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**Biographical note**  
Frank Rolfe was born in Gold Hill, Nevada in 1874. He was an engineer, geologist, surveyor, and seismologist with an interest in California history. His parents were Ovid D. Rolfe (died 1902), a miner on the Comstock Lode, and Allena B. Bishop (died 1922). Rolfe's parents were married in 1869 February 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Allena's hotel parlor in Sacramento.  
In 1881, the family moved to a ranch in Temescal Valley in Riverside County near what is now the city of Corona, California. Rolfe's mother moved the children to Los Angeles sometime between 1899 and 1900 to ensure a better education for her children. The family spent their winters in the city and summers on the family ranch.  
Rolfe graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1894, earned a degree in geology from Stanford University in 1898, and a master's degree from the University of Southern California in 1924.  
He worked on the Los Angeles aqueduct survey and possibly on the construction of the Ludlow and Southern Railway. Rolfe served as vice president of the Southwest Section of the Seismological Society of America beginning in 1921. He was also a long-time member of the Historical Society of Southern California.  
Rolfe authored articles on California history and geology that appeared in the Historical Society publications and the Los Angeles Times in the 1930s. Rolfe also wrote editorial pieces for the Los Angeles Times during World War I and authored Commercial Geography of southern California published by Biola Press, circa 1915.  
His collection of Californiana was donated to the Southwest Museum in 1963. His diaries, field notes, and other various articles and letters are also part of the collection. Rolfe's collection of negatives and photographs, taken between 1899 and 1959, depicting locations throughout California and the Western United States, are housed at the Huntington Library Photo Archives.  
**References:**  
General Bidwell dead. (1900, April 5). Los Angeles Times.  

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Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.)
Rivers -- California, Southern
San Bernardino County (Calif.)
Scrapbooks
Tin mines and mining
Water use -- California

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**Water records Series 1: 1903-1910**

**Box 1, Folder 1**
Statement of water measurement for the Cucamonga Development Company 1903 July 16

Scope and Contents note
Statement made by Frank Rolfe per M.L. Cook, County Surveyor.

**Box 1, Folder 2-12**
Los Angeles Aqueduct Engineering Department Unit Cost in Progress Reports 1909-1910

Scope and Contents note
Consists of copies of monthly reports for 1909 March - August; 1909 October - December; and 1910 January and March. Reports are copied on blueprint paper.

**Box 7, Folder 87**
Irrigation documents and newspaper clippings undated

Scope and contents
This folder includes two newspaper clippings on the topic of irrigation and five blue prints of section of the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

**Student papers and master thesis by Rolfe for the University of Southern California Series 2: 1922-1924**

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Box 4, Folder 52  "Southern California's Sleeping Lake" (Lake Elsinore) after 1925, before 1960
   Scope and Contents note
   Folder includes 4 copies of the story and rejection letters.

Box 4, Folder 53  "Kipling's Burma" undated
Box 4, Folder 54  "Evolution of Transportation in Arizona" and "Impressions of Utah" undated
Box 4, Folder 55  Biographies of Arizona engineers 1930-1951
   Scope and Contents note
   Includes articles on Richard Gird and Elmer Walters written by Rolfe. Rolfe submitted
these articles for a series "Another Pioneer Engineer in Arizona" printed in the
Professional Engineer magazine. Folder also includes an newspaper article on Charles

Box 4, Folder 56  Notes on the History of Temescal Valley, Riverside County, California 1948
   Scope and Contents note
   Compiled by Frank Rolfe, written in 2 parts. Report includes photographs.

Newspaper clippings Series 4:  1917-1958

Box 4, Folder 57  Los Angeles Times editorials by Rolfe 1917-1921
Box 5, Folder 59  Ghost town of Calico and Cerro Gordo 1951
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Box 5, Folder 63  Westways Explorer Routes-Partial run 1950-1952 1950-1952
Box 5, Folder 64  People 1951-1957
Box 5, Folder 65  People- Hunt, Rockwell 1943-1958
   Biographical note
   Rolfe was a student of Hunt who was a professor at USC.

