Scripps Family Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Scripps Family Collection
Dates: 11/15/2018
Collection Number: DB002
Creator/Collector: Scripps, Ellen Browning
Extent: 3 Cubic Feet (9 boxes)
Repository: La Jolla Historical Society
La Jolla, California 92037
Abstract: The Scripps Family Collection, c. 1875-2006, consists largely of correspondence and newspaper articles in reference to the Scripps family and the organizations and events celebrated in their honor.
Language of Material: English
Access
The collection is open for research
Publication Rights
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Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
Accession number 2008.12
Biography/Administrative History
The Collection originates mostly from various donors including photographs donated by Ada Gillispie, Hilam Gardner, Anna Dohl, the Estate of Mary Estella Filson, Betty Ellen Ford, and William S. Kellogg. There are photographs from Mrs. W.A. Scripps' photograph book which were donated by Mrs. Albert Pierce. There are photographs of Ellen Browning Scripps which were taken by P.A. McDonough, commercial photographer. However, most of the materials are donated from unknown sources. We know for certain that the Ellen Browning Scripps drafts and much of the correspondence were the property of Edward Dessau Clarkson. Most of the newspaper articles originated from the La Jolla Light newspaper, the San Diego Union Tribune, or the La Jolla Village News.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Scripps Family Collection, c. 1875-2006, consists largely of correspondence and newspaper articles in reference to the Scripps family and the organizations and events celebrated in their honor. The Collection contains a biographical element with respect to Scripps family members focusing on, but not exclusively dealing with, Ellen Browning Scripps, E. Virginia Scripps, and E.W. Scripps. The Collection has numerous photographs and negatives of people and events relating to the Scripps family and the Scripps name. The bulk of the correspondence in the Collection is from the Ellen Browning Scripps Commemoration Committee and the organizations and people they corresponded with. Edward Clarkson and William Kellogg were co-chairmen of the E.B. Scripps Commemoration Committee. Clarkson published a biography of Ellen Browning Scripps in 1958. Many of the notes and the original manuscript are in the Collection, the Scripps biography is in the Historical Society's Library. The Collection has correspondence from three regions: La Jolla (including San Diego County), Illinois (including Rushville and Knox College), and Detroit. There are many newspaper and magazine articles referencing the Scripps family, organizations supported by the Scripps family, and biographical material. These articles range from 1915 to 2006. Many organizations are represented in the Collection. Documents collected from these organizations include correspondence which reference the Scripps family. Organizations that were started by members of the Scripps family or had significant contributions made to them by the Scripps have been documented through brochures, pamphlets and newsletters. The Collection has a significant album and scrapbook component. One photograph album contains images of E. Virginia Scripps at Miramar Ranch in 1900. A second scrapbook houses a greeting card collection most likely collected by the Scripps family. The greeting card collection consists of cards dated from 1879-1885. A third photo album c1921 contains aerial photographs of San Diego and La Jolla. The name E. Virginia Scripps is engraved on the front cover. 
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