
Inventory of the Max Clemens Richter Papers

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Creator: Richter, M. C. (Max Clemens), 1884-

Title: Max Clemens Richter Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1887-1970

Extent: 1.2 linear feet

Abstract: Max Clemens Richter (1884-1973) was a commercial beekeeper, author of *Honey Plants of California* (1911), and owner of a book store, The Book Den. His Papers contain correspondence, photographs of various apiaries and apiculturalists, and scrapbooks relating to beekeeping, bee diseases, and queen bee breeders.

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Biography

Max Clemens Richter was born on March 11, 1884 in San Francisco, California to Clemens Maximilian Richter and Mary Barker Hobbs. He received a B.S. in 1910 from the University of California, Berkeley and in 1918 received an M.S. in Agriculture from the same institution. Richter was involved in commercial honey production from 1907-1927 and he established apiaries near El Monte, Chile and in the California counties of Sacramento, Stanislaus, and Monterey. He authored *Honey Plants of California* (1911).

In 1925, he married Marion Swayne of Oakland, California and they had one son, Richard. Richter also owned and operated The Book Den, a book store specializing in antiquarian and second hand books. From 1928-1932, The Book Den was located in Oakland. In 1933, he relocated the store to Santa Barbara and owned the business until his death on April 14, 1973.

Scope and Content

The Max Clemens Richter Papers, which span the years 1887-1970, contain correspondence, photographs, and scrapbooks related to beekeeping, bee diseases, and queen bee breeders.

Letters in the correspondence series deal with Richter's commercial endeavors in beekeeping and bookselling, his writings for apicultural publications, and his affiliations with apicultural organizations. The third party subseries contains a group of letters which discuss buckeye poisoning of bees.

Photographs of apiaries in California and Chile as well as images of apiculturalists can be found in Series 4: Photographs.

Series 5 holds five scrapbooks dealing with bee diseases, honey statistics, and queen bees.

Arrangement of the Collection

The Papers are arranged into five series: 1. Correspondence, 2. Manuscripts, 3. Printed Material, 4. Photographs, and 5. Scrapbooks.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Richter, M. C. (Max Clemens), 1884---Archives

Bee culture--California

Bees--California

Bees--Chile

Access

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Max Richter to Cornell University in 1963. Transferred from Cornell University to the University of California, Davis in 1967.

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Series 1. **Correspondence 1908-1950**

Physical Description: 127 folders

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into three subseries: Outgoing, Incoming, and Third Party.

Subseries 1.1 **Outgoing 1931-1950**

Physical Description: 8 letters

Scope and Content Note

The majority of Richter's outgoing correspondence is to E.F. Phillips, a Professor of Apiculture at Cornell University. These letters discuss purchases of books from Richter's Book Den for the Cornell Apiculture Library.

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent and then chronologically.

Box 1:1	Phillips, E.F. 1931 May 30
Box 1:2	Phillips, E.F. 1931 December 3
Box 1:3	Phillips, E.F. 1935 October 4
Box 1:4	Phillips, E.F. 1935 October 23
Box 1:5	Phillips, E.F. 1938 January 31
Box 1:6	Phillips, E.F. 1938 February 19
Box 1:7	Vansell, George H. 1948 November 23
Box 1:8	Vansell, George H. 1950 May 1

Subseries 1.2 **Incoming 1908-1950**

Physical Description: 71 folders

Scope and Content Note

Richter's incoming correspondence which spans from 1908-1950 includes letters from apiculturalists, apicultural publications, and apicultural organizations.

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent and then chronologically.

Box 1:9	American Bee Journal 1919-1924
Box 1:10	American Honey Producers League 1921 March 8
Box 1:11	Beekeepers Item 1922 October 4
Box 1:12	Benton, Ralph 1910
Box 1:13	Bishop, Roy K. 1911 January 23
Box 1:14	Bishop, Roy K. 1915 July 21
Box 1:15	Blue Mount Apiary 1911 January 26
Box 1:16	British Bee Journal 1914-1917
Box 1:17	British Beekeepers Association 1923 February 10
Box 1:18	British Beekeepers Association 1923 April 10
Box 1:19	Bryant, H.C. 1911 June 5
Box 1:20	Cale, G.H. 1919 December 28
Box 1:21	California Honey Producers Cooperative Exchange 1918 August 22
Box 1:22	California Honey Producers Cooperative Exchange 1919 March 20
Box 1:23	California Honey Producers Cooperative Exchange 1920 February 1
Box 1:24	California State Beekeepers Association 1916-1924
Box 1:25	Caucasian Apiary 1910 September 26
Box 1:26	Chadwick, P.C. 1920 August 19
Box 1:27	Chadwick, P.C. 1920 October 8

