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HISTORICAL NOTE
The Pacific Geographic Society was founded in 1926 by Humphrey Read, to be reorganized in 1929 by the president, Walter Gordon Clark, and other officers. According to the articles of incorporation (July 9, 1929) the following is an outline of the purposes and objectives of the Society:
a) for educational and scientific research pertaining to boundaries of the Pacific Ocean, 
b) to promote interests of states and countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean through co-operative membership in education and scientific research,
c) to give publicity to states and countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean, that a better understanding of statehood and citizenship may be realized,

d) to enlighten the world through the publications by members of this corporation,

e) to build, construct, purchase, lease, equip, or otherwise acquire.

Los Angeles served as the center and principal area of business for the enterprise. The corporation there was to "exist fifty years from and after the date of incorporation." In 1932-33 the Globe-Trotter Series of illustrated (motion picture) lectures was initiated, an activity which provided the major source of income of the Society.

Other activities included dinner meetings, often with entertainment for regents, etc., special dinners and receptions, exhibits in libraries and bookstores, selected tours (group and individual) to Mexico, South America, New Zealand and Hawaii. Mrs. Hughes (secretary and manager after the death of Mr. Palmer) often acted as a local booking agent for a number of lecturers, while the Society arranged programs for public schools and libraries, colleges and universities, and other interested organizations.

Several attempts were made to publish a magazine in conjunction with the Society, with no degree of success. A Bulletin and a Newsletter were circulated periodically but the Pacific Geographic Magazine and its successor, Pacific Horizons, began and concluded with Volume I, Number 1.

In 1936 a moratorium agreement with major creditors was effected and the Society is believed to have disbanded in 1940-41.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Materials in the collection date from 1927-1940, the bulk falling between the years 1933-1939. Included are correspondence, minutes, drafts, reports, statistics, bills, receipts, contracts, clippings, press releases, various lists, organizational papers, announcements, memos, printed brochures, legal papers, itineraries, notes, photos, diagrams, a few maps, pamphlets, some manuscript articles, programs, and invitations.

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Scope and Content Note

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**Box 1, Folder 2**

**Abeyance Accounts 1933-34**

Scope and Content Note

(alphabetical) bills or statements

**Box 1, Folder 3**

**Allen, Dr. Arthur A. 1937-38**

Scope and Content Note

corresp. re: Allen's motion picture lecture on rare & vanishing birds (Apr. 21, 1938); brochure, photos, etc. incl. officers of Calif. Audubon Society & local branches, 1 T.N.S. of A.A. Allen.

**Box 1, Folder 4**

**Bryan, Julien, 1938-39**

Scope and Content Note

corresp. with re: lecture series "Inside Nazi Germany" mostly Bryan & Mrs. Hughes (some personal, birth of son) & press releases

**Box 1, Folder 5**

**Byrd, Richard E. 1935, 37-39**

Scope and Content Note

press releases, clips, corresp., tels., re: speaking engagements & interest in peace, radio address (5 T.L.S. Byrd, 2 Tels.)

**Box 1, Folder 6**

**Byrd Exhibit 1938-39**

Scope and Content Note

corresp. on displays for *Alone* & Congress on International Good Will, book reviews of *Alone* (3 Byrd T.L.S.)

**Box 1, Folder 7**

**Byrd Replies 1937**

Scope and Content Note

Press Book with short biography, publicity on motion pictures & lecture, etc. replies to Byrd Reception invitations, lists of guests, many prominent persons.

**Box 1, Folder 8**

**Board of Regents 1929-1935**

Scope and Content Note

corresp., lists, acceptances & refusals, articles of incorp. (July 9, 1929); announcements; plans, etc. Pacific Magazine; memos; minutes & report Globe Trotter Series.

**Box 1, Folder 9**

**Camera Club, 16 mm. Nov., 1938**

Scope and Content Note

corresp. re: "an amateur movie photographers program
Box 1, Folder 10  **Craig, Capt. John D. 1937-38**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
brochures (Harold R, Peat, Inc.), photos, corresp. with Peat & others of his office, statement, contract, legal papers.

Box 1, Folder 11  **Contracts 1937-38 Series**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 1, Folder 12  **Contracts 1937-39**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
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Box 1, Folder 13  **Corresp - Misc. 1937-38 Series**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
All 1937, some brochures, 7 clips on lecturers & lecture series, and corresp. re: free motion picture series for school children, lecturers & lectures, teachers Institute Credit, tickets for lectures (about lecturers: Amos Burg, Wilfred L. Husband, Amelia Earhart, Phelbia Thomas, John D. Craig, Harrison Forman)

Box 1, Folder 14  **Corresp. 1937 Jan -Mar.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
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Box 2, Folder 15  **Corresp. 1937 Apr. -May**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
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Box 2, Folder 16  **Corresp. 1937 June -Dec. general**

Box 2, Folder 17  **Corresp. 1938Misc.(actually lists, acceptance cards, clips)**

Box 2, Folder 18  **Corresp. 1938 Jan.-Junegeneral**

Box 2, Folder 19  **Corresp. 1938 July -Dec. general**

Box 2, Folder 20  **Corresp. 1939 Jan. -Sept. general**

Box 2, Folder 21  **Edmunds, Charles K. (Pres.)**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
1934, 1937 -Jan., 1939 corresp re: feasibility of publishing a magazine, exhibits, lectures, lecturers, Globe Trotter Series, Robert Ripley suit, Barclay Acheson, meetings, members, finan. report, general business

Box 2, Folder 22  **Feakins, William B. (booking agent)**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
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**Scope and Content Note**  
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Scope and Content Note

Box 3, Folder 25  
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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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Box 3, Folder 27  
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Scope and Content Note
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Box 3, Folder 28  
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Scope and Content Note
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Box 3, Folder 29  
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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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Box 4, Folder 37  Los Angeles Chapter
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Scope and Content Note  
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Scope and Content Note  
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Box 5, Folder 55  
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Scope and Content Note  
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Scope and Content Note  
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