physical Description:** .5 cf.**Scope and Content Note**

This series includes unpublished manuscript drafts and fragments for Bishop's major work, which at various times was titled "The Big Tree Story" and "The Mammoth Tree Ranch;" several articles, and her published brochure. Also included in this series is research correspondence and publisher and reader correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 1
 Box 1, Folder 2-3
 Box 1, Folder 4
 Box 1, Folder 5-6
 Box 1, Folder 7-9
 Box 1,
 Folder 10-11
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 Box 1, Folder 13
 Box 1, Folder 14
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 Box 1, Folder 16
 Box 1, Folder 17
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 Folder 18-19
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The Big Tree Story, table of contents***The Mammoth Tree Ranch, chapters 1-5******The Big Tree Story, chapters 1-5******The Big Tree Story, chapters 6-9******The Big Tree Story, notes******The Big Tree Story index******The Big Tree Story, mss. fragment: trails and roads******The Big Tree Story, appendices******The Big Tree Story, bibliography******The Big Tree Story, mss. corrections and additions******The Big Tree Story, Dutton's critique, chapters 1-6******The Big Tree Story, Dutton's critique, chapters 7-appendices******"The story of the big tree and the big stump": excerpts from the author's forthcoming book *The Mammoth Tree Ranch*, 1985******The big tree and the big stump, and the first hotel, 1977******A brief history of the big tree and the big stump******The winter of the flood 1861-1862******Correspondence, 1975-1979******Correspondence, 1980-1986***II/1-4/varied. Series II. **Background Research 0000****Physical Description:** 2.4 cf.**Scope and Content Note**

Materials in this series were acquired and used to support Bishop's various manuscripts, and include clippings, articles, and notes on historical figures and places at Calaveras Big Trees and the surrounding towns. Also included are photographs, sketches, and other graphics to be included in her book and brochure.

Box 1

II/1/1-50 Subseries 1. **Individuals No dates were provided for this series****Physical Description:** .75 cf.**Scope and Content Note**

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Box 1, Folder 1
 Box 1, Folder 2
 Box 1, Folder 3
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 Box 1, Folder 7
 Box 1, Folder 8
 Box 1, Folder 9
 Box 1, Folder 10
 Box 1, Folder 11

Anable, Henry Sheldon**Archbishop of San Francisco****Atwood, Henry****Baker, Isaac W.****Bernasconi, Barney****Blake, William P.****Case, Philip H.****Curtis, Charles A.****Cutting, Ephraim****Davis, Ina****DeLaittre, John**

Box 1, Folder 12	Doble, John
Box 1, Folder 13	Dowd, Augustus T.
Box 1, Folder 14	Dunbar, Freeman and Willis
Box 1, Folder 15	Farquhar, Francis P.
Box 1, Folder 16	Flanders, Ira M.
Box 1, Folder 17	Fricot, Desire
Box 1, Folder 18	Gibbes, Charles D.
Box 1, Folder 19	Graves, Newton H.
Box 1, Folder 20	Greeley, Horace
Box 1, Folder 21	Greenlaw, Louise
Box 1, Folder 22	Horn, Alexander
Box 1, Folder 23	Hutching, James M.
Box 1, Folder 24	Hutchinson, James Sloan
Box 1, Folder 25	Jameson, Phoebe Caroline
Box 1, Folder 26	Jaquith, Abram
Box 1, Folder 27	Journeay, James
Box 1, Folder 28	Lapham, William W.
Box 1, Folder 29	Libby, William J.
Box 1, Folder 30	Manuel, John
Box 1, Folder 31	Ordway, Ed
Box 1, Folder 32	Sequoyah
Box 1, Folder 33	Silliman, Benjamin
Box 1, Folder 34	Smith, Andrew J.
Box 1, Folder 35	Smith, Jedediah Strong
Box 1, Folder 36	Smith, Leslie James
Box 2, Folder 37-39	Sperry, James L.
Box 2, Folder 40	Sperry, Mehitable Bery Felton
Box 2, Folder 41	Taylor, Bayard
Box 2, Folder 42	Thompson, John A. "Snowshoe"
Box 2, Folder 43	Tourtillott, Jane Augusta Holbrook
Box 2, Folder 44	Turrill, Charles B.
Box 2, Folder 45	Watkins, Carleton E.
Box 2, Folder 46	Wheeler, Lt. George M.
Box 2, Folder 47	Whiteside, Elizabeth
Box 2, Folder 48	Whitney, J.D.
Box 2, Folder 49	Wooster, John Marshall
Box 2, Folder 50	Miscellaneous, A-Z

II/2/1-38. Subseries 2. **Places and Subjects** No dates were provided for this series.

Physical Description: .75 cf.

Scope and Content Note

Materials in this series were used to support Bishop's various manuscripts, and include clippings, articles, and notes on historical places at Calaveras Big Trees and the surrounding towns. Also included are photographs, sketches, and other graphics to be included in her book and brochure.