Family papers and memorabilia Series 5:  1869-1961

Allena B. Bishop and Ovid D. Rolfe papers Subseries 5.1:  1869-1913

Box 5, Folder 66  Diary of Allena B. Bishop (Rolfe), hand-written 1869 January - August
Box 5, Folder 67  Diary of Allena B. Bishop (Rolfe), typed 1869 January - August
   Scope and Contents note
   Typescript copy.

Box 5, Folder 68  Diploma and two letters about Allena B. Bishop 1859-1869
   Scope and Contents note
   Diploma is from 1859. Letters were written in 1868 and 1869

Box 5, Folder 69  Teacher's certificates of Allena B. Bishop 1859-1869
Box 5, Folder 70  Postcard to Mrs. Allena B. Rolfe from Nellie Bishop Rumsey 1907-1913
   Scope and Contents note
   Postcards consist of a Christmas greeting sent from Lorrainne, New York, 1907
   December 20 and a a picture of Rumsey's family sent in 1913.
Letters to Ovid D. Rolfe 1864-1869

Scope and contents
Letters were sent to Rolfe's home in Sutter Creek. They include letters from the following in order of date:
- J.L. Mann, 1864 December 29
- Unidentified, 1866 November 5. This letter is signed with an illegible signature.
- W. Highby, 1868 June 2
- J.D. Dennis, 1868 July 8
- Palmer Bachelders and Company, 1868 July 22
- O.L. Chamberlain, 1868 September 23
- George Newman with Demit from Henry Clay Lodge, Sutter Creek, circa 1869.

The folder also includes 3 letters that only include month and day the letter was written, no year. The letters are signed by "Me," January 6; "Will, December 10; and "E.W. Hatch" and December 17. Although the signatures are different, they seem be written by the same person.

Frank Rolfe diaries and field notebooks, Subseries 5.2: 1899-1960

Scope and contents
Includes 44 diaries from 1911-1960 and 5 field notebooks created circa 1899.

Field notebooks circa 1899

Scope and contents
Consists of five notebooks. One field notebook labelled "level book no. 0" that shows figures and flow of water for Rolfe's Temescal residence. Other field notebooks show similar information for the flow of wells, although exact location is uncertain.

1911-1924

Scope and contents
This group of material consists of twelve diaries, with two diaries for 1922.

1925-1941

Scope and contents
This group of material consists of 17 diaries.

1942-1960

Scope and contents
This consists of 15 diaries. There are no diaries for the years 1956 through 1959.

Frank Rolfe papers and memorabilia, Subseries 5.3: circa 1921-1961

Letters from Edward Herkelrath to Frank Rolfe, 1951-1954

Scope and Contents note
Typed copies of letters, dates reflect when the original letters were written. The typed copies were created after 1954.

Bohemian Mountain Club booklet, undated

"Harding for President" poster circa 1921

Los Angeles population cartoon-football team undated

Seal of California presented to Frank and Grace W. Rolfe from Assemblyman Tom A. Allen of the 63rd district, undated

List of publications of the School of Mineral Science-Stanford, 1951-1961
John Bidwell family papers and newspaper clippings Series 6: 1886-1955

Scope and contents

This subseries includes newspaper articles and publications about John Bidwell, newspaper articles about Annie Ellicott Kennedy Bidwell; autobiography by Lena Bidwell; and a genealogy of the Bidwell family written by Lillian Bidwell.

Biographical note

General John Bidwell was born 1819 August 5 in Sherman, New York and died 1900 April 4 in Chico, California. He was a California pioneer, Civil War soldier, and Congressman. He founded Chico, California in 1860 and also became a trustee of the city's Normal School, which is now Chico State University. Bidwell was also the prohibition candidate for president in 1892.

