
Finding Aid for the Biobooks Records, 1934-1979

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Biobooks Records

Date (inclusive): 1934-1979

Collection number: 1301

Creator: Biobooks.

Extent: 25 boxes (12.5 linear ft.)2 oversize folders.

Abstract: Collection includes archives of Biobooks, Oakland, California, including correspondence files, ca. 1942-1953, ephemera, U.S. Geological Survey maps of California, print blocks used for publications by Biobooks, as well as the Grabhorn Press, book dealers' catalogs, book covers, unbound texts of books, dummy books, and a manuscript by Helen Giffen, *Casas and courtyards*.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift of Joseph Sullivan, 1982-1989.

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Scope and Content

Collection consists of the records of Biobooks (Oakland, CA), including bookdealers' catalogs, reports, invoices, manuscripts, printed material, drawings, photographs, business files, correspondence, US Geological Survey maps of CA, and print blocks used for publications by Biobooks, as well as the Grabhorn Press. Includes a manuscript by Helen Giffen, *Casas & courtyards : historic adobe houses of California* (1955).

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

1. Bookdealers' catalogs (boxes 1-4)
2. Manuscripts (boxes 5-6)
3. Printed material (boxes 5-11, 20-27)
4. Drawings and photographs (box 11)
5. Print blocks (boxes 11, 14-19)
6. Business files, including correspondence (boxes 12-13).

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Biobooks--Archives.

Publishers and publishing--California--Oakland--Archival resources.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection

Giffen, Helen S. Helen Smith), 1893- --Casas & courtyards.

Blocks

- Box 11 **Print blocks.**
 Box 14 **Print blocks.**
 Physical Description: Decorative initial letters. 28 x 22.5 cm.
- Box 15 **Print blocks.**
 Physical Description: 38 x 30 cm.
- Box 16 **Print blocks.**
 Physical Description: 44 x 30 cm.
- Box 17 **Print blocks.**
 Physical Description: 38 x 30 cm.
- Box 18 **Print blocks.**
 Physical Description: 38 x 30 cm.
- Box 19 **Print blocks.**
 Physical Description: 38 x 30 cm.

Business Files

- Box 12 **Correspondence. 1942-1949.**
 Box 12 **Correspondence. 1948-1951.**
 Box 12 **Correspondence. 1950-1953.**
 Box 12 **Correspondence. 1949-1963.**
 Box 12 **Invoices. 1970.**
 Box 12 **Invoices. 1971.**
 Box 12 **Invoices. 1972.**
 Box 12 **Invoices. 1973.**
 Box 13 **Invoices. 1974.**
 Box 13 **Invoices. 1975.**
 Box 13 **Invoices. 1976.**
 Box 13 **Invoices. 1977.**
 Box 13 **Invoices. 1978.**
 Box 13 **Invoices. 1979.**

Catalogs

- Boxes 1-4 **Book dealers catalogs**

Drawings

- Box 11 **[Decorative initial letters, J and W]**

Manuscripts

- Box 5 **Authority in California.**
 Physical Description: 471 p. Typescript (carbon).
- Box 6 **Casas and courtyards.**
 Physical Description: 175 p. Typescript with manuscript corrections. With photographs.
- Box 6 **Casas and courtyards.**
 Physical Description: Setting copy. 125 p. Typescript. With unnumbered pages and photographs.

