
Finding Aid to the Henry Raup Wagner Collection MS.223

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Title: Henry Raup Wagner Collection

Identifier/Call Number: MS.223

Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.5 Linear feet 1HBL7, 1RB5, 1flat newspaper box

Date (inclusive): 1837-1970

Abstract: Henry Raup Wagner, 1862-1957, was an avid book collector and author. He settled in California with his wife, Blanche Henrietta Collet, circa 1917. In the 1890s, he started collecting books on Spanish history, metallurgy, and mining. He also amassed collections on Ireland, Mexico, and the American West. Wagner died in 1957 March 28. The *Henry Raup Wagner Collection* includes publications and correspondence by or about Wagner and 19th Century Mexican and Chilean newspapers collected by Wagner. The collection also includes duplicate pages, maps, and book illustrations from Wagner's *Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan De Fuca*, printed in 1933. The material in this collection was created from 1837 to 1970.

creator: Axe, Ruth Frey

creator: Streeter, Thomas W.

creator: Wagner, Henry Raup, 1862-1957

Scope and Contents note

This collections includes publications and correspondence by or about Henry Raup Wagner and 19th Century Mexican and Chilean newspapers collected by Wagner. The collection also includes duplicate loose pages, maps, and book illustration from Wagner's special edition of *Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan De Fuca*, which was printed in 1933 by Fine Arts Press, Santa Ana, California.

Biographical note

Henry Raup Wagner, 1862-1957

Wagner was born on 1862 September 27 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Law degrees from Yale University located in New Haven, Connecticut.

Wagner worked for and represented the Guggenheim's mining interests in the United States and Latin America from 1898 to circa 1921.

He lived in Mexico from circa 1906 to 1915, spending the last five years in Mexico City. He then spent two years in Chile before returning to the United States and deciding to retire from business and focus entirely on scholarly research and writing.

In 1917, he married Blanche Henrietta Collet and settled in California.

Wagner began to collect books in the 1890s to support his interest in Spanish history, metallurgy, and mining. He amassed collections on Ireland, Mexico, and the American West, especially the state of California. He eventually sold his collection of American midwest and southwest material to Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Wagner's collection on California was sold to the Huntington Library located in San Marino, California. He also donated most of his personal papers to the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley.

Wagner served as president of the Historical Society of Southern California, a trustee of the Southwest Museum, and as an active member of the Zamorano Club. He was also one of the founding members of the Friends of The Bancroft Library. The rejuvenation of the California Historical Society in 1922 was due largely to his influence.

Wagner died on 1957 March 28.

His published works total more than 175 titles and include:

Sir Francis Drake's Voyage Around the World: Its Aims and Achievements, 1926

Spanish Voyages to the Northwest Coast of America in the Sixteenth Century, 1929

The Grabhorn Press: a Catalogue of Imprints in the Collection of Henry R. Wagner, 1938

Bibliographies: The Plains and Rockies , 1920

The Spanish Southwest (1924)

References:

The Bancroft Library. "Guide to the Henry Raup Wagner Papers, 1912-1957." Accessed 2011 May 26.
<http://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/tf6779n8g9>.

Hammond, George P. and Jerry E. Patterson. "Henry Raup Wagner, 1862-1957." *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, Volume 37, pages 486-494, 1957 November.

Processing history

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Access

Collection is open for research. Appointments to view materials are required. To make an appointment please visit <http://theautry.org/research/research-rules-and-application> or contact library staff at room@theautry.org.

Acquisition

Donation on behalf of Henry Raup Wagner, 1933-1957 and gift of Ruth Fay Axe, 1970 April 23 and circa 1973.

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Related Archival Materials note

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Zamorano Club.

Articles

Bibliography

Bound for Sacramento Cartography of the Northwest Coast of America

Chile -- Newspapers

Henry Tenaux Company: A Bibliography In the Port of Monterey, 1833 Ayuntamiento

Maps

Mexico -- Newspapers

Photostats

Prospectus

Publications

Remembrances of Jose Toribio Medina

Southwest, New -- History

Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan De Fuca

West (U.S.) -- History

Box 1, Folder 1	Prospectus for <i>Bound for Sacramento</i> translated by Ruth Fay Axe, with a forward by Henry Raup Wagner circa 1938
Box 1, Folder 1	Zamorano Club announcement for a surprise presentation for Henry Raup Wagner for his 85th birthday 1947 September 9
Box 1, Folder 1	Prospectus flyer for <i>Cartography of the Northwest Coast of America to the Year 1800</i> by Henry Raup Wagner circa 1937
Box 1, Folder 1	Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raup Wagner undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Bibliography of Henry Raup Wagner books in the Southwest Museum Library 1949

Scope and contents

The bibliography is titled "List of books furnished to Henry Raup Wagner of books published by the Bancroft, Co. and in the Southwest Museum Library collection." It is a typed document with notations in pencil. This folder also includes Wagner correspondence with Ella L. Robinson, Southwest Museum Librarian, and Frederick Webb Hodge, Southwest Museum Director. The letters were written in 1949 from July to October.

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- Box 1, Folder 3 **Wagner, Henry Raup. "Remembrances of Jose Toribio Medina." A reprint from the *International Review of Bibliography* 2, no. 3 (1952): 147-51. 1952 September/December**
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Streeter, Thomas W. "News of the Society," "Henry Raup Wagner, Collector, Bibliographer, Cartographer and Historian." *California Historical Society Quarterly* 25, no. 2 (1957 June). 1957 June**
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Wagner, Henry Raup. "Henry Tenaux Company: a bibliography". Reprinted from the *International Review Bibliography* 7, no. 3 (1957): 239-54. 1957 July/September**
- Box 1, Folder 4 **A list of books and ephemera donated to the library by Henry Raup Wagner**
- Box 1, Folder 4 ***UCLA Librarian*, supplement to volume 11, number 6 1957 December 18**
- Scope and contents**
Accompanied with this items is a photocopy of a letter to Ruth F. Axe from Frederick Webb Hodge. The original letter is dated 1973 October 27.
- Box 1, Folder 4 **Wagner, Henry Raup. "A Pope's Blunder." undated**
- Scope and contents**
This article is about Gian Pietro Carafa who became Pope Paul IV in 1555 May 23.
- Box 1, Folder 4 **Henry Raup Wagner Christmas Christmas Card with Drawing of Montezuma 1938**
- Box 1, Folder 5 **Axe, Ruth Frey. "More published writings of Henry Raup Wagner, Including Tributes and Biographies." *California Historical Society Quarterly*. 1938 September**
- Box 1, Folder 6 **Photostat of 1838 document "In the Port of Monterey, 1833 Ayuntamiento" undated**
- Language of Material:** Spanish; Castilian
- Scope and contents**
The photostat is accompanied with a handwritten transcription by Ella Robinson.
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Henry Raup Wagner papers about Alphonse L. Pinart**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Biography and Bibliography undated**
- Scope and contents**
Typed by Ruth F. Axe with hand written editing by Henry Raup Wagner.
- Box 2 **Pages from *Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan De Fuca* 1933**
- Publication note**
There were only 25 copies of Wagner's special print edition of this book.
- Box 3 **Maps from *Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan De Fuca* 1933**
- Scope and contents**
This folder includes multiple copies of the maps printed on pages 39, 144 and 155 of Wagner's *Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan De Fuca*
- Box 3 **Mexican and Chilean Newspapers 1832-1859**
- Box 3 **Streeter, Thomas W. "Obituary of Henry Raup Wagner." *American Antique Society Proceedings* LXV 16, no. 10 (1957). 1957**