Finding Aid for the Zamorano Club Collection 1920-2000

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Zamorano Club Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1920-2000
Collection number: Press Coll. Archives Zamorano
Creator: Zamorano Club
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Repository: William Andrews Clark Memorial Library
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Abstract: Collection of materials created by and for the Zamorano Club, including primarily printed books, pamphlets, and other ephemera from meetings, talks, and dinners. Also includes minutes from meetings, meeting announcements, and other club functional records.

Physical location: Clark Library

Language of Materials: Collection materials in English

Access
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Processing History
This collection was processed and described by Jamie Henricks in July, 2009. The finding aid adheres to Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS).

Biography
The Zamorano Club is a Southern Californian organization for bibliophiles and manuscript collectors. It was founded in 1928, and sponsors lectures and publications on book-related topics. The Club was named in honor of Agustín V. Zamorano (1798-1842), a provisional governor of Alta California and the state's first printer. It is club tradition to present keepsakes to Club members at meetings, resulting in a variety of printed mementos ranging from pamphlets to small books; sometimes the items are reproductions of historical documents.

The Zamorano Club has had its meetings at various places since its founding, including the University Club, the Treasure Room within USC's Doheny Library, and other locations. As of January 2009, the club resides at the Women's City Club of Pasadena. In May 1991, coincident with the move from USC, it was decided to put the Club's book collection in storage at Occidental College Library. Subsequently the Board of Governors decided to dispose of the collection, and the books were accordingly sold at Pacific Book Auction Galleries (sale 180, 15 February 1999). The proceeds from the sale were placed in the Club's endowment fund.

Early members include A. Gaylord Beaman (insurance), Garner A. Beckett (cement manufacturer), William W. Clary (attorney), Arthur M. Ellis (attorney), W. Irving Way (bookman), Robert O. Schad (Curator of Rare Books, Henry E. Huntington Library), and Robert E. Cowan (Librarian of William Andrews Clark Library). Lawrence Clark Powell (former UCLA University Librarian), Ward Ritchie (a fine press printer), and others have been members of the Zamorano Club as well.

Scope and Content
This collection contains materials created by and for the Zamorano Club: including primarily printed books, pamphlets, and other ephemeral keepsakes from meetings, talks, and dinners. Many of the keepsakes originate from biennial joint meetings of the Zamorano Club (Southern California) with the Roxburghe Club (Northern California). The collection also includes bound volumes of minutes from meetings, meeting announcements, and other club functional records. The items range in date from 1920 to 2000.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in original order according to processing done in the past. When appropriate, folders are ordered chronologically, such as printed ephemera arranged by printing date.
Related Material
The Clark Library holds other material related to the Zamorano Club, in addition to materials created by or related to printers, publishers and figures associated with the Club. Much of these items are cataloged and can be searched via the UCLA Library's online catalog. Archival material related to or produced by presses and printers is described at the Clark's page at the Online Archive of California.

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

Subjects
Book collectors--California--20th century
Clubs--California--20th century
Printing--California--History

Genres and Forms
Ephemera--California--20th century

Box 1, Folder 1-16
Printed Ephemera 1930-1945
Physical Description: 129 items
Scope and Content Note
Invitations for meetings, dinners, lectures, and other events.

Box 2, Folder 1-17
Printed Ephemera 1946-1961
Physical Description: 156 items
Scope and Content Note
Invitations for meetings, dinners, lectures, and other events. Also includes a folder of undated items.

Box 3, Folder 1-10
Printed Ephemera 1932-1946
Scope and Content Note
Invitations and announcements for meetings, dinners, lectures, and other events.

Box 3, Folder 11-14
Newsletters 1942-1945

Box 3, Folder 15
Correspondence to Charles K. Adams 1941-1942
Scope and Content Note
Includes letter from A.G Beaman and Christmas greeting from George W. Jones.

Box 3, Folder 16
Letterhead for Aldus Manutius Club
Scope and Content Note
A piece of letterhead for the Aldus Manutius Club listing its officers and location. Printed by Grant Dahlstrom.

