Guide to the Dwight Murphy Papers MS-25

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**Contributing Institution:** Presidio Research Center

**Title:** Dwight Murphy Papers

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS-25

**Physical Description:** 1 Folder

**Date (inclusive):** 1960-1975

**Abstract:** The Dwight Murphy Papers are a small collection of six (6) documents related to Murphy's end of life planning and his equestrian interests.

**Biographical / Historical**

Dwight Murphy arrived in Santa Barbara from East St. Louis in 1905 and adopted Santa Barbara as his new home. He worked with Thomas More Storke and Major Max Fleischmann on the post-earthquake renaissance, contributing to the city through many preservation efforts involving the waterfront, parks, rebuilding the Mission, etc.

An avid equestrian, Murphy supported the Santa Barbara National Horse Show and Old Spanish Days Fiesta, helped protect and breed the Palomino, and helped stop abuses in the horse racing industry.

--Adapted from *California's knight on a golden horse: Dwight Murphy, Santa Barbara's renaissance man* by Edward A. Hartfeld

**Arrangement**

One (1) folder contains all six (6) items.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

The source of the materials was a friend of Jerry Jackman who received it from the Murphy family.

**Separated Materials**

Several objects were transferred to the curatorial collection:

- One (1) cigarette lighter, with metal plate bearing the name Dwight Murphy
- One (1) plaque from the 1960 Old Spanish Days Fiesta, with Dwight Murphy El Presidente 1924-26 engraved on a metal plate
- Two (2) framed and signed copies of *A Tribute to Dwight Murphy by the California Horse Racing Board*, on the occasion of his retirement, dated Sept. 21, 1959
- One (1) framed set of 3 black and white photographs of a house (not identified)

**Processing Information**

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**Preferred Citation**

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Wills
Letters
Murphy, Grace (Price)
Murphy, Dwight

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Last Will and Testament of Dwight Murphy
6 January 1960

Condolence letter from John T. Rickard to Mrs. Dwight Murphy
18 April 1968
Letter from Annette B. Slocum to John William Heaney 24 September 1937

General
Handwritten letter from Annette Slocum to attorney John Heaney, asking Heaney to deliver a separate letter from her to Mr. Murphy. The second letter is not enclosed.

Letterhead, National Association of State Racing Commissioners

General
Personal stationery of Dwight Murphy, 1st Vice President

Letterhead, California Horse Racing Board

General
Personal stationery of Dwight Murphy, Chairman of the Board

Newspaper obituary for Grace Murphy 30 June 1975