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 descendant 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 For nearly 30 years, Bishop gathered facts from various repositories and individuals for her articles, brochures, and unpublished manuscript.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 Although her major work remains unpublished, Bishop's influence permeates the brochures, trail guides, maps, and interpretation of Calaveras Big Trees State Park.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
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.
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  
**The Big Tree Story**, table of contents

Box 1, Folder 2-3  
**The Mammoth Tree Ranch**, chapters 1-5

Box 1, Folder 4  
**The Big Tree Story**, chapters 1-5

Box 1, Folder 5-6  
**The Big Tree Story**, chapters 6-9

Box 1, Folder 7-9  
**The Big Tree Story**, notes

Box 1,  
**The Big Tree Story** index

Folder 10-11  
**The Big Tree Story, mss. fragment: trails and roads**

Box 1, Folder 12  
**The Big Tree Story**, appendices

Box 1, Folder 13  
**The Big Tree Story**, bibliography

Box 1, Folder 14  
**The Big Tree Story, mss. corrections and additions**

Box 1, Folder 15  
**The Big Tree Story, Dutton's critique, chapters 1-6**

Box 1, Folder 16  
**The Big Tree Story, Dutton's critique, chapters 7-appendices**

Box 1,  

Box 1, Folder 20  
**The big tree and the big stump, and the first hotel**, 1977

Box 1, Folder 21  
**A brief history of the big tree and the big stump**

Box 1, Folder 22  
**The winter of the flood 1861-1862**

Box 1, Folder 23  
**Correspondence, 1975-1979**

Box 1, Folder 24  
**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  
**Anable, Henry Sheldon**

Box 1, Folder 2  
**Archbishop of San Francisco**

Box 1, Folder 3  
**Atwood, Henry**

Box 1, Folder 4  
**Baker, Isaac W.**

Box 1, Folder 5  
**Bernasconi, Barney**

Box 1, Folder 6  
**Blake, William P.**

Box 1, Folder 7  
**Case, Philip H.**

Box 1, Folder 8  
**Curtis, Charles A.**

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Cutting, Ephraim**

Box 1, Folder 10  
**Davis, Ina**

Box 1, Folder 11  
**DeLaittre, John**

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### Subseries 1: Individuals
No dates were provided for this series.

| 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 | Sperry, James L. |
| Folder 37-39 | Sperry, Mehitable Bery Felton |
| Box 2, Folder 40 | Taylor, Bayard |
| Box 2, Folder 41 | Thompson, John A. "Snowshoe" |
| Box 2, Folder 42 | Tourtillo, Jane Augusta Holbrook |
| Box 2, Folder 43 | Turrill, Charles B. |
| Box 2, Folder 44 | Watkins, Carleton E. |
| Box 2, Folder 45 | Wheeler, Lt. George M. |
| Box 2, Folder 46 | Whiteside, Elizabeth |
| Box 2, Folder 47 | Whitney, J.D. |
| Box 2, Folder 48 | Wooster, John Marshall |
| Box 2, Folder 49 | Miscellaneous, A-Z |

### 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 |
II/1-4/varied. Series II. Background Research

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

| Box 2, Folder 12-13 | Dorrington |
| Box 2, Folder 14 | Douglas Flat |
| Box 2, Folder 15-16 | Ebbetts Pass |
| 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.

| 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 | Engbeck, Johseph, The Enduring Giants (unbound) |
| Box 3, Folder 8-10 | Clippings and articles (See also box 4) |
| Box 3, Folder 11-12 | Research notes and mss. fragments (See also box 4) |
| Box 3, Folder 13 | DPR correspondence and notes |

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

| 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 |

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| Box 3, Folder 6 | Stereopticon views (photocopies) |
| Box 3, Folder 7 | Stereopticon views: notes |
| Box 3, Folder 8 | Photographs from Vischler's Views of California |
| Box 3, Folder 9-11 | Photographs and captions |
| Box 3, Folder 12-14 | Uncaptioned photographs |
| 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

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 oversize box 5)
Box 3, Folder 6
Box 3, Folder 7
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
Big Tree Bulletin, 1858
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.
V/1-3. Series V.OversizeNo dates were provided for this series.