John Bidwell is related to Allena Bishop, Frank Rolfe's mother, by marriage only. They are not blood relatives.

Box 6, Folder 84, Box 6, Folder 78

John Bidwell biographies 1939-1955

Scope and contents

Other folder includes Bibliography on Bidwell from Goodspeed's magazine, 1934 and a biographical sketch of Bidwell from Touring Topics, 1931 July

Box 6, Folder 79

John Bidwell obituaries 1900

Box 6, Folder 80

Chico and Bidwell's Bar articles 1911, 1954

Scope and contents


Box 6, Folder 81

Annie Ellicott Kennedy Bidwell articles 1941-1954

Box 6, Folder 82

Bidwell family genealogy by Lillian Bidwell after 1903

Box 6, Folder 83

Lena Bidwell autobiography 1886-1889

Scope and contents

"Commenced at the age of 12 years" in 1886. The autobiography begins with background and events remembered by Lena. Her diary continues to tell about her journey form Lorraine, New York to Temescal, California where she was accompanied by her "Auntie" Mary L. Bishop. The diary entry begins in 1886 August 24. She arrived at her home in Temescal October 17 of the same year.

There are intermittent entries from then on beginning on 1886 December 26, 1887, May 7, 1889, and September, 1889. In her last entry, she writes as she prepares to go away to school.
Box 6, Folder 85

**General Bidwell's letter of acceptance of the prohibition party candidacy for president 1892**

**Scope and Contents note**

from George Wharton James Collection

Box 6, Folder 86

**Memorial exercises for General John Bidwell, directed by Butte County Officers in Oroville, California Court House, 1900 May 7**

**Scope and Contents note**

from George Wharton James Collection

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**Photographs and scrapbooks Series 7: 1869-1931**

Box 12, Folder 59

**Family Album late 1800s to early 1900s**

**Scope and contents**

Includes photographs of the Bishop, Ellerbe, and Rolfe family members. Also includes images of the Bidwell family.

Box 7, Folder 88

**"Miscellaneous Photographs" album 1902-1932**

**Scope and Contents note**

This album includes photographs of Sierra Nevada Mountains, San Jacinto Mountains, Temescal Valley, San Bernardino County, mines in Southeast California, construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, Los Angeles, and Catalina Island.

Box 7, Folder 89

**Mt. San Jacinto and Palm Canyon photographs undated**

**Scope and contents**

Photographed by Stephen H. Willard, Palm Springs, California. Only includes one image of St. Jacinto and one of Palm Canyon, both located in California.

Box 7, Folder 90

**Ore wagon circa 1901**

**Scope and contents**

Caption on photograph reads: "Picture of ore wagon on way to Bagdad Mines near Ludlow, [California] about 1901."

Box 7, Folder 91

**Photo inventories undated**

**Scope and contents**

This folder includes inventories for images in folder. Inventories were written on envelope, presumable by Rolfe.

Box 7, Folder 92

**Riverside County photographs 1920s**

**Scope and contents**

This folder includes loose mounted photographs of different locations in Riverside County, especially Temescal. Many are commercial images from the "South Riverside Series" by Shaffner's California Views company.
Box 7, Folder 93  Rolfe album images, duplicate copies and negatives 1924-1952
Scope and Contents note
Duplicates and negatives of many of the pictures used in Rolfe's "History of Temescal" publication as well as duplicated images found in other photo albums. The specific years that these images were created are 1924, 1930, 1931, and 1952. Folder also includes original inventory created by Rolfe.

Box 7, Folder S10  "Temescal Pictures" album 1886-1949
Scope and contents
Scrapbook includes photographs of Temescal Valley, postcards and brochures from Glen Ivy Hot Springs, and newspaper clippings featuring Temescal Valley.
Existence and Location of Copies note
Duplicates of many of these images are also located in MS. 210, Box 7, Folder 93.

