Title: Lawrence Clark Powell Collection
Identifier/Call Number: MS.651
Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 3.1 linear feet (1 folder, 1 oversize folder)
Date (inclusive): 1941-1973
Abstract: This is a collection of manuscripts by Lawrence Clark Powell (1906-2001). This collection includes correspondence from Powell to Southwest Museum librarians and directors, typed and published manuscripts, a newspaper clipping, pamphlets, and speeches from 1941-1973.
creator: Book Club of California.
creator: Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956
creator: Powell, Lawrence Clark, 1906-2001
Scope and Contents
This is a collection of manuscripts by Lawrence Clark Powell (1906-2001). This collection includes correspondence from Powell to Southwest Museum librarians and directors, typed and published manuscripts, a newspaper clipping, pamphlets, and speeches from 1941-1973. One of the papers is a handout entitled "Libraries of the Southwest, outline and reading list" from a course Powell taught at University of California, Los Angeles in 1962.
Preferred citation
Lawrence Clark Powell Collection, 1941-1973, Braun Research Library Collection, Autry National Center, Los Angeles; MS.651; [folder number] [folder title][date].
Processing history
Processed by Library staff after 1981. Finding aid completed by Holly Rose Larson, NHPRC Processing Archivist, 2012 October 29, made possible through grant funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commissions (NHPRC).
Acquisition
This collection is made up of materials collected by Library and Museum staff as well as donations from Lawrence Clark Powell, 1957 February-1966 March 30.
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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 rroom@theautry.org.
Biographical note
Lawrence Clark Powell was born Sept. 3, 1906 in Washington, D.C.; his family moved to South Pasadena, CA in 1910. He earned a BA from Occidental College in 1928 and his Ph.D. from the University of Dijon, France, in 1932. He worked at Jake Zeitlin's bookstore in Los Angeles during the mid-1930s and graduated from the library school at UC Berkeley in 1937. He worked briefly at the Los Angeles Public Library before joining the UCLA Library staff in 1938. He served as the UCLA Librarian from 1944 to 1961, director of the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library from 1944 to 1966, and became the first Dean, UCLA School of Library Service, in 1960. When he retired from UCLA in 1966, the campus's main library was named in his honor. A prolific author, Powell's writings include books and articles on a variety of topics including literature, librarianship, the book trade, California history, and travel. He served as professor-in-residence at the University of Arizona from 1971, and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the American Library Association in 1981. He died in February (?) 2001.
Source: Collection on Lawrence Clark Powell, Collection no. 0157, Special Collections, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Comfort, Will Levington, 1878-1932
Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909-1998
Strobridge, Idaho Meacham, 1855-1932
University of California, Los Angeles.
Bibliography
Book collecting
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