Guide to the Leland Stanford Collection SC0512

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Biographical / Historical
Leland Stanford was born March 9, 1824 in Waltervliet Township, New York. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1848 and married Jane Lathrop in 1850. In 1852 Stanford moved to California where he first worked as a storekeeper in Mother Lode mining camps and later became a successful Sacramento businessman. Stanford was a leader in organizing the Republican party in California and was elected governor in 1861 at the age of 37. Early in the 1860s Stanford joined with three other Sacramento merchants—Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins, and Collis P. Huntington—in the building of the Central Pacific Railroad. In 1884, Leland and Jane founded Leland Stanford Jr. University in memory of their son. Stanford died June 21, 1893 during his second term as United States Senator.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gold Spike.
Leland Stanford House (Sacramento, Calif.)
Palo Alto (Calif.)
Warm Springs Ranch (Calif.).
Vina Ranch (Calif.)
Biographical and Historical Materials Series 1

Scope and Contents note
This series consists of clippings, pamphlets, articles, copies or facsimiles of historical documents, speeches, scripts, and correspondence of researchers and University officials. Subjects include Stanford's political career, his years in Port Washington, Wisconsin, his ideas on education, the University's history, and the naming of Palo Alto. Also included are eulogies and memorial addresses following Stanford's death.

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   Weekly Times (San Francisco) 1859 Jul 16
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   Harper's Weekly 1864 Jan 23
box 1, folder 7  Periodicals 1874, 1916
   Scope and Contents note
   California Mail Bag, August 1874 (2 copies), with 1916 clipping of photograph of six men still living who were present at the driving of the last spike in 1869.
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   "Millionaires of the Pacific Coast," The Cosmopolitan 1887 Aug
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   The Seaport News 1893 Jun 24
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Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper (reception of Stanford at Sacramento on return from European tour) 1890 Nov 8

Smith, Augustine J., "A Picture and a Reflection," from National View 1893 Jul 15

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Periodicals 1894-1912

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Periodicals 1923-1929

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Periodicals 1933-1964

Scope and Contents note

Includes California Freemason, Winter 1964, with article on Stanford as an Freemason

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Census returns, photocopies 1860-1880

Second ward, Sacramento, census return 1860

Fourth ward, Sacramento, census return 1870

San Francisco census return 1880

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Scrapbook of clippings on Stanford and Republican politics 1857-1863

box 2, folder 2
Schooling, Clinton, New York 1844-1966

Rudd, Helen N., "A Century of Schools in Clinton" - pamphlet


Clinton Liberal Institute, catalogue (verifax copy) 1844

Maps of Clinton - copies 1858, 1874

box 2, folder 3
Port Washington - Washington's Birthday Ball 1850, 1922

Facsimile of original invitation 1850

Clippings re ball 1922

Letters accompanying clippings 1922

box 2, folder 4
Port Washington - Masonic Order 1955, undated

Note on Stanford's Masonic membership undated

Whicher, John, "Masonic Beginnings in California and Hawaii" (pamphlet)


Two items on Leland Stanford Lodge in Chico, CA

box 2, folder 5
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company 1868-1968

Facsimile copies of Stanford's policy 1868

Correspondence concerning location of the original 1968

Press release and correspondence concerning board room of Stanford University trustees in Pacific Mutual Building 1962

Nunis, Doyce B., Past is Prologue; A Centennial Profile of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company 1968

box 2, folder 6
Stanford University: role of spiritualism in its conception 1901-1906

Jordan to H. C. Nash, recounting Stanford's denial of role of spiritualism in founding University (carbon) 1901 Jul 27

Clippings from The Pantagraph, Bloomington, IL, concerning spiritualist founding of University 1906

G. A. Clark to editor of The Pantagraph, refuting story 1906 Jul 9

box 2, folder 7
Stanford University: Stanford's ideas on education 1893

Memorandum on talks on education between Senator Stanford and President Jordan 1893 Nov

Clipping: Stanford's last letter to Jordan laying out his ideas on the future of the University

box 2, folder 8
Stanford University: naming of Palo Alto 1888-1929

Memorandum of Stanford's itinerary 1888-1892

C. M. Wooster to Prof. Emory Smith, re securing name of "Palo Alto" to replace "University Park" 1929 Jun 12

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Sonnet on the Return of Senator Stanford, by P.M.K. 1892