Box 4, Folder 1-14
Printed Ephemera 1929-1992
Scope and Content Note
Invitations and announcements for meetings, dinners, lectures, etc. Also includes a few short bound books and programs on topics such as the Pony Express, the Zamorano Club 50th Anniversary, and other keepsake items such as "A Self-Portrait of Captain Agustin V. Zamorano" (printed 1992).
Box 5, Folder 1  
**Photographs and Members List 1954-1955**  
Scope and Content Note  
Photographs requested by Lawrence Clark Powell from the 1954 biennial joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs in Los Angeles. Some photos are taken at the Clark Library. The members list is dated 1955.

Box 5, Folder 2  
**Biennial Meeting Ephemera 1962**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes invitations, keepsakes, a group photograph, and other printed ephemera for the 1962 joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs. Includes a 1962 reprint for club members of the 1896 pamphlet "In the department of the Interior: In the matter of the complaint of John L. Howard, et al., against Col. S.B.M. Young, U.S.A., Superintendent of the Yosemite National Park, California".

Box 5, Folder 3  
**Biennial Meeting Ephemera 1965,1966**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a 1965 print of the Prayer of St. Francis and keepsakes from the 1966 joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs. The keepsakes include two copies of the January 1852 Proclamation of Baja California and a centennial of the China Mail (1866) keepsake.

Box 5, Folder 4  
**Biennial Meeting Ephemera 1968**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes keepsakes from the ninth joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs in 1968. Keepsakes include "How to Build a Poor Man's Library" by Michael Harrison, "Old St. Mary's" (San Francisco) for Dr. Albert Shumate, "Journey with the Sun: The Story of Citrus in its Western Pilgrimage" by Ed Ainsworth, "Judah Philip Benjamin in California" by Edgar M. Kahn, "Dr. Syntax and the Bookseller" by William Combe, "The Smart Set: Suggestions to Our Visitors" edited by George Jean Nathan and H.L. Mencken, "On a Western Beach" by George Sterling, and a program and dinner menu from the joint meeting.

Box 5, Folder 5  
**Biennial Meeting Ephemera**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a printed invitation to a joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs held on September 17th and 18th of an unknown year.

Box 5, Folder 6  
**Correspondence 1930-1937, 1951-1952**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes correspondence between William W. Clary and Charles K. Adams, letters to club members, a list of books in the library of the Zamorano Club in 1930 and 1937, and assorted other newspaper clippings and letters.

Box 5, Folder 7  
**Resident Members Lists 1961, 1962**  
Box 5, Folder 8  
**Carbon copy of "Phrases and Philosophies for the Use of the Young", by Oscar Wilde**  
Box 5, Folder 9  
**Hoja Volante 1954, 1955, 1959**  
Scope and Content Note  
Three copies of issues of Hoja Volante, a quarterly publication by the Zamorano Club; includes November 1954, May 1955, and May 1959.

Box 5, Folder 10  
**"Hey Lot"**  
Scope and Content Note  
Miscellaneous item printed by the Central Park Press in Aptos, California, reading "HEY LOT" on the front, and "What are them two angels doing here in Sodom?" on the inside. Possibly from 1978.
Box 5, Folder 11  Printed Ephemera 1977-1982
Scope and Content Note
Miscellaneous printed ephemera, some printed for the members of the Rounce and Coffin Club. Includes a reprint of the "Proclamation: Providing for the Government of British Columbia, 19th November 1858", "Humboldtian Physicians in California" by J.B. deC.M. Saunders, and a variety of invitations.

Box 5, Folder 12  Membership Invitations 1929, 1945, 1969
Scope and Content Note
Three membership invitations for the Zamorano Club, including one from Lawrence Clark Powell to Richard Archer.

Box 5, Folder 13  "Pisco Paraiso"
Scope and Content Note
An item printed prior to 1968 describing an alcoholic drink including Pisco brandy, detailing a history running from Christopher Columbus landing in the New World through the California gold rush.