Photographs

- Box 11 **[Photographic reproduction of unidentified manuscript]**
Box 11 **Photographic reproductions and negatives.**
 Printed Material
- Box 10 **Oakland. Resolution 51836.**
Box 10 **Astronomical Society of the Pacific. 1934-1942.**
 Physical Description: Leaflets.
- Box 10 **United Nations Charter.**
Box 10 **Birthday greetings.**
Box 10 **California's governor's oath.**
Box 10 **[Great West maps].**
Box 10 **Harbour of San Francisco. Sketch by W. Revere.**
Box 10 **Map of the Hyacinth Farm. Sketch by Wm. B. Ide.**
Box 10 **Miners prospecting for gold. By Remington.**
Box 10 **Monterey - Capitol of California. Sketched by J.W. Revere.**
Box 10 **Point Reyes, California - map. 1954.**
Box 10 **[Pueblo of St. Joseph - declaration] 1845 March 27.**
Box 10 **San Francisco 1849.**
Box 10 **San Joaquin River. Map by Charles D. Gibbes. 1850.**
Box 10 **[Letter by R. Semper]. 1849 January 7.**
Box 10 **View of Shasta, California.**
Box 10 **U.S.S. Portsmouth.**
 Physical Description: Galleys.
- Box 10 **Engraving of G.M. Wright?**
Box 11 **Proofs - train, state of California silhouette.**
Box 20 **Maps. California and the West.**
 Physical Description: 64 x 49 cm.
- Box 20 **Options for Oakland.**
 Physical Description: 64 x 49 cm.
- Box 20 **[Views of San Francisco]**
 Physical Description: 64 x 49 cm.
- Box 21 **Maps. California and the West.**
 Physical Description: 64 x 49 cm.
- Box 22 **Maps. California and the West.**
 Physical Description: Oversize folder 22: 102.5 x 76 cm.
- Box 23 **Maps. California and the West.**
 Physical Description: Oversize folder 23: 102.5 x 76 cm.
- Box 24 **Barry & Patten Index.**
 Physical Description: Duplicate material. [2 folders]
- Box 24 **Barry & Patten Index envelopes.**
 Physical Description: Duplicate material. [3 folders]
- Box 24 **Birthday greetings.**
 Physical Description: Duplicate material.

Box 25	California alcalde. Physical Description: Duplicate material. [3 folders]
Box 26	[Pueblo of St. Joseph - declaration] 1845 March 27. Physical Description: Duplicate material. [3 folders]
Box 26	[Great West - Maps]. Physical Description: Duplicate material.
Box 26	Map of the Hyacinth Farm. Sketch by Wm. B. Ide. Physical Description: Duplicate material. [2 folders]
Box 26	Off for California. Physical Description: Duplicate material. [3 folders]
Box 27	Point Reyes, California - Map. 1954. Physical Description: Duplicate material.
Box 27	San Francisco in 1850. Physical Description: Duplicate material. [2 folders]
Box 27	Three years in California. Physical Description: Duplicate material.
Box 27	Engraving of G.M. Wright? Physical Description: Duplicate material.
Box 5	Authority in California. Physical Description: Partial page proofs.
Box 5	Barry & Patten Index.
Box 5	California alcalde. Physical Description: Sewn signatures.
Box 5	California alcalde. Physical Description: Bound copy.
Box 6	Casas and courtyards. Physical Description: Paste-up.
Box 7	Early days of San Francisco. Physical Description: Sewn signatures.
Box 7	Off for California. Physical Description: Signatures.
Box 7	Three years in California. Physical Description: Boards only.
Box 8	Ad Hoc Think Tank. 1968. Physical Description: Reports.
Box 8	Ad Hoc Think Tank. 1969. Physical Description: Reports.

- Box 8 **Ad Hoc Think Tank. 1970.**
 Physical Description: Reports.
- Box 8 **Ad Hoc Think Tank. 1971.**
 Physical Description: Reports. [2 folders]
- Box 8 **Ad Hoc Think Tank. 1972.**
 Physical Description: Reports.
- Box 9 **Ad Hoc Think Tank. 1973.**
 Physical Description: Reports. [2 folders]
- Box 9 **California Medicine. Reprint. 113:21-26. Goldman, Charles R. "Is the canary dying?"**
(November 1970)
- Box 9 **California Tomorrow Plan. 1971.**
- Box 9 **Progress in Areas of Public Concern. General Motors. 1971.**
- Box 9 **Oakland redevelopment.**
 Physical Description: City brochures.
- Box 9 **Oakland's form and Appearance. 1968.**
- Box 9 **Oakland's Housing Supply. 1960-1966.**
- Box 9 **West Oakland.**
- Box 9 **Oakland's Fruitvale Area.**
- Box 9 **East Oakland.**
- Box 9 **South Central Oakland.**
- Box 9 **North Oakland.**
- Box 9 **Oakland Hills.**
- Box 9 **North Central Oakland.**
- Box 9 **City in Trouble. 1:1. [Oakland Newsletter] (8 June 1970).**