
Andrew F. Rolle Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Andrew F. Rolle Papers

Dates: 1951-1982

Collection Number: mssHM 74900-74969

Creator: Rolle, Andrew F.

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Abstract: This collection chiefly contains correspondence related to the academic career and writings of California historian and Occidental College professor Andrew F. Rolle (born 1922). The letters focus on Rolle's published books and articles, including those on Italian-Americans in the Western United States.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

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Provenance

Gift of Andrew F. Rolle, December 15, 2010. Some material in library as of approximately 1983.

- [Andrew F. Rolle Addenda, 1708-1998.](#)

Biographical Note

California and Western American historian Andrew F. Rolle (born 1922) graduated from Occidental College in 1943. He served as a military intelligence officer in Europe and as American Vice Consul in Genoa, Italy, from 1945 to 1948. He earned a PhD in history from UCLA in 1953 and taught at Occidental College from 1953 to 1988. Rolle studied psychoanalysis at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute in 1976 and specialized in psychohistory. His published works include *California: a history* (1963), *The Italian-Americans: troubled roots* (1980), and *John Charles Fremont: character as destiny* (1991).

Scope and Content

Correspondence related to the academic career of Andrew F. Rolle. Includes copies of outgoing correspondence from Rolle as well as letters from his colleagues Ray Allen Billington, Louis B. Wright, and K. Ross Toole. Most of the correspondence focuses on Rolle's published books and articles, including those on Italian-Americans in the Western United States, various articles written for the Historical Society of Montana, writings on the history of Occidental College, the manuscript "Flight Below the Border" (1959), and the article "The Historic Past of the Unconscious" (1980). The collection also includes some personal correspondence and references to other historians, including Robert Glass Cleland. Also included are newspaper articles and ephemera relating to Billington's death in 1981.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library's Online Catalog.](#)

Personal Names

Billington, Ray Allen, 1903-1981.

Cleland, Robert Glass, 1885-1957.

Rolle, Andrew F.
Toole, K. Ross (Kenneth Ross), 1920-1981.
Wright, Louis B. (Louis Booker), 1899-1984.

Corporate Names

Montana Historical Society.
Occidental College

Subject

Historians--United States--Correspondence
Italian-Americans--History--Book reviews

Geographic Areas

California--History--19th century--Book reviews
California--History--20th century

Genre

Letters (correspondence)--California--20th century

Box 1

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Correspondence

1952, June 20. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74900.
1952, July 1. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74901.
1953, January 26. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74902.
1953, February 13. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74903.
1953, December 22. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74904.
1954, September 17. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74905.
1954, September 18. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74906.
1955, October 4. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74907.
1955, October 28. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74908.
1955, November 1. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74909.
1955, December 23. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74910.
1956, January 18. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74911.
1956, February 14. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74912.
1956, March 30. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74913.
1956, April 4. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74914.
1956, June 21. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to K. Ross Toole. HM 74915.
1956, July 2. Toole, K. Ross. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74916.
1956, July 8. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to K. Ross Toole. HM 74917.
1957, March 8. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74918.
1957, May 13. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74919.
1957, June 1. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74920.
1957, August 22. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74921.
1957, September 6. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to K. Ross Toole. HM 74922.
1957, September 10. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74923.
1957, October 30. Kennedy, Michael. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74924.
1957, November 26. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74925.
1957, December 2. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74926.
1958, June 13. Schuyler, Katharine. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74927.
1959, June 16. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74928.
1959, June 18. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74929.
1959, June 23. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74930.
1959, August 3. Carlisle, Henry C. 1 letter to John T. Hawes. HM 74931.
1959, August 10. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Ray Allen Billington. HM 74932.

1959, December 7. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74933.
1960, February 8. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74934.
1960, February 15. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to K. Ross Toole. HM 74935.
1960, March 17. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to K. Ross Toole. HM 74936.
1960, May 21. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74937.
1961, January 5. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74938.
1961, February 24. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74939.
1961, March 1. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74940.
1961, March 7. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74941.
1961, April 10. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to K. Ross Toole. HM 74942.
1961, July 2. [Rolle, Andrew F.]. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74943.
1962, January 5. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74944.
1962, January 29. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74945.
1962, April 13. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74946.
1963, January 9. Billington, Mabel. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle and France Rolle. HM 74947.
1963, January 13. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74948.
1963, February 12. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. and Frances Rolle. HM 74949.
1963, April 3. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74950.
1963, May 8. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74951.
1964, April 21. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74952.
1964, June 11. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74953.
1965, March 19. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74954.
1966, December 1. Sterling, Graham L. 1 letter to Ray Allen Billington and Mabel Billington. HM 74955.
1969, March 7. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74956.
1973, February 15. Gerberding, William P. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74957.
1974, December 24. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74958.
1978, May 11. Rolle, Andrew F. 1 letter to Louis B. Wright. HM 74959.
1978, May 15. Wright, Louis B. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74960.
1980, February 22. Ryf, Robert S. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74961.
1980, May 8. Billington, Ray Allen. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74962.
1981, May 19. Gilman, Richard C. 1 letter to Mabel Billington. HM 74963.
1982, September 14. Gilman, Richard C. 1 letter to Mabel Billington. HM 74964.
Undated. Axeen, David. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74965.
Undated. Toole, K. Ross. 1 letter to Andrew F. Rolle. HM 74966.

Miscellaneous, newspaper clippings, and ephemera.

1981, March 10. Rolle, Andrew F. Remarks on Ray Allen Billington. HM 74967.
1981, March 11. Excerpt of minutes of the faculty meeting of Occidental College. HM 74968.
1981. Newspaper clippings on the death of Ray Allen Billington. HM 74969.
Undated. Ephemera (5 pieces).