Finding aid to the scrapbook of newspaper clippings by Charles F. Lummis and other authors, circa 1885 MS.1315

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Title: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings by Charles F. Lummis and other authors
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Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Storage Unit: 1
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear feet (1 bound volume in one box)
Date: circa 1885
Abstract: A scrapbook of newspaper articles from publications such as the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Examiner, circa 1885. The majority of articles are written by Charles Fletcher Lummis and are accounts of his "Tramp Across the Continent" from 1884-1885.
creator: Bierce, Ambrose, 1842-1914?
creator: Lummis, Charles Fletcher, 1859-1928
creator: Nye, Bill, 1850-1896
Scope and Contents
This scrapbook has two sections: a collection of Charles Fletcher Lummis's columns from the Los Angeles Times, and a second section consisting of an assortment of newspaper clippings from the San Francisco Examiner and other newspapers published in the Eastern United States.
The title page of the first section reads "Vol. 2 Lum's Letters: Being a trip on foot from Ohio to Los Angeles by Chas. F. Lummis, property of W.C. Wolfe."
The clippings in the second section of the scrapbook includes editorials by Ambrose Bierce, articles by Bill Nye, and articles about religion and ethics.
The following numbers are written in the front of the book in pencil: 2549; 917.8 Lummis.
Custodial history
The custodial history regarding the assembladge of the scrapbook is unknown. Per handwritten notes on a section of the scrapbook, part of it was once the "property of W.C. Wolfe". The scrapbook was eventually owned by Maxwell Hunley. The Southwest Museum acquired the scrapbook from Hunley in 1960.
Los Angeles Times articles, 1885, undated
San Francisco Examiner and other newspapers, undated
Historical note
Charles Fletcher Lummis (1859-1928) began his famed cross-country trek on September 12, 1884. He walked west from Cincinnati, Ohio to Los Angeles, California covering 3,507 miles in 143 days.
Prior to leaving, he had made contact with Harrison Gray Otis owner of the Los Angeles Times who promised to publish Lummis's weekly reports. He had also made the same deal with the owner of the Scioto Gazette. Lummis sent different accounts to the two newspapers.
It was during his trek that Lummis was first exposed to the Spanish and Native American people of the Southwest. The experience changed his preconceptions about these cultures.
Before reaching the end of his journey, Lummis was met by Harrison Gray Otis at the San Gabriel Mission in California. They finished the walk to together. Lummis arrived in the Los Angeles area on February 1, 1885.
Lummis was made City Editor of the Los Angeles Times, a position he held from 1885-1888.
In 1892, Lummis published the book The Tramp Across the Continent which retold his accounts of his cross-country journey.
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.
Related Archival Materials
Charles Fletcher Lummis Papers, 1888-1928, Braun Research Library Collection, Autry National Center, Los Angeles, CA; MS.1
Processing History
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**Internal acquisitions note**
Per museum records, this scrapbook was given to the SWM Library in exchang for a set of Lummis’s *Birch Bark Poems*.

**Acquisition**
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