Descriptive Summary

Title: Mrs. James Hall Bishop scrapbook
Dates: 1942-1946
Collection Number: SFH 466
Creator/Collector: Bishop, James Hall, Mrs., 1888-1960
Extent: 1 volume
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
San Francisco, California 94102
Abstract: Scrapbook documenting San Francisco woman’s World War II sales of defense savings stamps
Language of Material: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift, 2017

Biography/Administrative History
Gertrude M. Warren grew up in San Francisco and married William R. Jackman in 1907. They had one daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1908. Gertrude sold Liberty bonds on the corner of Powell and Market streets during World War I. She divorced Jackman in 1918, and in 1926 married James Hall Bishop. For two years before the United States declared war on Japan she was executive secretary with British War Relief here. The booth where she sold defense saving stamps opened February 13, 1942, and after that Bishop was often assisted there by her daughter. Mrs. Bishop typically raised $1000 in stamps on any given day; between Feb. 1942 and Nov. 1945, she had sold $406,000 in war bonds. Besides her work selling war savings stamps, she was a member of the Red Cross staff assistance corps. She died in San Francisco in 1960.

Scope and Content of Collection
Scrapbook includes news clippings, ephemera, certificates, two original photographs, and a few pieces of correspondence regarding Bishop’s volunteer activities selling defense savings stamps from a kiosk at the foot of Powell Street in San Francisco during World War II. A citation and correspondence from the U.S. Treasury Department, Northern California War Finance Committee is included, as are a few pieces documenting her fundraising during the first World War.

Indexing Terms
World War, 1914-1918—Finance—United States.
World War, 1939-1945—Finance—United States.
Savings stamps—United States.
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Jackman, Elizabeth M., 1908-1951
United States. War Finance Division.
San Francisco (Calif.)—1940-1950
Scrapbooks.