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## Guide to the Myron Carlos Burr Papers and memorabilia

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**Overview**

**Call Number:** SC0470

**Creator:** Burr, Myron Carlos, 1884-1977

**Title:** Myron Carlos Burr papers and memorabilia

**Dates:** 1902-2006

**Bulk Dates:** 1902-1946

**Physical Description:** 5.5 Linear feet

**Summary:** Collection consists primarily of M. C. Burr's papers with a few items pertaining to his brother Walter and sister Gladys. Included are photographs, correspondence, clippings, typescripts of short articles, memorabilia from student days at Stanford University, and a scrapbook. The correspondence is largely Myron Burr's letters to his family, 1905-08, but also includes Walter Burr's letters to Gladys, and correspondence pertaining to the donation of these papers, 1971-2006. Subjects of the campus photographs include the Quad, Memorial Church, Encina dormitory rooms, club members on the porch of the Entre Nous eating club, athletics, and the laying of the last keystone in the outer Quad arcades. Student memorabilia includes registration and study cards, programs from campus events, several issues of the student newspaper, and dance cards. The scrapbook pertains to Burr's career, Republican politics, flood control and water issues in the LA area (especially terracing hillsides as flood control), history of Monrovia, CA, and family events, 1918-42. Other items of note include his account of his experiences in San Francisco after the earthquake of 1906 and a record book kept while working for Shell Oil, Martinez refinery, 1916.

**Language(s):** The materials are in English.

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**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

Myron C. Burr earned his A.B. in civil engineering at Stanford University in May 1907. In the aftermath of the San Francisco Earthquake in 1906, he served with the Stanford Relief Corps and the San Francisco Water Commission. In addition to his career as a civil engineer, he ran an insurance agency specializing in industrial insurance, served on the Los Angeles County Emergency Relief Committee, wrote a newspaper column, and was a wholesale distributor of avocados. He was also active in the Republican Party in Southern California.

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**Access Terms**

Burr, Myron Carlos, 1884-1977

Burr, Walter Gordon.

Edwards, Patricia B.

Tresidder, Donald Bertrand, 1894-1948

Photoprints.

San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, Calif., 1906

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Series 1 **Memorabilia 1903-1975**

Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Big Game programs 1906-1907</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Civil Engineering Alumni Directory 1926</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Daily Palo Alto, August, November, and December 1905</b>
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>Dance cards</b>
Box 1, Folder 5	<b>Earthquake reminiscences 1975</b>
Box 1, Folder 6	<b>Lyrics to prize-winning football songs post 1912</b>
Box 1, Folder 7	<b>Programs for various Stanford events 1903-1908</b>
Box 1, Folder 8	<b>Registration and study cards</b>
Box 2	<b>Membership Certificate, American Arbitration Association 1943</b>
Box 5, Folder 3	<b>Metal nameplate tag, M. C. Burr</b>
Box 5, Folder 4	<b>Ink well damaged in San Francisco fire 1906</b>
Box 8	<b>Cyanotype prints of Stanford scenes on one piece of silk [linen?]: Encina Hall, view of Memorial Church through Arches, Palm Drive, oblique view of Memorial Church, Memorial Arch, view down inner quad arcade, Roble Hall</b>
Box 8	<b>Earthquake relief items mounted on paper (previously framed): Red ribbon "Stanford Relief"; Cloth with a red cross sewn on it; Pass signed by E. E. Schmitz, mayor; Instructions to Deputies, Relief Committee "Stanford Corps"; Student Relief Pass-Card issued to M. C. Burr; Instructions for Water Patrol Messengers and pass issued to M. C. Burr, as part of the Water Committee</b>

Series 2 **Photographs 1903-1909**

Box 1, Folder 9	<b>Stanford scenes, includes dorm room scenes, excursion to "The Wunder" in Woodside, CA, campus buildings prior to the 1906 earthquake, ceremony at the laying of the last keystone in the outer Quad, club members on the porch of the Entrez Nous eating club, and male members of the Class of 1907 sitting on Encina steps circa 1903-1906</b>
Box 1, Folder 10	<b>Barbour, Le Roy W</b>
Box 1, Folder 11	<b>Bateman, William George</b>
Box 1, Folder 12	<b>Bell, Harry W.</b>
Box 1, Folder 13	<b>Bradley, F.</b>
Box 1, Folder 14	<b>Burr, Clyde R.</b>
Box 1, Folder 15	<b>Butterfield, Hayden Gearhart</b>
Box 1, Folder 16	<b>Campbell, Jesse Eugene</b>
Box 1, Folder 17	<b>Fitting, Harold H.</b>
Box 1, Folder 18	<b>Henley, Edward Vernon</b>
Box 1, Folder 19	<b>Irwin, Arthur M.</b>
Box 1, Folder 20	<b>Kip, Kathryn Romer (Mrs. Gerald A. Waring)</b>
Box 1, Folder 21	<b>McNeil, Warren Truett</b>

