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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sherrill Halbert Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1923-1992

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Abstract: Sherrill Halbert, Sacramento jurist and amateur historian, served as a director of the Pony Express Centennial Association from 1958-1961. He was administrator of many Association Projects including the creation of trail markers and penned about twenty "Pony Express Days" vignettes. The collection consists of Halbert's own correspondence, speeches, and writings on the Pony Express. It also includes correspondence, clippings, maps, memorabilia and photographs pertaining to the activities of the Centennial Association.

Language: English.

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Biographical Narrative

The Pony Express Centennial Association was incorporated for the purpose of "recognizing, marking and honoring the historical epoch of the Pony Express" (1958). It was organized by Utah Governor George Dewey, with the cooperation of other Governors of states in which the Pony Express operated. Waddell Smith (great-grandson of one of the original partners of the Pony Express) became President of the Association and twenty-two prominent historians and other citizens became at-large Directors. One of these was Sacramento jurist and amateur historian, Sherrill Halbert (1958-1961). He was administrator of many Association projects including the creation of trail markers. Halbert also penned about twenty "Pony Express Days" vignettes.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Halbert Papers consists of Sherrill Halbert's own correspondence, speeches and writings on the Pony Express. Correspondence, clippings, maps, memorabilia and photographs pertaining to the activities of the Centennial Association are also included.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

- Halbert, Sherrill,--1901-
- Pony Express Centennial Association
- Sophie Comstock Memorial Committee
- Pony express
- Historians--Correspondence
- West (U.S.)--History
- Pony Express Trail

Series 1 **Correspondence,1931-1992**

Physical Description: 2 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into two subseries: Chronological and Special topics.

Note

Subseries 1.1 **Chronological,1958-1992**

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

- Box 1:1 **October 13, 1958 - February 29, 1960**
Physical Description:
- Box 1:2 **March 3, 1960-December 23, 1960**
Physical Description:
- Box 1:3 **Jan. 18, 1960-June 29, 1962**
Physical Description:
- Box 1:4 **July 2, 1962 - Dec. 29, 1962**
Physical Description:
- Box 1:5 **Jan. 8, 1963-June 28, 1963**
Physical Description:

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| Box 1:6 | July 1, 1963-Dec. 26, 1963 Physical Description: |
| Box 1:7 | Jan 3, 1964-Dec. 30, 1965 Physical Description: |
| Box 1:8 | Jan. 3, 1966-Dec. 29, 1966 Physical Description: |
| Box 1:9 | Jan. 3, 1967 - Dec. 27, 1967 Physical Description: |
| Box 1:10 | Jan. 2, 1968 - Nov. 22, 1968 Physical Description: |
| Box 1:11 | Jan. 31, 1969 - Dec. 31, 1969 Physical Description: |
| Box 1:12 | Jan 7, 1970 - Dec. 20, 1970 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:1 | June 19, 1970 - Sept. 14, 1970 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:2 | Jan. 1, 1971 - Dec. 27, 1971 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:3 | Jan. 3, 1972 - Dec. 7, 1972 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:4 | Jan. 8, 1973 - Dec. 24, 1974 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:5 | Jan. 23, 1975 - Dec. 22, 1975 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:6 | Jan 5, 1976 - Dec. 30, 1976 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:7 | Jan. 3, 1977 - Dec. 19, 1977 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:8 | Jan. 11, 1978 - Sept. 19, 1978 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:9 | Jan. 25, 1979 - Nov. 12, 1981 Physical Description: |
| Box 2:10 | 1991-1992 Physical Description: |

Subseries 1.2 **Special topics, 1931-1983**

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into three subseries: Printed materials, Trail markers, and Other subjects.

Subseries 1.2.1 **Printed materials, 1959-1983**

Physical Description: 6 folders

Scope and Content Note

Box 2:11 **Books about Pony Express, 1959-1965**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:12 **Reinfelds book, 1974-1976**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:13 **Sharp book, 1972**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:14 **National Geographic article, 1977-1981**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:15 **Centaur magazine article, 1981-1983**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:16 **Kraft, Jack. 1974**

Physical Description:

Note

Subseries 1.2.2 **Trail Markers, 1931-1971**

Physical Description: 5 folders

Box 2:17 **Establishing Trail Markers, 1931**

Physical Description:

Note

Photocopies

Box 2:18 **Hawley Grade Marker, 1965-1970**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:19 **Trail Marker Report: Missouri, 1971**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:20 **Trail Marker Report: Nebraska, 1971**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:21 **Trail Marker Report: Wyoming,1971**

Physical Description:

Note

Subseries 1.2.3 **Other subjects,1966-1983**

Physical Description: 5 folders

Box 2:22 **Commemorative plaque,1969-1973**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:23 **National Pony Express Association,Jan. 1977 - Dec. 1982**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:24 **National Pony Express Association,Jan. 7, 1983 - Dec. 29, 1983**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:25 **Pattee House,1980-1983**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:47 **St. Joseph, MO1966-1983**

Physical Description:

Note

Series 2 **National Pony Express Centennial Association,1962-1977**

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Content Note

Note

Box 3:1 **Treasurer's file,Mar. 18, 1970 - May 18, 1970**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:2 **Check book,Aug. 30, 1962-March 10, 1977**

Physical Description:

Note

Series 3 **Photographs and Pictures,1962-1972**

Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet

Note

Box 3:2a **Negative of Pony Express Marker,n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:3 **Dedication of the Pony Express plaque at Harrahs club, Stateline, Nev.,April 4, 1963**

Physical Description:

