Descriptive Summary

Title: Fowler Brothers papers
Inclusive Dates: 1880-2014
Collection Number: mssFowler
Creator: Fowler Brothers (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Extent: 464 items in 12 boxes
Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens Manuscripts Department

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Abstract: This collection includes material related to the history of the Fowler Brothers bookstore in Los Angeles and the Fowler and Lindstrom families of South Pasadena, California.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Margaret Lindstrom, Siegfried Fowler Lindstrom and John William Lindstrom, November 2014.

Biography
Fowler Brothers bookstore was the oldest family-owned bookstore in Los Angeles, in operation from 1888 to 1994, when it closed due to new, large chain bookstores and subway construction that disrupted shopping downtown. It began initially as a church and Sunday school supply house, but became a book and stationery store that survived six different downtown locations. The store was founded by brothers J. W. Fowler and Robert A. Fowler of South Pasadena, California. When the bookstore closed, Siegfried F. Lindstrom, grandson of J. W. Fowler, and son of Ruth Fowler Lindstrom, was running the store.

Scope and Content
The Fowler Brothers papers contain material related to the history of the Fowler Brothers bookstore, including some records, ephemera, bookmarks, publications, photographs, and six scrapbooks that document the 106-year-old history of the bookstore. Also included is the store’s visitor book which includes signatures of several notable people including: artist Leo Politi, Ray Bradbury (who was a frequent visitor of the store, also he met his wife there), John Philip Sousa, Zane Grey, Douglas Fairbanks, and Charles Lindberg.

The collection also documents the history of the Fowler and Lindstrom families of South Pasadena, California. This material includes diaries and other writings by Ruth Fowler Lindstrom, as well as Warde Fowler’s experiences in World War I, multiple family members’ experiences in World War II, genealogy material on the Fowler, Young, and Lindstrom families, and over 130 family photographs. Some of the material includes notes written by Margaret Lindstrom, wife of Siegfried F. Lindstrom, and donor of the collection.

Arrangement
Organized in the following manner: Manuscripts and Correspondence (Boxes 1-4); Scrapbooks (Boxes 5-10); Ephemera and Photographs (Boxes 11-12).

Personal Names
Bradbury, Ray, 1920-2012
Fowler, J. W.
Fowler, Robert A.
Lindstrom, Ruth Fowler
Politi, Leo, 1908-1996

**Corporate Names**
Dawson’s Book Shop
Fowler Brothers (Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Subjects**
Booksellers and bookselling -- California -- Los Angeles
Bookstores -- California -- Los Angeles
Prisoners of war -- Japan
Women -- California
World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives, American
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American
World War, 1939-1945 -- Prisoners and prisons, Japanese

**Geographic Areas**
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
South Pasadena (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century -- Sources
South Pasadena (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources

**Genre**
Diaries -- California -- 20th century
Ephemera -- California -- 19th century
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Genealogies (histories) -- United States -- 20th century
Letters (correspondence) -- California -- 20th century
Manuscripts -- California -- 20th century
Photographs -- California -- 20th century
 Scrapbooks -- California -- 20th century
Scrapbooks -- California -- 21st century

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**Manuscripts and Correspondence**

**Physical Description:** Boxes 1-4

**Box 1**
**Folder 1**
Account of Ruth Fowler Lindstrom - Miscellaneous Material
Account of Ruth Fowler Lindstrom's Birth and Development (1899-1903)
2 items.

**Folder 2**
Catron Family Genealogy (1883-2014)
28 items.

**Folder 3**
Doris Fowler Hoak (1882-2000)
5 items.

**Folder 4**
Fowler Brothers Finances (1980-1999)
5 items.

**Folder 5**
"His Service Book:" album re: William Warde Fowler (1918-2013)
12 items. With loose related items.
Folder 6  Letter to Ruth Fowler Lindstrom from Ed Ainsworth, Los Angeles Times (1942, July 29)  
1 item.

Folder 7  Letters by Helen Fowler to J. W. Fowler and Agnese Fowler (1928)  
11 items.

Folder 8  Letters by Siegfried F. Lindstrom and Margaret Lindstrom [undated]  
2 items.

Folder 9  Letters to Helen Fowler Delos from "Louise" (1927)  
4 items. Includes two photographs.

Folder 10  Letters to Robert A. Fowler (1916-1935)  
14 items.

Folder 11  Letters to Siegfried F. Lindstrom (1986-1997)  
7 items.

Folder 12  Letters to Siegfried F. Lindstrom and Margaret Lindstrom (1962-1996)  
6 items.

Folder 13  Lindstrom Family (1918-2014)  
55 items.

Folder 14  Miscellaneous Material Related to Fowler Brothers’ 100th Anniversary (1988)  
5 items.

Box 2  Notes on Fowler Brothers Store - Young and Fowler Family Genealogy  
Folder 1  Horse Library - Christie’s, etc. (1983-1986)  
5 items

Folder 2  Christie’s - Neelands (1990-1993)  
100 items

Folder 3  Christie, Manson & Woods Horses Library (1983-1992)  
45 items

61 items

41 items

Box 3  Ruth Fowler Lindstrom Diary (1938-1959)
Box 4  Fowler Brothers’ Visitor Book (1919-1990)

Scrapbooks  
Physical Description: Boxes 5-10

Box 5  Fowler Brothers Scrapbook (1890-1982)
Box 6  Fowler Brothers Scrapbook (1900-2001)
Box 7  Fowler Brothers Scrapbook (1918-2008)
Box 8  Fowler Brothers Scrapbook (1962-1988)
Box 9  Fowler Brothers Scrapbook (1963-2007)
Box 10 Fowler Brothers Scrapbook (1975-1994) Ephemera and Photographs
   Physical Description: Boxes 11-12

Box 11 Clippings - Miscellaneous Printed Material
   Folder 1 Clippings (1910-2014)
      7 items.
   Folder 2 DVD: A Day in the Life of Fowler Brothers (1988)
      1 item.
   Folder 3 First Spanish Book (an early book from Fowler Brothers) (1884)
      1 item. Fragile.
   Folder 4 Fowler Brothers Bookmarks, etc. ([1975]-1988)
      7 items.
   Folder 5 Fowler Brothers Metal Printing Block [undated]
      1 item.
   Folder 6 Miscellaneous Printed Material (1929-1987)
      3 items.

Box 12 Fowler Brothers Ephemera - Photographs
   Folder 1 Fowler Brothers Ephemera
      6 items.
   Folder 2 Fowler Brothers Photographs
      8 items.
   Folder 3 Fowler Family Photographs
      23 items.
   Folder 4 Robert A. Fowler at Ranch Photographs
      15 items.
   Folder 5 Lindstrom Family Photographs
      17 items.
   Folder 6 Ruth Fowler Lindstrom Photographs
      28 items.
   Folder 7 Miscellaneous Photographs
      43 items.