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Box 1, Folder 22	<b>O'Neale, Josiah Philip</b>
Box 1, Folder 23	<b>Porter, Arthur M.</b>
Box 1, Folder 24	<b>Ross, Perley A.</b>
Box 1, Folder 25	<b>Taft, Harris W.</b>
Box 1, Folder 26	<b>Ward, Wendell W.</b>
Box 1, Folder 27	<b>Waring, Gerald Ashley</b>
Box 1, Folder 28	<b>Unidentified students</b>
Box 1, Folder 29	<b>Unidentified people, F. C. Dando photographer (Los Angeles)</b>
Box 2	<b>Photograph of Encina residents posed in front of Encina Hall [1911 Plug Ugly visible] circa 1909</b>
Box 2	<b>Photograph of Encina residents posed in front of Encina Hall [1910 Plug Ugly visible] (labeled ca. 1906 on reverse) circa 1908</b>
Box 2	<b>Photograph of Stanford Engineers, including Myron C. Burr (framed) 1907</b>
Box 5, Folder 1	<b>Photograph album of Myron C. Burr (SU scenes, student groups, Encina rooms, interior of Stanford power house, track events, football game, placing the last keystone in outer quad arcade, camping scenes (or possibly summer engineering job?), earthquake damage at SU) 1903-1906</b>
Box 5, Folder 2	<b>Photograph album of Walter C. Burr [no earthquake images] (SU images, other CA places, excursions with friends, several images of Stanford student Sekko Shimada, Pres. T. Roosevelt on train in PA station, loading brandy barrel onto railroad car at Vina Ranch, M. C. Burr in his Encina room, other views of Encina rooms, Stanford track images) [some images appear in both albums] circa 1903-1906</b>

## Series 3 Papers 1902-2006

Box 3, Folder 1	<b>Biographical (career information)</b>
Box 3, Folder 2	<b>Business memorabilia</b>
Box 3, Folder 3	<b>Certificates 1919-1948</b>
Box 3, Folder 4	<b>Clippings (photocopied) re M. C. Burr 1936-1961</b>
Box 3, Folder 5	<b>Original newsprint</b>
Box 3, Folder 17	<b>Correspondence re donation of Stanford student hats, 2000-01</b>
Box 3, Folder 18	<b>Gladys Burr, notices re Stanford admission</b>
Box 3, Folder 19	
Box 3, Folder 20	<b>Photos of M. C. Burr circa 1903-14</b>
Box 3, Folder 21	<b>Photos, Burr Family</b>
Box 3, Folder 22	<b>Postcard correspondence, Stanford images 1906-13, 1941</b>
Box 3, Folder 23	<b>Postcards to Clyde Burr 1907-12</b>
Box 3, Folder 24	<b>Postcards to Myron C. Burr 1906-07</b>
Box 3, Folder 25	<b>Postcards to Mr. &amp; Mrs. F. W. Burr</b>
Box 3, Folder 26	<b>Postcards to Gladys Burr and Laura M. Burr 1908, 1932</b>
Box 3, Folder 27	<b>Miscellaneous postcards</b>
Box 3, Folder 28	<b>School memorabilia, MCB</b>
Box 3, Folder 29	<b>Stanford diploma, MCB's B.A. 1907</b>
Box 3, Folder 30	<b>Stanford Football Songs 1906</b>
Box 3, Folder 31	<b>Turner, Maude E. - obituaries, photographs, and letter from Burr to his brother expressing his sorrow over her death 1907-1908</b>
Box 6, Folder 1	<b>Record book kept while working for Shell Oil, Martinez refinery 1916</b>
Box 6, Folder 2	<b>Calendar/Day book 1908-1913</b>
Box 7	<b>Scrapbook: clippings, articles, letters, brochures, pamphlets, and illustrations pertaining to Burr's career, Republican politics, flood control and water issues in LA area (especially terracing hillsides as flood control), history of Monrovia, CA, and family events. Also includes a brief letter from Herbert Hoover acknowledging receipt of Burr's pamphlet, 1933; photographs of Dalton Canyon, Dec. 8, 1934; and a blueprint "Sketch Plan of ditch location for Quesnelle Hydraulic Gold Mining Co. Burr &amp; Fergusson, Engineers, Sept. 1909". 1918-1985 (1918-1942 bulk)</b>
	<b>Typescripts of M. C. Burr's writings:</b>
Box 4, Folder 1	<b>Adventurer's Club</b>
Box 4, Folder 2	
Box 4, Folder 3	<b>Along the Way 1953</b>

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Box 4, Folder 4	
Box 4, Folder 5	<b>Arrowhead My First Engineering Job</b>
Box 4, Folder 6	<b>Dance Hall Girl</b>
Box 4, Folder 7	<b>Danger Spots</b>
Box 4, Folder 8	<b>First Japanese Baseball Team [Stanford story]</b>
Box 4, Folder 9	<b>First Night at a Nevada Gambling Resort 1931, 1933</b>
Box 4, Folder 10	<b>Franklin Delano Roosevelt</b>
Box 4, Folder 11	<b>Greetings from One Columnist to Another 1967</b>
Box 4, Folder 12	
Box 4, Folder 13	<b>"Little Wads" Sunday School Class 1974</b>
Box 4, Folder 14	<b>Mixed Pleasures of Frontier Travel 1913</b>
Box 4, Folder 15	<b>Murl Emory, Kingfish of the Colorado</b>
Box 4, Folder 16	<b>Negro Porter, A</b>
Box 4, Folder 17	<b>"O! Ho! A Collection of Poems" by Burr 1946</b>
Box 4, Folder 18	<b>An Old Grad Goes to the Game [Stanford story]</b>
Box 4, Folder 19	<b>Phil Harris (with cover letter) 1962</b>
Box 4, Folder 20	<b>Phil Sullivan</b>
Box 4, Folder 21	<b>Plan to Conserve Mountain Water by Terracing</b>
Box 4, Folder 22	<b>Poems by M. C. Burr</b>
Box 4, Folder 23	<b>Politics</b>
Box 4, Folder 24	<b>The Professor</b>
Box 4, Folder 25	<b>The Reverend</b>
Box 4, Folder 26	<b>San Francisco Fire and Earthquake, essay 1906</b>
Box 4, Folder 27	<b>San Quentin [Dr. Leo Stanley]</b>
Box 4, Folder 28	