Box 2, Folder 1	Arnold
Box 2, Folder 2-3	Avery Station (Halfway House)
Box 2, Folder 4	Big Bar Bridge
Box 2, Folder 5	Blagen Lumber Co.
Box 2, Folder 6	Calaveras Timber Co.
Box 2, Folder 7	Camels
Box 2, Folder 8	Camp Connell
Box 2, Folder 9	Cattle Drives
Box 2, Folder 10	Civilian Conservation Corps
Box 2, Folder 11	Cottage Springs

Box 2,	Dorrington
Folder 12-13	
Box 2, Folder 14	Douglas Flat
Box 2,	Ebbetts Pass
Folder 15-16	
Box 2, Folder 17	Emigrant Road
Box 2, Folder 18	Evans Cruise
Box 2, Folder 19	Expositions 1850-1903
Box 2, Folder 20	Felling Machines
Box 2, Folder 21	Fire
Box 2, Folder 22	Historic Sites and Roads
Box 2, Folder 23	Hoe Printing Press
Box 2, Folder 24	Hotel Registers
Box 2, Folder 25	Memorial Groves
Box 2, Folder 26	Mosquito Lake
Box 2, Folder 27	Murphys
Box 2, Folder 28	Pioneer Cabin
Box 2, Folder 29	Plants
Box 2, Folder 30	Raggio Sawmill
Box 2, Folder 31	Ralston Wedding Party
Box 2, Folder 32	Silver Valley
Box 2, Folder 33	Squaw Hollow
Box 2, Folder 34	Stopping Places
Box 2, Folder 35	Tamarack
Box 2, Folder 36	Trees, General
Box 2, Folder 37	Union Water Co.
Box 2, Folder 38	Woodruff's Lower Ranch

II/3/1-13. Subseries 3. **Background Materials No dates were provided for this series.**

Physical Description: .5 cf.

Scope and Content Note

Materials in this series contain background and research information used in composing Bishop's manuscripts and consist of clippings, articles, an unbound book, assessment rolls, historical accounts, correspondence and other undefined items.

Box 2, Folder 1	Assessment Rolls
Box 2, Folder 2-3	State Surveyor General (2)
Box 2, Folder 4	Historic accounts from Bancroft Library
Box 2, Folder 5	Historic accounts (See also oversize box 5)
Box 2, Folder 6	Biographies and Visitors
Box 3, Folder 7	<i>Engbeck, Johseph, The Enduring Giants (unbound)</i>
Box 3, Folder 8-10	Clippings and articles (See also box 4)
Box 3,	Research notes and mss. fragments (See also box 4)
Folder 11-12	
Box 3, Folder 13	DPR correspondence and notes

II/4/1-15. Subseries 4. **Graphics No dates were provided for this series.**

Physical Description: .4 cf.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains photographs, stereopticon views and information in the form of histories and correspondence pertaining to those items.

Box 3, Folder 1-2	Graphics correspondence and notes
Box 3, Folder 3	Stereopticon history
Box 3, Folder 4	Anthony, E. and H.T. and Company
Box 3, Folder 5	Scripture, John Calvin

Box 3, Folder 6	Steropticon views (photocopies)
Box 3, Folder 7	Steropticon views: notes
Box 3, Folder 8	Photographs from <i>Vischler's Views of California</i>
Box 3, Folder 9-11	Photographs and captions
Box 3,	Uncaptioned photographs
Folder 12-14	
Box 3, Folder 15	Images (photocopies)

Box 4	Research note cards (undated)
	Physical Description: No physical description for this subseries was provided.
	Scope and Content Note
	This subseries contains research note cards.

III/1. Series III. **Personal Papers** No dates were provided for this series.

Physical Description: .1 cf.

Scope and Content Note

Included in this series are Frances Bishop's personal papers.

Box 3, Folder 1	Frances Bishop biographical materials
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IV/1-9. Series IV. **Calaveras Big Trees Association** No dates were provided for this series.

Physical Description: .3 cf.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains information regarding Calaveras Big Trees Association in the form of general information, membership information, printed publications, maps and histories.

Box 3, Folder 1	CBTA general information
Box 3, Folder 2	CBTA membership
Box 3, Folder 3	CBTA brochures, guides, and lists
Box 3, Folder 4	Programs
Box 3, Folder 5	Big Tree Bulletin 1984-1987 (See also oversized box 5)
Box 3, Folder 6	Big Tree Bulletin 1988-1991
Box 3, Folder 7	Big Tree Bulletin 1992-1994
Box 3, Folder 8	Big Tree Bulletin 1995-1998
Box 3, Folder 9	Calaveras County Historical Society 1963, 1969
Box 5, Folder 1	V/1-3. Series V. Oversize No dates were provided for this series.

Physical Description: No physical description information was provided for this series.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains oversized materials.

Box 5, Folder 1	<i>Big Tree Bulletin, 1858</i>
	Physical Description: No physical description information was provided for this folder.
	Scope and Content Note
	This series contains an oversized copy of the Big Tree Bulletin, 1858.

Box 5, Folder 2	Maps and Drawings
	Physical Description: No physical description information was provided for this folder.
	Scope and Content Note
	This series contains oversized maps and drawings.

Box 5, Folder 3	Historical accounts
	Physical Description: No physical description information was provided for this folder.
	Scope and Content Note
	This series contains oversized historical accounts.