Box 5, Folder 14  Book list of the library of Arthur M. Ellis
Box 5, Folder 15  Bylaws of the Zamorano Club 1990
Box 5, Folder 16  Resident Members List 1984

Box 6, Folder 1  "The Hand of Zamorano" 1956
Scope and Content Note
Multiple copies of "The Hand of Zamorano: A Manuscript on California in 1829", a manuscript written by Don Agustín Vicente Zamorano to Governor José María de Echeandia in California in 1829, reprinted by the Zamorano Club in 1956 as a keepsake from the third joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs. The original manuscript is also held by the Clark Library.

Box 6, Folder 2  Occasional Papers -- California State Library, Sutro Branch 1939
Scope and Content Note

Box 6, Folder 3  "Sir Emery Walker, Born 2nd April 1851, Died 22nd July 1933"
Scope and Content Note
A printed item containing reprints of newspaper articles about Sir Emery Walker.

Box 6, Folder 4  "An Exhibition of Maps Engraved Within the Present Limits of the United States Mostly Prior to 1800" 1933
Note
Printed in 1933 by the William L. Clements Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Box 6, Folder 5  "The Indispensable Books for Collectors of Fine Printing, Libraries & Museums, Booklovers, Printers/Publishers, Typographers/Typefounders, published by the Bibliotheca Typographica" [1927?]
Scope and Content Note
Includes privately printed books of the Bibliotheca Typographica about typography (history, typefounding, etc.). The front page includes a note to Mr. Clark Jr.
Box 6, Folder 6 **Metal relief plate and prints 1951**

Scope and Content Note
Includes a thin metal plate and two pieces of paper with the image from the plate, from Lawrence Clark Powell's announcement for a Roxburghe meeting in December 1951.

Box 6, Folder 7 **Three magazines 1960-1961**

Scope and Content Note
Includes two issues of Westways magazines and an issue of the New Mexico magazine.

Box 6, Folder 8 **El Piolin Centennial Broadsheet 1947**

Note
For the centennial of the El Piolin Spring at the Presidio in San Francisco. This item is located in the oversized broadsheets and manuscripts drawer, which can be found in the oversized item map drawers.

Box 7, Folder 1 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1920-1929**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations and keepsakes.

Box 7, Folder 2 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1930-1934**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations and keepsakes. Includes "A Census of California Spanish Imprints 1833-1845".

Box 7, Folder 3 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1935-1939**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly keepsakes and invitations to meetings, dinners, and talks.

Box 7, Folder 4 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1940-1944**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations to meetings, dinners, and talks.

Box 7, Folder 5 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1945-1946**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations to meetings, dinners, and talks. Also includes a memorial address for Homer Earle in 1946.

Box 7, Folder 6 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1947**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations to meetings, dinners, and talks. Also includes a pamphlet about the Third Annual Founder's Day of the Clark Library, held June 1st, 1947.

Box 7, Folder 7 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1948-1949**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera and correspondence; mainly invitations to meetings, dinners, and talks.

Box 7, Folder 8 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1948-1949**

Scope and Content Note
Printed meeting invitations.

Box 8, Folder 1 **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1950-1954**

Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations and keepsakes from meetings.
Box 8, Folder 2a  **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1955-1959**
Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations and keepsakes from meetings. Also includes a copy of "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar", by Bret Harte, with illustrations by Harry O. Diamond, 1955.

Box 8, Folder 2b  **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1955-1959**
Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations to meetings.

Box 8, Folder 3  **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1967-1969**
Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations to talks.

Box 8, Folder 4  **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files 1971**
Scope and Content Note
Printed ephemera; mainly invitations to talks.

Box 8, Folder 5  **H. Richard Archer's Zamorano Club files**
Scope and Content Note
Undated printed ephemera; mainly invitations to dinners and talks.

