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## **Louis A. Kenney Papers MS-0393**

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**Contributing Institution:** Special Collections & University Archives

**Title:** Louis A. Kenney Papers

**Creator:** Kenney, Louis A.

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS-0393

**Physical Description:** 3.71 Linear Feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1914-1992

**Date (bulk):** 1950-1992

**Language of Material:** English .

**Scope and Contents**

The *Louis A. Kenney Papers* document Kenney's years as University Librarian at San Diego State University. The collection dates from 1914-1992, and has been divided into four series: [Correspondence](#), [Professional Files](#), [Printing Ephemera](#), and [Scrapbooks](#).

The [Correspondence](#) series includes Kenney's ingoing and outgoing correspondence from 1960 to 1980, as well as his dissertation. Included in this series are memos regarding the budget; various complaints and concerns from faculty and staff; information on meetings and new employee appointments; requests for forming cooperative relationships with other libraries; and memos regarding the library's move to a new building in 1971. The series is arranged chronologically.

The [Professional Files](#) series documents a broad range of Kenney's life from his doctoral dissertation to his retirement from the San Diego State library in 1980. The series dates from 1950 to 1992, with some undated materials. Included in this series is a copy of Kenney's PhD dissertation, *The Censorship Edicts of Emperor Charles V in the Low Countries, 1515-1550*, as well as a copy of a rare 1540 edition of *Ordnung und Mandat*, a primary document used for his dissertation; and three folders of correspondence regarding the library's *Edward A. Block Memorial Collection* from 1965-1973. Also included is Kenney's Campanile Club plaque, one of his nameplates, and a copy of a 42nd Infantry Division history/yearbook, ca. 1943. There is no filing order.

The [Printing Ephemera](#) series includes various materials collected by Kenney during his tenure as University Librarian.

The [Photographs and Scrapbooks](#) series includes photographs of the 1939 New York World's Fair and Kenney's wartime service in Europe, and three scrapbooks that document Kenney's travels after the war and contain postcards he collected. The loose photographs primarily document Kenney's wartime service and include photographs taken by Kenney and souvenir prints he purchased. The wartime photographs, which mostly date from the summer of 1945, include photographs taken in cities and towns in France, Germany, Austria and Scotland. The aftermath of the war is shown through several photographs of buildings destroyed by bombing. Also included are a group of photographs Kenney took while attending the New York World's Fair in 1939, as well as a shot of Kenney's relatives in Los Angeles. The first scrapbook was compiled by Kenney while on a trip through Italy with school friends in 1950. It includes postcards and photos of Kenney and his friends from Florence, Milan, Assisi, Rome, Amalfi, Pompeii, Sicily, and numerous other locations in Italy. The second consists of postcards from Hawaii, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and the Chinese countryside. It also includes some cards depicting the US Pacific Fleet, and the Japanese silk and tea industries. The third was compiled by Kenney while on a trip through France and Switzerland with school friends in 1949. It is unclear if this is the same trip in which he visited Italy. The album includes photos and postcards from the Queen Elizabeth cruise ship, Paris, the French countryside, Zurich, Bern, and the Swiss countryside.

**Arrangement Note**

I. Correspondence, 1960-1980

II. Professional Files, 1950-1992

III. Printing Ephemera

IV. Photographs and Scrapbooks, 1914-1950

**Conditions Governing Access**

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**Source of Acquisition**

Louis A. Kenney

**Preferred Citation**

Identification of item, folder title, box number, Louis A. Kennedy Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, San Diego State University Library.

**Biographical Note**

Louis A. Kenney was born February 28, 1917 in Dorchester, NE. He received his BA from Nebraska State College, Kearney in 1939 and completed a BS and a MS in Library Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana. He was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1941 and served with the 42nd Infantry Division in World War II. He returned to civilian life in 1946 and spent a year studying abroad in Switzerland from 1949 to 1950. In 1960 he was awarded his PhD in history from the University of Maryland. His thesis was titled *The Censorship Edicts of Emperor Charles V in the Low Countries, 1515-1550*.

Kenney was San Diego State's University Librarian from 1961 to 1980 and played an instrumental role in planning for a new library building, the Malcolm A. Love Library, which opened in 1971. As a result, the library's collection tripled in size and Kenney helped to establish the Special Collections department for rare books and manuscripts. He also helped form the Friends of the Malcolm A. Love Library in 1964 and served on its Board.

Kenney was an avid collector of rare books. In 1967, he purchased the *Zinner Collection* for Special Collections. Kenney retired from San Diego State in 1980 but remained active with the Friends of the Library and various other organizations. He was named Emeritus Librarian upon his retirement. He died in December of 1993.