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Addresses delivered in Senate and House of Representatives; includes biographical sketch and account of his funeral - 2 copies, different bindings |
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Memorial Addresses Delivered in the Senate (2 copies) 1892  
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Address of Hon. J. N. Dolph 1892 |
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Scope and Contents note  
G. W. Burbank to C. M. Buckley, listing locomotive engineers who were Stanford's pallbearers |
| 3, 1       | Albany Hall of Fame 1948  
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Stanford elected in 1946 |
| 3, 2       | Biographical articles 1894-2008 |
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| 3, 4       | Curtis, Edward, "Leland Stanford, a Biography" (3 copies) 1880  
Scope and Contents note  
Pamphlet also includes biography of William Watt and an essay on viticulture (3 copies) |
| 3, 5       | Fisher, Helen Dwight: correspondence and articles 1947-1950  
Correspondence with Ruth Scibird and Guy Miller on her research for "The Stanford Family Album" and her memo on errors 1947-1950  
Typescript biography of Leland Stanford (carbon copy) |
| 3, 6       | Founders Day 1936  
Remarks by Carl Loeffler  
Remarks by Senator Charles B. Henderson  
Article by Cedric Larson, directed to Stanford Illustrated Review |
| 3, 7       | Hemsing, Peter, "The Stanfords in Europe" 1968  
Scope and Contents note  
Student paper from Humanities 102 |
| 3, 8       | Radio and TV scripts 1950-1962  
"Gold Rush Days," radio script (episode on Leland Stanford) with letter by Walter C. Peterson 1950 |
Scope and Contents note  
from the Review of Reviews, Vol. 8, No. 43 |
| 3, 10      | Stebbins, Horatio - speeches on Stanford 1893-1939  
Remarks at Stanford's funeral (pamphlet) 1893  
Manuscript speech on Stanford, undated; with accompanying letter by Archibald Treat, 1939 |
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Albany Rural Cemetery 2001-2003


Two pages on the restoration of the Stanford Family Mausoleum in the Albany Rural Cemetery 2001

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*The Resources of California*, September 1886 1886

Scope and Contents note

Includes long articles on founding of LSJU and the life of Leland Stanford; two originals and photocopy

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Sacramento Bee, "The Centennial Album” 1957

San Francisco News Letter and California Advertiser, Vol. 32, No. 23 (see page 11) 1881 Dec 17

| box 8, folder 3 | 

*Reports of Cases Determined in the Supreme Court of the State of California*, Vol. 126. 1900

Scope and Contents note

See page 112 for case involving the estate of Leland Stanford, 1899

**Central Pacific Railroad** Series 2

Scope and Contents note

This series consists of pamphlets and memorabilia on the railroad and the "Gov. Stanford" locomotive.

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Central Pacific Railroad: pamphlet from 50th anniversary of inauguration of construction at Sacramento in 1863 1913

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Central Pacific Railroad: items on locomotive "Gov. Stanford” and miscellaneous materials 1930-1960


Words and music to "Utah Iron Horse"

D. L. Joslyn to Frank B. Lemor (Stanford Museum) re the locomotive "Gov. Stanford” 1930 Aug 12

Clippings on "Gov. Stanford" and the history of CPRR 1950-1960

| box 3, folder 14 | 

Central Pacific Railroad: Southern Pacific Pensioners reunion programs 1912-1916

3rd Annual Reunion and Luncheon 1912


**Genealogy** Series 3

Scope and Contents note

This series includes correspondence and notes of several genealogists, a few photocopied family documents, and correspondence with Stanford descendants.

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Browne, Louise M.: Correspondence, essays and notes 1918-1938

| box 3, folder 16 | 

Correspondence with Stanford descendants 1948-1975

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Kimball, Sarah L.: correspondence, notes 1922-1966

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Maternal line: Phillips genealogy 1912

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Scibird, Ruth, genealogical notes and one Lathrop document circa 1830, 1959

Scope and Contents note

Includes list of birth and death dates for Dyer Lathrop and his siblings, ca. 1830

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Stanford, Arthur W., genealogy

Physical Description: 2 microfilm reel(s)

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Stanford, Grant Lansing, genealogy

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box 4, folder 1 Stanford, Grant Lansing, Stanford Genealogy 1912
box 4, folder 2 Genealogical notes and essays, author unknown undated
box 4, folder 3 Genealogical notes and essays, author unknown; photostats of 1775 and 1780 documents 1968, undated
box 4, folder 4 Genealogical miscellany: clippings and publication 1888-1967
   A Christmas Reminder; Being the Names of About Eight Thousand Persons. .
   .Confined on Board the British Prison Ships During the War of the Revolution.
   Brooklyn, NY 1888
   Clippings 1907, 1959-1967

Gold Spike Series 4

Scope and Contents note
This series contains programs, clippings, and talks from the Gold Spike Centennial events, 1969; other pamphlets, clippings, articles, and correspondence on the history of the Gold Spike; and a pamphlet, clippings, and correspondence pertaining to Thomas Hill's painting "Driving the Last Spike."

