
Guide to the Charles H. Bartholomew Postmaster Letterpress Book MS 232

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Title: Charles H. Bartholomew Postmaster Letterpress Book

Identifier/Call Number: MS 232

Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.0 Linear feet(1 box)

Date (inclusive): 1915 December-1916 November

Abstract: This collection consists of a letterpress book belonging to Charles H. Bartholomew, Post Master General for San Diego, containing administrative correspondence dating from December 1915 through November 1916.

creator: Bartholomew, Charles H.

Biographical / Historical Notes

Charles H. Bartholomew was born in 1867 in Unadilla, New York and first came to San Diego in 1888. Upon arriving in San Diego he worked as a grape picker in El Cajon and eventually joined the Post Office as an Assistant Postal Clerk. In 1908, he was appointed Postmaster and held the post until his retirement in 1917. Bartholomew was also active in several civic projects including the Panama-California Exposition and the further development of Balboa Park. In 1917, he ran an unsuccessful mayoral campaign against George Marston.

Arrangement

The collection is a single volume with an index at the front. The documents in the body of the book are arranged chronologically on numbered pages.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Accession number 920929B.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Many pages are faded and illegible. Some pages are torn. Preservation copy of page 122 in Finding Aid folder. (December 11, 2012)

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a letterpress book containing copies of letters and other various records from December 1915 through November 1916. An alphabetical index is at the front of the book. The letters record various administrative subjects such as mail classification issues, circulation handling, appointment and promotions and other human resources matters.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Bartholomew, Charles H.

United States Postal Service.

Correspondence

Postal service

Postmasters

San Diego (Calif.)

Box 1

Letterpress book, 1915 December-1916 November

Entries of interest:

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