**Accruals**

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Personal Papers

Academic librarians--California--San Diego--Biography--Sources

Academic librarians--California--San Diego--Correspondence

Censorship--Netherlands--History--16th century

Censorship--Netherlands--Early works to 1800

Photographs

Kenney, Louis A., 1917--Archives

Kenney, Louis A., 1917--Correspondence

San Diego State University--Faculty--Biography--Sources

San Diego State University. Library. Department of Special Collections--History--Sources

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**Correspondence Series 1 1960-1980**

box 1, folder 1	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 1 <b>n.d.</b>
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box 1, folder 4	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 4 <b>1978</b>
box 1, folder 5	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 5 <b>1977</b>
box 1, folder 6	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 6 <b>1976</b>
box 1, folder 7	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 7 <b>1975</b>
box 1, folder 8	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 8 <b>1974</b>
box 1, folder 9	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 9 <b>1973</b>
box 1, folder 10	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 10 <b>1972</b>
box 1, folder 11	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 11 <b>1971</b>
box 1, folder 12	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 12 <b>1970</b>
box 1, folder 13	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 13 <b>1969</b>
box 1, folder 14	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 14 <b>1968</b>
box 1, folder 15	<b>deBellis Library</b> Folder 15 <b>1968, 1969</b>

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box 1, folder 16	<b>McConnel, Mrs. Frederick</b> Folder 16 <b>1969</b>
box 1, folder 17	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 17 <b>1967</b>
box 1, folder 18	<b>Incoming</b> Folder 18 <b>1966</b>
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box 2, folder 1	<b>Correspondence</b> Folder 1 <b>1981,1982</b>
box 2, folder 2	<b>Correspondence</b> Folder 2 <b>1983,1984,1985</b>
box 2, folder 3	<b>Correspondence</b> Folder 3 <b>1986,1987</b>
box 2, folder 4	<b>Correspondence: Kearney State Foundation</b> Folder 4 <b>1984-91</b>
box 2, folder 5	<b>Correspondence</b> Folder 5 <b>1988,1989,1990</b>
box 2, folder 6	<b>Correspondence-Margit Smith</b> Folder 6 <b>1986-1992</b>
box 2, folder 7	<b>Elizabeth Frazee- Worsley Correspondence</b> Folder 7 <b>1968-70</b>
box 2, folder 8	<b>Block Memorial Collection Correspondence</b> Folder 8 <b>1965-73</b>
box 2, folder 9	<b>Block Memorial Collection Correspondence</b> Folder 9 <b>1965-73</b>
box 2, folder 10	<b>Block Memorial Collection Correspondence</b> Folder 10 <b>1965-73</b>
box 2, folder 11	<b>"Despot Rules Love Library"</b> Folder 11 <b>ca 1971</b>
box 2, folder 12	<b>Courtney File</b> Folder 12
box 2, folder 13	<b>"Report on the State of the Library"</b> Folder 13 <b>1961</b>
box 2, folder 14	<b>Talks, reports, mixed dates</b> Folder 14
box 2, folder 15	<b>Retirement</b> Folder 15 <b>1980</b>
box 2, folder 16	<b>Curriculum vitae, bio sketches (see also Kenney bio file)</b> Folder 16
box 2, folder 17	<b>Talks to Library Personnel</b> Folder 17 <b>mixed dates</b>
box 2, folder 18	<b>Pictorial History of SDSU, proposed publication</b> Folder 18 <b>1978</b>
box 2, folder 19	<b>Censorship issue talks</b> Folder 19 <b>mixed dates</b>
box 2, folder 20	<b>"Public Relations in the College Library"</b> Folder 20 <b>July 1984</b>
box 2, folder 21	<b>Manpower Research Project</b> Folder 21 <b>1978</b>
box 2, folder 22	<b>The London World Fair of 1851 by Louis A. Kenney</b> Folder 22 <b>1950</b>
box 2, folder 23	<b>The American Democratic Faith and The Pragmatism of William James, Term Paper</b> Folder 23 <b>1955</b>
box 2, folder 24	<b>Doctoral Dissertation rewriting and abridgement</b> Folder 24

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box 2, folder 25	<b>Doctoral Dissertation, Fourth Carbon Copy; Dissertation Summary, Reprint of Abstract</b> Folder 25
box 2, folder 26	<b>Doctoral Dissertation Manuscript for Publication (not published)</b> Folder 26
box 2, folder 27	<b>Printing and Censorship in the Period 1450-1550 (unpublished article)</b> Folder 27
box 2, folder 28	<b>Book Review</b> Folder 28 ca 1908
box 2, folder 29	<b>Unmarked Folder containing newspaper clippings</b> Folder 29
box 2, folder 30	<b>Aztec Shops Calendar</b> Folder 30
box 2, folder 31	<b>"Frank J. and Amelin Kenney..." by Louis Kenney</b> Folder 31
box 2, folder 32	<b>Miscellaneous cards, certificates, photos</b> Folder 32
box 2, folder 33	<b>Mental Illness: Book Review</b> Folder 33
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box 2, folder 35	<b>Photostat and typed of a rare 1540 copy "Ordnung und Mandat". Typed copy in Modern German and original in old German script (was the final document for his PhD dissertation)</b> Folder 35
box 2, folder 36	<b>SDSU Library Staff Association Bicentennial Cookbook</b> Folder 36
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box 2, item 2	<b>Campanile Club Plaque</b> Item 2 1984-85
box 2, item 3	<b>Desk nametag "L.A. Kenney, Director of Libraries"</b> Item 3
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box 2, folder 42	<b>Prospectuses and Announcements</b> Folder 42
	<b>Photographs and Scrapbooks</b> Series 4 1914-1950
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box 4, item 1	<b>Pacific Cruises</b> Item 1 1914-1915
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box 6, folder 1	<b>New York World's Fair, 1939</b> Folder 1
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box 6, folder 4	<b>Paris, 1945</b> Folder 4
box 6, folder 5	<b>Salzburg, 1945</b> Folder 5