box 4, folder 5 Driving the Gold Spike 1869-1963
   "The Last Spike Driven. The Dream of Benton and Whitney Fulfilled," The Railroad Record (typescript copy) 1869 May 13
   Program from Golden Anniversary held in San Francisco 1919
   Letter by Frank Calvin, researcher for Cecil B. DeMille, re Stanford missing the spike 1939 Aug 21
   Union Pacific ad featuring photo from the movie "Union Pacific" (Stanford hitting the spike) 1944
   Southern Pacific ad featuring photo of Stanford's train making its way to Promontory Point
   Corliss, Carlton J., text of talk on American railroad collections and memorabilia 1956
   "American Railroads," pamphlet with mention of Gold Spike
   Golden Spike Ceremony booklets 1957, 1963
   Postcard of "last spike" monument in Utah

box 4, folder 6 Stanford University press releases 1954-1961
box 4, folder 7 Receipt for the Gold Spike 1869-1968
   Copies of receipt for engraving done on Gold Spike 1869
   The Bulletin (Southern Pacific) with photo of six men who witnessed driving of the last spike 1916 Jun
   Clipping on finding of the receipt 1937

box 4, folder 8 Driving of the Gold Spike: clippings (general) 1950-1968
box 4, folder 9 Golden Spike Centennial : programs and ephemera 1969
   Scope and Contents note
   Programs, brochures, memos, calendars, and other items pertaining to centennial events in Utah, May 1969

box 4, folder 10 Golden Spike Centennial : texts of talks 1969
   Farnham, Wallace D., "Leaders, Law and the Golden Spike: or, the Treaty of Hooper's House"
   Farnham, Wallace D., "Contending Galaxies: Railroad Leaders and the Race to Promontory"
   Myrick, David F., "Refinancing and Rebuilding the Central Pacific: 1899-1910" Fehrenbacker, Don, remarks as commentator on above papers

box 4, folder 11 Golden Spike Centennial : special section from the Sacramento Bee 1969 May 4
box 4, folder 12 Golden Spike Centennial : clippings 1969
box 4, folder 13 Golden Spike Centennial : clippings 1969
box 4, folder 14  **Golden Spike Centennial** : clippings 1969
box 4, folder 15  **Golden Spike Centennial song** "Wedding of the Rails" 1969

Sheet music
Letter to Ralph Hansen from composer, Lorraine S. Wilkinson, with brochure and clipping

box 5, folder 1  **Golden Spike Centennial**: magazines, pamphlets and other publications 1969

- Book Club of California, three keepsakes
- Golden West Books, brochure on railroad history books
- *Montana Post* (Montana Historical Society)
- *Scholastic Newstime*
- American Geographical Society, ad for the book *The Golden Spike*
- Brochure by Brigham City Chamber of Commerce
- Article by R. Hansen in *Stanford Library Bulletin*  
  *Lawyers Title News*

box 5, folder 2  **Golden Spike Centennial**: magazines, pamphlets and other publications 1969

- Brochure on the Wells Fargo Bank Historical Collection
- Carter, Kate, ed., *First Transcontinental Railroad in Picture and Story*, Daughters of Utah Pioneers
- Utley, Robert, *Golden Spike*, National Park Service booklet
- National Park Service brochure on the Golden Spike National Historic Site

box 5, folder 3  **Golden Spike Centennial**: magazines, pamphlets and other publications 1959

*Railway Age*, issue on 100 years after the Golden Spike 1969 May 10

*Railway Journal*, cover illustration of driving the Golden Spike 1959 May

box 5, folder 4  Lampson, Robin, articles on the "missing spike" with replies by Ralph W. Hansen 1969-1970

box 5, folder 5  The "missing silver spike": press release and clipping 1969

box 5, folder 6  Clippings on the Gold Spike (not centennial) 1970

box 5, folder 7  Southern Pacific's *The Gold Spike Album*: brochure and color slides of the artwork in the album 1960-1969

box 5, folder 8  Thomas Hill's painting "Driving the Last Spike" 1881-1949

- Hill, Thomas. *The Last Spike*; San Francisco 1881
- Clippings about Hill and the painting 1909-1915
- Typescript copies of correspondence between Hill and H. C. Peterson 1905-1906
- Typescript copy of a clipping on the painting 1939
- Letter to Jeanette Hitchcock from Elliot Evans, re W. S. Jewett's possible role in the Gold Spike painting 1949

box 5, folder 9  "A Railroad and a Golden Spike" by Margo Lundell 2004

**Eadweard Muybridge** Series 5

Scope and Contents note
This series pertains to Muybridge's photographic experiments at Stanford's Palo Alto Farm and a subsequent law suit and includes photocopies of correspondence and depositions and exhibits gathered for the trial; transcript of court record; and other articles and clippings.

box 6, folder 1  **Muybridge vs. Stanford**: photocopies of depositions and exhibits gathered for the trial. 1883

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**Muybridge vs. Stanford: photocopies of correspondence and deposition of Frank Shay 1883**

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**Muybridge vs. Osgood, publishers: transcript of original court record done in 1928 1883**

box 6, folder 6

**Articles and clippings on Muybridge's photographic work 1922-1988**

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**Palo Alto Farm Series 6**

Scope and Contents note

This series consists of articles, clippings, press releases, and brochures about the winery on the Farm.