Box 7, Folder 94  "Touring Topics illustrations 1930-1931" circa 1930-1931
Scope and contents
Scrapbook includes clippings of articles and illustrations from Touring Topics magazine.

Box 8, Folder S1  California and Western United States scrapbook circa 1929
Scope and contents
This scrapbook includes pictures and articles from Touring Topics, a magazine of the California branch of the American Automobile Association. Many of the articles pertain to projects that Rolfe worked on, including Colorado River reclamation, borax mines, the Boulder Dam, and the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Album also contains photographs of California counties and neighboring regions including San Bernardino County, Riverside County, Los Angeles County, Ventura County, San Bernardino County, Kern County, San Luis Obispo County, Baja California, Mexico, the Colorado River Aqueduct, San Diego County, and Orange County.

Box 8, Folder S2  "Homes of Rolfe Family" album 1869-1959
Scope and contents
This album includes photographs of various Rolfe homes in Nevada and California. The pictures were taken from the late 1800s-1957, however the Rolfe family were residents of these homes from 1869 to the 1920s.

Box 8, Folder S3  "Persons" photo album circa 1893-1956
Scope and contents
This album includes photographs and portraits of various persons throughout Southern California. There are also some loose images places in the end pages of this album. Also included are picture postcards.

Box 12, Folder S8  Scrapbook of clippings by Allena Bishop circa 1870-1890
Biographical note
Allena Rolfe and Frances Bidwell were sisters. Allena Rolfe is also the mother of Frank Rolfe.
Scope and Contents note
Assembled by Mrs. Allena Rolfe and Mrs. Frances Bidwell. Includes articles on Temescal Valley, California; articles on the Serrano family; a typed letter from Lena Bidwell to her uncle Alenze, dated 1889 January 20; beauty and lifestyle advice columns; poetry; and other topics.
Photographs and scrapbooks Series 7:1869-1931

Box 8, Folder S5  Southern California album 1926
Scope and Contents note
This photo album consists of Southern California images that include celery fields, canyon streams, Los Angeles County, Riverside County, San Francisquito Canyon, Los Angeles Aqueduct, Orange County, Kern County, San Diego County, and Ventura County. Most of the images taken in the summer and fall of 1926. There are empty spaces in this album that only include captions with no image. These missing images are for locations in Montana and Wyoming.

Box 8, Folder S5  Southern California deserts, Oregon, and Washington album 1902-1920s
Scope and contents
Photographs in this album were taken at and around various irrigation and mining projects throughout the Western Unites States. Locations include the Sierra Nevada Mountains, California; Newlands Project, Nevada; Catalina Island; Truckee River; Lake Tahoe, California; Orange County, Los Angeles County; Los Angeles Harbor; San Diego County; Temescal Valley, Riverside County; Death Valley; San Bernardino County; Bagdad Mine, San Bernardino, California; Stateline, Nevada; Cascade Mountains, Washington; Frazier River Valley, near Westminster, British Columbia; Grant Pass, Oregon; Stump Springs, Nevada; Mt. Tallac, Lake Tahoe, California; Inyo County; California; Columbia River, Washington; Los Angeles Aqueduct; Mission San Juan Capistrano; Mission San Luis Rey; San Jacinto Mountains; Kern County; Hetch Hetchy Reservoir; Columbia River, Oregon; Lake Chelan, Washington; and Olympia, Washington.

Box 8, Folder S6  Southern Sierras, California album undated
Scope and contents
Full title of the album given by Rolfe is "Southern Sierras California near Giant Forest." Photographs of surveys and camps at Kearsarge Pass in Inyo National Forest, Kern Lake Kern River, Sequoia National Park, Owens Lake, Red Rock Canyon State Park, Black Rock Springs, Mt. Whitney, and a southern California desert.

Box 8, Folder S7  Utah scrapbook undated
Scope and contents
Color illustrations cut from a magazine of Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park. Most of the photographs have been removed from the album. One photograph of a canal delta in Utah remains.