Finding Aid to the Herbert Eugene Bolton Collection MS.598

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Title: Herbert Eugene Bolton Collection
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Date (inclusive): 1913-1953
Abstract: Herbert Eugene Bolton (1870-1953) was an authority on the history of the Americas, especially during the Spanish settlement. He spent most of his professional career teaching at University of California, Berkeley. This collection consists of clippings of articles by Herbert Eugene Bolton from 1931, book reviews of Bolton's works from 1921 and 1928, newspaper clippings about Bolton from 1913-1929, a program for a banquet honoring Bolton from 1945, obituaries and memorials from 1953, and typed manuscripts of family and friends' memories of Bolton.

Processing history

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Acquisition
Donations from Charles Fletcher Lummis, 1912 April 2; Mrs. Francis L. Appleton, Dr. Bolton's daughter, undated; Anne T. Eby, 1953 February; F. W. Hodge, 1953 May 6; Fenyes Gift via F. W. Hodge, 1936 October

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Access
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Biographical note
Herbert Eugene Bolton was born July 20, 1870 Wilton, Wisconsin and died January 30, 1953 Berkeley, California. Bolton was an authority on the history of the Americas, especially during the Spanish settlement. Bolton graduated from the University of Wisconsin 1895. He was a student of Frederick Jackson Turner. Ph.D, from the University of Pennsylvania under McMasters.

Bolton married Gertrude Janes in 1895, and the couple had one son and four daughters.

From 1901-1909, Bolton was on the faculty of the University of Texas. He spent several years at Stanford and went to the University of California, Berkeley in 1911. Bolton performed 13 years of research on documents pertaining to United States history in Mexican archives from which he compiled a large bibliography. Bolton served as the Chairman of the Department of History starting in 1919 and as the Sather Professor of History from 1931. Bolton was Director of the Bancroft Library beginning in 1936.

Bolton received many prizes and honors, including Lateran Cross of honor from Pope Pius XII. Bolton retired in 1940 but was recalled, and later taught at San Francisco State College.

Inventory
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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953
California -- History
Clippings
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Reviews
Typescripts


(2) In Memorium Doctor Herbert Euguen Bolotn – Eulogy - Newman Hall February 12, 1953, by Rev. Francis G. Quinan, Director (2c.)

(3) In Memorium - by George P. Hammond The Americas vol. 9, no. 4, April 1953, pp. 391-8 - by Rockwell D. Hunt Bancroftiana no. 8, May 1953 - by George P. Hammond, James F. King, Lawrence Kinnard, and Engel Sluiter Hispanic American Historical Review

(4) Letter to Frances Bolton Appleton "Uncle Fred's Recollections of Our Dad and His Comments Relating to the Family History" May 1953 - Reminiscences about youth of Bolton by his brother Fred - four years older than Herbert

(5) "This I Recall" by J. Fred Rippy a former student about days studying with Bolton


(7) Book Reviews - of The Colonization of North America, 1492-1783 by Leo F. Stock in The Hispanic American Review vol 4 no. 3, August 1921 - of Kino's Historical Memoir of Primera alta... on Studi Trentini vol. 9 no. 1, 1928 (in Italian)


(9) Miscellaneous items - Program for banquet honoring Bolton at Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco Friday December 28, 1945, 7:00 p.m. - The Bolton Fellowships - blurb pamphlet - (2c.) - Sketch of Bolton by Peter Van Valkenburgh, April 1927