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**Palo Alto Farm Winery: articles, clippings, press releases, and brochures 1960-1965**

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**Residences Series 7**

Scope and Contents note
This series includes clippings, articles, booklets, and reports on the Stanfords' residences in Albany, Port Washington, Michigan Bluffs, Sacramento, and San Francisco. The San Francisco materials include floor plans and description by Bertha Berner, Jane Stanford's secretary.

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box 6, folder 8

**Residence - Albany, NY: clipping and typed description 1963, undated**

box 6, folder 9

**Residence - Port Washington, Wisc: clippings, article, photograph, correspondence, and copied documents 1849-1979**

Photocopies of legal documents signed by L. Stanford, 1849-1850, and letter from Charles L. Larson, 1979, accompanying these copies
Clippings about Stanford in Port Washington, 1947-1965, and photo of building that housed his law office, 1964
Photocopies of 1895 clipping on the Stanfords in Wisconsin

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**Residence - Michigan Bluffs, Calif: clippings 1903-1954**

box 6, folder 12

**Residence - Sacramento, Calif: clippings, letters, and miscellany 1862-1968**

Scope and Contents note
Includes 1862 newspaper illustration of the house on silk

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box 6, folder 13

**Residence - Sacramento, Calif: booklets 1958-1968**

**Old Sacramento, a Report on Its Significance... , Part I and Part II 1958**
**Old Sacramento Inventory of Historical Buildings 1962**
**Neasham, V. Aubrey, Old Sacramento a Reference Point in Time , Sacramento Historic Landmarks Commission 1968**

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box 6, folder 14


Taugher, Sandy. Furnishing Plan for the Stanford Mansion Master Bedroom during the late 1860s 1993
Taugher, Sandy, Furnishing Plan for the Dressing Rooms of the Master Suite 1993

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box 6, folder 15

**Residence - Sacramento, Calif: renovation campaign and reopening as California's Center for Protocol 1998-2005**
Fundraising brochures
- Brochure of the Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation
- Invitation and program from Opening Gala 2005

Clippings
- Residence - San Francisco 1943-1962
  - Berner, Bertha: notecards from 1943 talk, holograph description and floor plan of house, and typed description.
  - Clipping re TV program on the house 1962

Clippings
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  - Vina Ranch - clippings, brochures, correspondence, and TV script 1891-1965
    - Certificates for cattle brands, 1920-1938; and correspondence re cattle brands, 1947-1964
    - TV script, “The Vina Story,” Chico State 1958
    - Book Club keepsake on Vina 1955
    - Brochure on the New Clairvoux Abbey circa 1960

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  - Warm Springs Ranch - clippings, ephemera, and miscellany 1870-1962
    - Menu from Hidden Valley Ranch circa 1950
    - Letter by R. E. Kelly to Emory E. Smith re history of Warm Springs with attached excerpts from the Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County 1932
    - A Legend of Warm Springs, by H. W. (Sacramento: Russell & Winterburn) 1870

Miscellaneous Materials
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  - Railroad memorabilia 1890-1900
    - Stanford Parlor No. 76, N. S. G. W. - dance card 1892; invitation and program 1900
    - Leland Stanford Div. No. 283, B. of L. E., complimentary pass to fifth annual ball 1890

- Box 7, Folder 4
  - Correspondence and clippings on “would-be” descendants and other questionable statements 1893-1968
    - Conger, Allen C. to Sterling, re Stanford’s visit to Harvard 1961
    - Dolph, Cyrus: correspondence with R. L. Wilbur re Stanford’s offer to adopt him, 1941, and later press releases, clippings, and memos, 1968
    - Scibird, Ruth: correspondence on Stanford history 1948-1949
    - Miller, Charles H. to Willie Price, relating a loan he made to Stanford in Wisconsin 1893
    - Albany County Historical Association Record, article on Stanfords 1948 Feb

- Box 7, Folder 5
  - Assorted clippings 1953-1962

- Box 7, Folder 6
  - Commemorative stamps, proposed 1941
  - Letterhead from Hotel Stanford, San Francisco 1909

- Box 7, Folder 7
  - Note from C. A. Black to J. A. Griffith of Land Commissioner’s Office in Omaha

- Box 7, Folder 8
  - Clipping re Leland Stanford’s death mask and sculptor Rubert Schmid 1995