Note

- Box 3:4 **Dedication of the Pony Express plaque at Austin, Nev.,Aug. 3, 1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:5 **Dedication of the Pony Express plaque at Carson City, Nev.,Aug. 17, 1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:6 **Dedication of the Pony Express plaque, Nev.,1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:7 **Dedication of the Pony Express plaque, Utah,1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:8 **Pony Express plaques, Stateline, Nev.,Apr. 1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:9 **Pony Express plaques, Genoa, Nev.,1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:10 **Pony Express markers, Genoa, Nev.,1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:11 **Dry Creek Station, Nev.n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:12 **Dry Creek Station, Nev. clippingAug. 9, 1964**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:13 **Pony Express plaques, Californian.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:14 **Sketches for bronze plaques,1962**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:15 **Pony Express statue model,n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:16 **Markers in Wyoming,n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 3:17

St. Joseph Museum, 1972

Physical Description:

Note

Series 4 **Halbert Writings, 1960-1982**

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into three subseries: Speeches, Articles, Vignettes.

Note

Subseries 4.1 **Speeches, 1960-1970**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:18

Sacramento County Historical Society, October 27, 1960

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:19

Stateline, CA April 4, 1963

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:20

Woodfords, July 24, 1966

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:21

Rescue, July 4, 1967

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:22

110th Anniversary, April 4, 1970

Physical Description:

Note

Subseries 4.2 **Articles, 1962-1981**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:23

San Francisco Recorder, 1962

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:24

Centaur, 1981

Physical Description:

Note

Box 3:25

The Name of the First Pony Express Rider Out of Sacramento, n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Subseries 4.3 **Vignettes,1967-1982**

Physical Description:

Note

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| Box 3:26 | Trip East,July 4, 1967 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:27 | Heroes,July 4, 1968 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:28 | Trip West,July 4, 1969 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:29 | Sportsman's Hall,July 4, 1970 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:30 | Hastings Building,July 4, 1971 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:31 | Yanks Station,July 4, 1972 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:32 | Pleasant Grove,July 4, 1973 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:33 | Placerville,1973 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:34 | Folsom,July 4, 1975 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:35 | 15-Mile House,July 4, 1975 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:36 | Mud Springs,July 4, 1976 Physical Description: Note |
| Box 3:37 | Mormon Tavern,July 4, 1977 Physical Description: Note |

- Box 3:38 **Woodfords,July 4, 1977**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:39 **Strawberry Station,July 4, 1979**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:40 **Buffalo Bill,July 4, 1980**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:41 **California Pony Express Trail,July 4, 1981**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:42 **Magnolia House aka 5 Mile House,1981**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:43 **Nevada trail,1982**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:44 **Kansas and the Pony Express,1982**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:45 **Hope Valley,n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:46 **Mountain Democrat,n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Series 5 **Clippings and articles on the Pony Express,1923-1983**

Physical Description: 6 folders
Note

- Box 4:1 **Clippings: Apr. 3, 1960 - June 29, 1960**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 4:2 **Clippings: July 1, 1960 - Dec. 3, 1963**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 4:3 **Clippings: March 1, 1964 - June 30, 1974**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 4:4 **Clippings: March 26, 1975 - June 12, 1981**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:5 **Clippings: November 4, 1982 - May 4, 1983**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:6 **Articles: 1923-1971**

Physical Description:

Note

Series 6 **Pony Express Centennial Celebration, 1960-1979**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Note

Box 4:7 **Newspaper Clippings, pamphlets, notes and other memorial items, 1960**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:8 **Newspaper Clippings, pamphlets, notes and other memorial items, 1960-1978**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:9 **Newspaper Clippings, pamphlets, notes and other memorial items, 1960-1979**

Physical Description:

Note

Series 7. **Historical research material, 1934-1981**

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into two subseries: Research material and Restoration plans.

Note

Subseries 7.1. **Research material, 1934-1981**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:10 **Buffalo Bill's Imposter, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:11 **Historical landmark section, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 4:12 **Placerville 1934-1935**

Physical Description:

Note

Photocopies

- Box 4:13 **Pony Express Riders 1976**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 4:14 **Riders Oath n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 4:15 **St. Joseph, Missouri 1966-1981**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 3:48 **Headquarters of Russell, Majors, Waddell n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
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Subseries 7.2. **Restoration plans, 1970-1979**

- Physical Description:**
 Note
- Box 4:16 **Hastings Building, Sacramento, 1971**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 4:17 **Boom Building, Placerville, 1974**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 4:18 **Sportsman's Hall 1970**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Series 8. **Sophie Comstock Memorial Committee, 1962-1982**

- Physical Description:** 1 linear foot
 Note
- Box 5:1 **Pony Express statue, photo of Comstock model, n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 5:2 **Stationary, n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 5:3 **Sketches for Sacramento Pony Express Monument, n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note
- Box 5:4 **Papers, 1962-1964**
 Physical Description:
 Note
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Box 5:5 **Papers,1965-1974**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 5:6 **Papers,1975-1981**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 5:7 **Papers,1982**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Series 9. **Maps and memorabilia,n.d.**
 Physical Description: 1 linear foot
 Note

Box 6 **Maps of the Pony Express Routes,n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 7 **Maps of the Pony Express Routes n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 5:10 **Plaques, trophies, and ceremonial coins,n.d.**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Series 10. **Thunder Before Lightning,1961-1966**
 Physical Description: 2 folders
 Note

Box 5:8 **Thunder before Lightning: The Pony Express in story and stamp, by Robert L. Robbins,1961**
 Physical Description:
 Note

Box 5:9 **Thunder before Lightning bound typescript by Robert L. Robbins,1966**
 Physical Description:
 Note