Box 1:28	Colorado Honey Producers Association 1918
Box 1:29	Davis, John M. 1911 April 21
Box 1:30	Demuth, George S. 1920 April 10
Box 1:31	Department of Agriculture Michigan 1924 June 19
Box 1:32	Doolittle & Clark 1911 April 17
Box 1:33	Doolittle & Clark 1911 May 16
Box 1:34	Economic Entomology Department, University of Wisconsin 1925 April 14
Box 1:35	Estacion de Patolojia Vegetal 1912
Box 1:36	Foster, Wesley 1917
Box 1:37	France, Frank 1918 February 5
Box 1:38	France, N.E. 1916 March 9
Box 1:39	Frohliher, John C. 1911-1912
Box 1:40	Gates, Burton N. 1915-1919
Box 1:41	Gleanings in Bee Culture 1921
Box 1:42	Idaho-Oregon Honey Producers Association 1917 December 10
Box 1:43	Imperial-Royal Agricultural Association of Carniola, Ljubljana 1911 April 17
Box 1:44	Hogaboom, B.B. 1918
Box 1:45	Lorell, John H. 1919-1921
Box 1:46	Lynch, Willis 1923 January 4
Box 1:47	Madary's Supply House 1910 September 12
Box 1:48	McCain, Robert 1918
Box 1:49	McCubbin, J.C. 1915-1924
Box 1:50	Mendleson, M.H. 1908-1920
Box 1:51	Morrison, W.K. 1912 February 1
Box 1:52	Muth-Rasmusson, William 1910-1918
Box 1:53	National Beekeepers Association 1910-1912
Box 1:54	National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand 1919 February 17
Box 1:55	New Zealand Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Tourists 1911
Box 1:56	Norton, A. 1918 December 5
Box 1:57	Paddock, F.B. 1923 December 14
Box 1:58	Pettit, Morley 1911-1916
Box 1:59	Phillips, E.F. 1919-1935
Box 1:60	Queensland Apicultural Journal 1919 April 7
Box 1:61	Riverside Bees & Honey Co. 1919 June 11
Box 1:62	Riverside Bees & Honey Co. 1920 January 22
Box 1:63	Riverside County Beekeepers Club 1919 January 3
Box 1:64	A.I. Root Company 1920-1924
Box 1:65	Schenk, Emilio undated
Box 1:66	Sechrist, E.L. 1916-1926
Box 1:67	Sladen, F.W. 1916
Box 1:68	Smith, Jay 1923 April 25
Box 1:69	Sturtevant, Arnold P. 1919-1920
Box 1:70	Surface, H.A. 1916 January 24
Box 1:71	Texas Honey Producers Association 1918 August 10
Box 1:72	Trumball Seed Company 1911 October 31
Box 1:73	Vansell, George H. 1948 November 19
Box 1:74	Vansell, George H. 1950 April 27
Box 1:75	Western Honey Bee 1917-1919
Box 1:76	Woodworth, C.W. 1911-1919
Box 1:77	Zauder, Dr. 1914
Box 1:78	, Bixby 1920
Box 1:79	Unidentified 1913-1927

Subseries 1.3 **Third Party 1911-1950****Physical Description:** 48 letters**Scope and Content Note**

Letters that are to or between individuals other than Richter. The majority of letters in this subseries are to or from George H. Vansell, who taught entomology and apiculture at the University Farm (now UC Davis) from 1922 to 1931. This correspondence, written in 1924, discusses buckeye poisoning of bees.

Arranged alphabetically by author and then chronologically.

Box 2:1	Baade, H.J. to Vansell, George H. 1924 February 13
Box 2:2	Butler, Chauncy to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 13
Box 2:3	Clayton, C.W. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 22
Box 2:4	Birch, L.R. to Vansell, George H. 1924 June 22
Box 2:5	Cannell to Coleman, George A. 1920 November 4
Box 2:6	Connor, James G. to Vansell, George 1924 March 24
Box 2:7	Dickenson, A. to Vansell, George 1924 May 28
Box 2:8	Gerst, Edgar to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 18
Box 2:9	Goodyear, J.M. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 10
Box 2:10	Graham, C. to Vansell, George 1924 May 15
Box 2:11	Emerson, George to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 15
Box 2:12	Goss, Harold to Vansell, George H. 1925 March 20
Box 2:13	Hadsell, B.A. to Vansell, George 1924 February 5
Box 2:14	Hengst, Alfred to Vansell, George H. 1923 February 3
Box 2:15	Hengst, Alfred to Vansell, George H. 1923 August 23
Box 2:16	Idaho Honey Producers Association to Atwater, E.F. 1917 December 10
Box 2:17	Kehl, John to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 11
Box 2:18	Mendleson, M.H. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 18
Box 2:19	Miller, C.C. to Coleman, George A. 1918 October 26
Box 2:20	Missouri State Board of Agriculture to McConkey, M.C. 1911 January 25
Box 2:21	Moore, George W. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 30
Box 2:22	Newall, Joseph to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 25
Box 2:23	Nordling, Ed to Vansell, George H. 1924 May 5
Box 2:24	Peterman, Herman to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 13
Box 2:25	Phillips, E.F. to Vansell, George H. 1923 January 4
Box 2:26	Phillips, E.F. to Vansell, George H. 1923 April 21
Box 2:27	Phillips, E.F. to Vansell, George H. 1923 July 27
Box 2:28	Phillips, E.F. to Vansell, George H. 1924 July 5
Box 2:29	Phillips, E.F. to Vansell, George H. 1924 September 26
Box 2:30	Rothermund, C.O. to Vansell, George undated
Box 2:31	Stratton, Robert to Vansell, George H. 1922 August 14
Box 2:32	Stratton, Robert W. to Vansell, George H. 1922 July 5
Box 2:33	Stratton, Robert W. to Vansell, George H. 1922 October 22
Box 2:34	Stuart, C. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 15
Box 2:35	Tucker, A.G. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 13
Box 2:36	Tucker, A.G. to Vansell, George H. 1924 June 3
Box 2:37	Vansell, George H. to Birch, L.R. 1924 March 11
Box 2:38	Vansell, George H. to Compton, C.J. 1924 March 8
Box 2:39	Vansell, George H. to Douglas, E.C. 1950 May 10
Box 2:40	Vansell, George H. to Emerson, George L. 1924 March 25
Box 2:41	Vansell, George H. to Foss, C.E. 1924 March 10
Box 2:42	Vansell, George H. to Goodyear, J.M. 1924 March 4
Box 2:43	Vansell, George H. to Goss, Harold 1926 March 27
Box 2:44	Vansell, George H. to Hengst, Alfred G. 1923 September 5
Box 2:45	Vansell, George H. to Nordling, Ed 1924 April 23
Box 2:46	Vansell, George H. to Tucker, A.G. 1924 June 9
Box 2:47	Wege, Paul to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 24
Box 2:48	Wing, J.E. to Vansell, George H. 1924 March 11

