Guide to the Hotel Raymond Register MS 20

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Abstract: This collection contains one register from Hotel Raymond for the dates August 31, 1910-May 1923, listing guests’ names and their city, military base, or naval ship of residence.
creator: Hotel Raymond.
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Biographical / Historical Notes
Hotel Raymond was located at 1512 H Street in San Diego, CA. H Street became Market Street around 1914 and the Hotel’s address changed to 614 Market Street. From 1908 to 1920, Mrs. Susan A. Patterson was the proprietor of the Hotel Raymond. (San Diego City Directories). From 1921 to 1943 Hotel Raymond was managed by Geo D. Wagner. In 1944 Hotel Raymond became The Challenger, managed by Mrs. A.E. Gaines.
In San Diego City Directories, the Hotel was classified under furnished rooms, hotels and lodging houses. The Hotel was at times referred to as The Raymond or Raymond Hotel in addition to Hotel Raymond.
Scope and Content
The collection contains one register from the Hotel Raymond with dates August 31, 1910 to May 1923. The register format consists of columns for date, guest name, address, and room number. The information has been filled in using ink and graphite. Surrounding the columns are advertisements that repeat throughout the register, including advertisements for local businesses and medical services such as a hospital, bank, restaurants, laundry, messenger, and real estate services.
Guests typically list city of residence in the address column. The majority of hotel guests hailed locally from Southern California as well as much of the western United States including the Alaska and Hawaii territories. Other guests traveled from as far as Canada, northern Mexico, Germany, London, Australia, France and Managua, Nicaragua. In addition to listing cities of residence in the address column, a large number of hotel guests list military affiliations such as military bases and naval ships (see Controlled Access Headings/Subject and Indexing Terms for detailed listing of naval ships). Some of the military bases recorded in the register include U.S.N.A.S. (United States Naval Air Station, also listed as North Island in register), U.S.N. (United Stated Navy), Naval Base San Diego, Camp Kearny, Fort Rosecrans, Rockwell Field, and Camp Howard.
Arrangement
The pages in the register generally follow chronological order, although some date discrepancies and lack of year notations are evident.
Comments
There are significant discrepancies for the dates entered next to guest names in the register. In most cases, the year is not supplied and there are chronological inconsistencies throughout the register. It is possible that rows left blank on the register pages were used at a later time in an effort to fill up the register before using a new one.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Albany (Ship).
Annapolis (Ship).
Aroostook (Gunboat).
Babbitt (Ship).
Beaver (Ship).
Brant (Ship).
Brooklyn (Ship).
Buffalo (Ship).
Bulmer (Ship).
California (Battleship: BB-44).
Celtic (Ship).
Charleston (Cruiser).
Chattanooga (Cruiser).
Cleveland (Protected Cruiser).
Colorado (Battleship).
Crane (Ship).
Cuyama (Ship).
DeLong (Ship).
Dent (Ship).
Denver (Ship).
Dorsey (Ship).
Doyen (Ship).
Elliot (Ship).
Evans (Ship).
Frederick (Ship).
Gillis (Ship).
Hancock (Ship).
Hart (Ship).
Henderson (Transport).
Hotel Raymond.
Howard (Ship).
Hull (Ship).
Ingraham (Ship).
Iris (Ship).
Iroquois (Ship).
Kennison (Ship).
Koka (Ship).
Ludlow (Ship).
MacDonough (Ship).
MacKenzie (Ship).
Maryland (Cruiser).
McCawley (Ship).
McCormick (Ship).
McDermut (Ship).
Meade (Ship).
Melville (Ship).
Meyer (Ship).
Milwaukee (Ship).
Minneapolis (Ship).
Minnesota (Ship).
Montana (Armored Cruiser).
Montgomery (Ship).
Moody (Ship).
O'Bannon (Ship).
Ohio (Ship).
Omaha (Cruiser : CL-4).
Oregon (Battleship).
Palmer (Ship).
Pennsylvania (Battleship).
Pittsburgh (Ship).
Prairie (Ship).
Preble (Ship).
Pueblo (Ship).
Pyro (Ship).
Raleigh (Ship).
Ramsay (Ship).
Renshaw (Ship).
Rizal (Ship).
Roper (Ship).
Salem (Ship).
San Diego (Ship).
Saratoga (Ship).
Schley (Ship).
South Dakota (Ship).
Stewart (Ship).
Swasey (Ship).
Talbot (Ship).
Tarbell (Ship).
Thornton (Ship).
Tingey (Ship).
Truxtun (Ship).
Turner (Ship).
Twiggs (Ship).
United States. Army.
United States. Navy.
Vestal (Ship).
Vicksburg (Ship).
Ward (Destroyer).
Wasmuth (Ship).
Waters (Ship).
Whipple (Destroyer).
Wickes (Ship).
Wood (Ship).
Woolsey (Ship).
Worden (Ship).
Yarnall (Ship).
Yorktown (Ship).
Young (Ship).
Camp Howard
Hotel register, 1910 August 31-1923 May

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See Controlled Access Headings/Subject and Indexing Terms for detailed listing of naval ships listed as residence for many registered guests.