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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.

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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:**
| Box 1:6 | July 1, 1963-Dec. 26, 1963 |
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| Box 1:8 | Jan. 3, 1966-Dec. 29, 1966 |
| Box 1:9 | Jan. 3, 1967 - Dec. 27, 1967 |
| Box 1:10 | Jan. 2, 1968 - Nov. 22, 1968 |
| Box 1:12 | Jan 7, 1970 - Dec. 20, 1970 |
| Box 2:1 | June 19, 1970 - Sept. 14, 1970 |
| Box 2:2 | Jan. 1, 1971 - Dec. 27, 1971 |
| Box 2:3 | Jan. 3, 1972 - Dec. 7, 1972 |
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| Box 2:5 | Jan. 23, 1975 - Dec. 22, 1975 |
| Box 2:6 | Jan 5, 1976 - Dec. 30, 1976 |
| Box 2:8 | Jan. 11, 1978 - Sept. 19, 1978 |
| Box 2:9 | Jan. 25, 1979 - Nov. 12, 1981 |
| Box 2:10 | 1991-1992 |
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:

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Box 2:15

**Centaur magazine article, 1981-1983**

Physical Description:

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Box 2:16

**Kraft, Jack. 1974**

Physical Description:

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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:

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Box 2:20

**Trail Marker Report: Nebraska, 1971**

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  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
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  Physical Description:
  Note

Box 3:19
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  Physical Description:
  Note

Box 3:20
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  Physical Description:
  Note

Box 3:21
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  Note

Subseries 4.2 Articles, 1962-1981
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  Note

Box 3:23
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  Physical Description:
  Note

Box 3:24
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Box 3:25
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  Physical Description:
  Note
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Physical Description:
Note

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

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Physical Description:
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Physical Description:
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Physical Description:
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Box 3:41  California Pony Express Trail, July 4, 1981
   Physical Description:
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Box 3:42  Magnolia House aka 5 Mile House, 1981
   Physical Description:
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   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

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   Physical Description:
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Box 4:16  Hastings Building, Sacramento, 1971
   Physical Description:
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   Physical Description:
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   Physical Description:
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Series 8  Sophie Comstock Memorial Committee, 1962-1982
   Physical Description: 1 linear foot
   Note

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   Physical Description:
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Physical Description: 1 linear foot  
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Physical Description: 2 folders  
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