Box 9, Folder 1-6  **Biennial Meeting Keepsakes 1970-1990**
Scope and Content Note

Box 10, Folder 1  **Another View of the San Francisco 1856 Vigilance Committee: Robert George Byxbee's Letter to His Sister, June 1856 / A keepsake with introduction by Doyce B. Nunis, Jr. Los Angeles: Zamorano Club. 2000**
Note
One of the printed items given as keepsakes from the October 13-15, 2000 joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs.

Box 10, Folder 2  **Coorigenda and Addenda to The Life of Sir William Osler / Printed for John C. Carson, M.D. and K. Garth Huston, Jr., M.D. by The Parker Press. 2000**
Note
One of the printed items given as keepsakes from the October 13-15, 2000 joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs.

Box 10, Folder 3  **Burrowings of a Bookworm / Everton Yorrik Davis Jr. Regis Graden at Nut Quad Press; Pasadena, California. 2000**
Note
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Box 10, Folder 5  
Imprenta Glorias / bound by Allwyn O’Mara. Fluerons keepsake. 2000  
Note  
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Box 10, Folder 6  
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Box 10, Folder 7  
Note  
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Box 10, Folder 8  
A Celebration of Clifton F. Smith’s Life 1920-1999: A Santa Barbara Native Son / Dennis Kruska; Sherman Oaks, California. 1999  
Note  
One of the printed items given as keepsakes from the October 13-15, 2000 joint meeting of the Zamorano and Roxburghe clubs.

Box 10, Folder 9  
Note  
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Box 10, Folder 10  
Surfing the Circle of Willis / Edwin Todd. Patrick Reagh; Sebastapol, California. 2000  
Note  
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Box 10, Folder 11  
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Box 10, Folder 12  
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Box 10, Folder 13  
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Box 10, Folder 14  

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Box 10, Folder 15  

Note

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Box 11, Folder 1  
**Printed Ephemera 1997-1999**

Scope and Content Note

Miscellaneous printed ephemera; mainly meeting keepsakes and invitations.

Box 12, Folder 1  
**List of Books Published and Keepsakes -- Zamorano Club**

Scope and Content Note

A small black three ring binder with a bibliography of books published by the Zamorano Club from 1929 to 1964, and "A Keepsake on Keepsakes", which is a list of all keepsakes from meetings from 1953 to 1966.

Box 12, Folder 2  
**List of Books Published**

Scope and Content Note

A small cloth-covered binder includes books published by various presses or printers. This binder includes Wilder Bentley (1930 to 1946), Thomas Perry Stricker (1930 to 1944), and the Hart Press (1929 to 1949).

Box 12, Folder 3  
**List of Books Published**

Scope and Content Note

A small cloth-covered binder includes books published by various presses or printers. This binder includes Muir Dawson (1947 to 1951), Ted Freedman / Platen Press (1935 to 1950), Grant Dahlstrom / Ampersand Press (1929 to 1951), Bruce McCallister (1926 to 1942), Greenwood Press (1948), Helen Gentry (1930 to 1932), Elkus (1944 to 1946), Untide Press (1944 to 1948), Plantin Press (1932 to 1950), Gregg Anderson / Grey Bow Press (1928 to 1937), William Cheney / The Auk Press (1933 to 1950), and Richard Hoffman / College Press (1936 to 1950).

Box 12, Folder 4  
**List of Books Published**

Scope and Content Note

A small cloth-covered binder includes books published by various presses or printers. This binder includes Helen Gentry (1929 to 1938), Windsor Press (1926 to 1942), Nathan van Patten (1930 to 1949), Cummington Press (1950), Centaur Press (1949 to 1950), and miscellaneous other presses (1923 to 1950).

Box 13, Folder 1-2  
**Minutes of Club Meetings 1927-1965**

Box 13, Folder 3  
**Minutes of Board of Governors 1928-1964**

Box 13, Folder 4-6  
**Letters and Miscellany 1928-1946**

Box 13, Folder 7  
**Members, Summaries of Meetings, and Keepsakes 1927-1952**

Box 13, Folder 8  
**Checklist of Meeting Announcements 1928-1966**