Series 2. **Manuscripts 1916-circa 1923**

Physical Description: 4 folders

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 2:49
Box 2:50
Box 2:51
Box 2:52

Adult Bee Examination Reports by George H. Vansell? circa 1923
Beekeeping in California, masters thesis by Max Clemens Richter 1916
Bees Often Accused Falsely, by George H. Vansell undated
Notes on Buckeye Poisoning undated

Series 3. **Printed Material 1891-1970**

Physical Description: 4 folders

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 2:53
Box 2:54
Box 2:55
Box 2:56

Articles on apiculture 1891/1968
Brochure for University of California Beekeeping Short Courses 1918
Letterhead undated
Saguaroland Bulletin, Vol. XXIV, no. 4 1970 April

Scope and Content Note

This volume focuses on the dedication of the Richter Memorial Library at the Desert Botanical Garden of Arizona.

Series 4. **Photographs 1887-1919**

Physical Description: 65 prints

Scope and Content Note

Contains images of apiaries and apiculturalists.

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 2:57

Apiculturalists: Demuth, Justice, Mendleson, Pellet, and Phillips 1919

Physical Description: 1 print

Box 2:58

Chile: Apiary main yard circa 1912-1914

Physical Description: 5 prints

Box 2:59

Chile: Apiary San Antonio circa 1912-1914

Physical Description: 1 print

Box 2:60

Chile: Bee colonies 1913

Physical Description: 1 print

Box 2:61

Chile: Chilean helper with bee boxes circa 1912-1914

Physical Description: 1 print

Box 2:62

Chile: W. Herrod-Hempsall, editor of British Bee Journal 1914

Physical Description: 1 print

Box 2:63

Chile: thistle range circa 1912-1914

Physical Description: 1 print

Box 2:64

Chile: various images of Richter's apiary circa 1912-1914

Physical Description: 14 prints

Box 2:65

Copy photographs undated

Physical Description: 8 prints

- Box 2:66 **Demuth, George S. 1917**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:67 **N.A. Eaton's apiary 1887 September 20**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:68 **Empty bee boxes undated**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:69 **Win Geer's yard, Sacramento, California 1916**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:70 **Germany 1914**
 Physical Description: 17 prints
- Box 2:71 **Griswold yard, Modesto, California undated**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:72 **J.S. Harbison's house 1919 December 3**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:73 **Herrod-Hempsall, W. (editor of the British Bee Journal) popularizing honey at the Annual Royal Show 1914**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:74 **Imperial Valley Group 1918**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:75 **Justice, Charles B., San Diego, California 1918**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:76 **Massey, A.B., Phillips, E.F., and Richter, Max Clemens 1919**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:77 **Phillips, E.F., Riverside, California 1919**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:78 **Rasmussen apiary, Independence, California 1918**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:79 **Richter apiary, Modesto, California 1916**
 Physical Description: 1 print
- Box 2:80 **Richter apiary, Modesto, California 1918**
 Physical Description: 1 print

Series 5. **Scrapbooks 1903-1929**

Physical Description: 5 scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note

The scrapbooks contain advertisements, clippings, programs, and ephemera relating to the individual apicultural subject.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box 3:1	California Institutes Associations Meetings 1908-1923
Box 3:2	Disease 1903-1915
Box 3:3	General 1909-1925
Box 3:4	Honey statistics 1915-1929
Box 3:5	Queens 1915-1925