John Muir Collection of Research Material: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: John Muir Collection of Research Material
Dates (inclusive): 1891-1961
Collection Number: mssHM 66491 (1-27)
Extent: 59 items.
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Abstract: This collection is made up of 59 ephemera items related to naturalist John Muir (1838-1914) collected by
collector J. Marshall Watkins while he was researching Muir. Includes pamphlets, brochures, newspaper clippings, magazine
clippings, programs, poetry, and copies of Muir’s writings and sketches.
Language: English.
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Preferred Citation
Provenance
Processing/Project Information
The material was originally housed in the Ephemera Collection, but was transferred to the Manuscripts Department.
Biographical Note
John Muir was a naturalist, conservationist, and author. His published works include: The Mountains of California, Our
National Parks, The Yosemite, and My First Summer in the Sierra.
Scope and Content
The collection is made up of 59 ephemera items related to John Muir including pamphlets, brochures, newspaper clippings,
magazine clippings, programs, poetry, and copies of Muir’s writings and sketches. The material was collected by J. Marshall
Watkins while he was researching John Muir. Authors include Ed Ainsworth, William Frederic Badé, Francis M. Fultz, Herbert
W. Gleason, Bailey Millard, John Muir, and J. Marshall Watkins. Other subjects include Muir’s conservation work in California
including his involvement with the Hetch Hetchy Valley, Kings Canyon National Park, and Yosemite National Park. There is
one pamphlet entitled “Redwood Mountain,” published by the John Muir Association as well as a leaflet printed by the
California Conservation Council regarding the life of John Muir. Many of the brochures are for events related to John Muir
such as “John Muir Day” in San Francisco in 1939, a dedication of a Muir memorial park in Wisconsin, and a lecture entitled
“John Muir Trails.” Also included are offprints and flyers concerning the proposed John Muir-Kings Canyon National Park, and
nine color reproductions of scenes in Yosemite National Park.
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
• John Muir letters, 1902-1955. (Call number: mssHM 31308-31353)
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.
Subjects
Muir, John, 1838-1914.
Conservationists -- California.
National parks and reserves -- California.
Naturalists -- California.
California -- Description and travel.
Hetch Hetchy Valley (Calif.)
Kings Canyon National Park (Calif.)
Yosemite National Park (Calif.)

**Forms/Genres**
Brochures.
Clippings.
Offprints.
Pamphlets.

**Additional Contributors**
Fultz, Francis M. (Francis Marion), 1857-.
Gleason, Herbert Wendell, 1855-1937.
Millard, Bailey, 1859-1941.
Muir, John, 1838-1914.
California Conservation Council.
John Muir Association.

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**Envelope**  
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**Folder 1**  
1891. "List of Published Writings of John Muir:" [pamphlet]. 1 item.

**Folder 2**  

**Folder 3**  

**Folder 4**  

**Folder 5**  
[before 1914]. John Muir, 1838-1914, Photographs of original drawings. 11 items.

**Folder 6**  

**Folder 7**  
1916-1941. Miscellaneous articles regarding John Muir, 1838-1914. 5 items.

**Folder 8**  

**Folder 9**  

**Folder 10**  

**Folder 11**  

**Folder 12**  

**Folder 13**  

**Folder 14**  
[c.1939]. Offprints and flyers concerning proposed John Muir-Kings Canyon National Park. 5 items.

**Folder 15**  
1940, May 28. Notes on address by Ed Ainsworth...given before a meeting of the John Muir Association. 1 item.

**Folder 16**  
1940, May 28. Notes on address by F. M. Fultz given before a meeting of the John Muir Association. 1 item.

**Folder 17**  
[c.1940]. Color reproductions of scenes in Yosemite National Park. 9 items.
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