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Abstract: The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, printed materials, and financial records belonging to the Webster family of Malibu, California. The collection spans from 1922 to 1963.
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Biographical note
John L. Webster immigrated to the United States from Scotland in 1897. It appears that John was a judge and had a wife, Nellie B., and a son, William (Bill), who was born in 1914. The family resided in Malibu, California. The John L. Webster Elementary School in Malibu was named after the former judge.

Scope and Content
The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, and financial documents belonging to the Webster family of Malibu, California. Included are letters written by William (Bill) Webster to his parents while at Urban Military Academy or Camp Curry in Yosemite; several Urban Military Academy publications; a diploma from Winchester Junior Rifle Corps presented to Bill Webster; a program from a horse show put on by the Urban Military Academy; a receipt and invoices regarding rent on a Las Flores property in Pacific Palisades; the financial ledger of John and Nellie Webster; a notice from Los Angeles Waterworks and Utilities; and several unidentified photographs of a work environment.

Arrangement

Processing Information note
The collection was arranged and described by Katie Richardson and Catie Golitzin.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Financial records
Malibu (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century
Ledgers (account books)
Receipts (financial records)
Photographs
Correspondence
Webster, William (Bill)
Urban Military Academy. (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Webster, John L.
Webster, Nellie B.
Webster family
Series 1: Correspondence 1922-1923

Scope and Content
Most of the letters are from William (Bill) Webster to his parents, Nellie and John, while he was at the Urban Military Academy in Los Angeles or at Camp Curry in Yosemite National Park. The letters discuss the activities he was involved in, the family’s health, and financial matters. In addition, there is a letter with two family photographs from Bernice and Wilfred Christlieb. The couple appear to be the niece and nephew of John and Nellie Webster. Lastly, a letter from the Waterworks and Utility Division of the county of Los Angeles to its new customers regarding the company’s take over of Deer Path Mutual Water Company of Malibu is included.

Series 2: Photographs circa 1900s

Scope and Content
The series includes eight photographs of what appears to be a work environment, possibly a factory. The location and individuals are unidentified. There is also an oversize picture of John L. Webster and a group of men from the class of November 21, 1921. The picture says *Spes Mea In Deo Est* which is a Masonic Motto that means *My Hope is in God*.

Series 3: Printed Materials 1924-1941

Scope and Content
The series includes materials relating to William's time at Urban Military Academy. The *Urbanite* was the school's publication.


Scope and Content
The Financial Records series includes receipts and invoices from 1925 to 1941 regarding rent on a cabin at Los Flores Inn. Also included, is a ledger belonging to John and Nellie Webster from 1948-1958.