Butler Valley Dam Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Butler Valley Dam Collection
Dates: 1966-1973
Collection Number: 2005.01
Creator/Collector: Gordon and Billie Mason
Extent: .3 cubic feet (1 box)
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Abstract: In the 1960s the Army Corps of Engineers proposed damming the Mad River in Humboldt County, California. The dam would have flooded the Butler Valley/Maple Creek area and impacted the middle Mad River watershed. Within the affected area Gordon and Billie Mason owned property that straddled the river. The collection is an assortment of reports, correspondence, articles, and news clippings that describe the project and the reaction from the community. The dam was never built.

Language of Material: English

Access
The collection is processed and open for use by appointment.

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Acquisition Information
Gordon and Billie Mason owned property in the area that would have been affected by the dam. When Billie Mason sold the property in circa 2005 she offered the materials to the new owner who suggested that she donate them to a public repository. Billie Mason then donated the collection to Humboldt State University Library.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection is an assortment of reports, correspondence, articles and news clippings that describe the Army Corps of Engineers’ proposed Butler Valley Dam project and the reaction from the community. Gradually the opposition from the community, including the urban areas of the county, forced a suspension of the project schedule and finally the cancellation of the project.

Indexing Terms
Humboldt County (Calif.) -- History
Mad River (Calif.)
Butler Valley Dam (proposed)

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