Guide to the Harry C. Peterson Papers

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Overview

Call Number: SC0107

Creator: Peterson, Harry C.

Title: Harry C. Peterson papers

Dates: 1879-1936

Physical Description: 1.75 Linear feet

Summary: Includes administrative and personal correspondence, 1888-1936; reports, statistics, acquisition records, exhibit captions, and publications of the Stanford Museum, 1894-1917; and research materials compiled by Peterson on the Gold Spike (ceremonial spike used to connect the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads), Stanford history, and Peter Coutts, including an original letter by Coutts, 1879. Peterson's major correspondent was David Hewes and there is some printed material on Hewes in the collection. Also includes copies of his newspaper column "The Story of Stanford University," 1919.

Language(s): The materials are in English.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Peterson, born in Iowa in 1876, was curator of the Stanford Museum from 1900-1917; after leaving Stanford, he directed the Sutter's Fort Museum in Sacramento.

Description of the Collection

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Access Terms

Coutts, P. J. F. (Peter J. F.)

Hewes, David.

Peterson, Harry C.

Stanford University. Museum of Art

Gold Spike.

Museums.
Box 1, Folder 1  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1888-1901
Box 1, Folder 2  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1902-1904
Box 1, Folder 3  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1905-1906
Box 1, Folder 4  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1907-1909
Box 1, Folder 5  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1910-1912
Box 1, Folder 6  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1913-1914
Box 1, Folder 7  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1915-1917
Box 1, Folder 8  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1918-1931
Box 1, Folder 9  Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), 1932-1936
Box 1, Folder 10 Stanford Museum: annual reports, 1902, 1910-17
Box 1, Folder 11 Stanford Museum: attendance statistics (1894-1917); other business papers
Box 1, Folder 12 Stanford Museum: daily account of acquisitions, May 1900-Feb. 1901
Box 1, Folder 13 Stanford Museum: guidebooks, rules for visitors, donor cards, and other publications
Box 1, Folder 14 Stanford Museum: articles and clippings about the Museum
Box 1, Folder 15 Stanford Museum: miscellaneous (notes for arrangement of exhibits, loan forms, notes on acquisitions)
Box 1, Folder 16 Stanford Museum: gifts of David Hewes
Box 1, Folder 17 Stanford Museum: lace collection
Box 1, Folder 18 Stanford Museum: requisition forms, 1909-13
Box 1, Folder 1 Stanford Museum: early California history collection (captions)
Box 1, Folder 2 Stanford Museum: Japanese collection (captions, etc.)
Box 1, Folder 3 Stanford Museum: painting and fine arts collections (captions)
Box 1, Folder 4 Stanford Museum: Egyptian collection (captions)
Box 1, Folder 5 Stanford Museum: Stanford family collection (captions)
Box 1, Folder 6 Stanford Museum: collections, miscellaneous (captions)
Box 1, Folder 7 Stanford Museum: notes on arrangement of exhibits
Box 1, Folder 8 David Hewes and the Gold Spike (notes taken by Peterson from Mr. Hewes' account
Box 1, Folder 9 David Hewes: printed material about (obituary, booklet on the David Hewes building, magazine articles)
Box 2, Folder 10 List of photographs, CPPR stereos and views of Stanford University [possibly photos taken or owned by H.C.P.]
Box 2, Folder 11 Mosaics, material about (collected by H.C.P.)
Box 2, Folder 12 Peter Coutts: research notes and original material about (includes April 4, 1879 Coutts original letter, signed)
Box 2, Folder 13 Stanford Historical Association
Box 2, Folder 14 Museum: catalog lists
Box 2, Folder 15 “The Story of Stanford University,” copies from microfilm of Peterson’s newspaper column, bound volume (2 copies)
Box OS “The Story of Stanford University,” bound [original clippings?]