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Descriptive Summary
Title: Brainerd Dyer Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1940-1968
Collection number: 1059
Creator: Dyer, Brainerd, 1901-
Extent: 66 boxes (33 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Dept. of Special Collections.

Brainerd Dyer (b.1901) was a history professor (1935-72) and chair of the History department (1947-53) at UCLA. He also wrote several books, including: *Dyer Lieber and the American Civil War* (1939), *The persistence of the idea of Negro colonization* (1943), and *Zachary Taylor* (1946). The collection consists of Dyer's correspondence, manuscripts, pamphlets, journals, reprints, research notes and photocopied materials, newspapers and government publications, programs for history conferences, teaching materials, memorabilia and ephemera, and 4 sectional maps of the U.S.

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Biography
Dyer was born November 9, 1901 in Wheaton, Illinois; BA, Pomona College, 1923; MA, Harvard, 1925; Ph.D, 1932; instructor in history (1926-27, 1929-30), Dartmouth College; instructor (1930-32), assistant professor (1935-41), associate professor (1941-47), professor (1947-72), and emeritus professor from 1972, UCLA; chair of English department, UCLA (1947-53); author of several books, including: *Dyer Lieber and the American Civil War* (1939), *The persistence of the idea of Negro colonization* (1943), and *Zachary Taylor* (1946).

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, pamphlets, journals, reprints, research notes and photocopied materials, newspapers and government publications of Brainerd Dyer. Also includes programs for history conferences, teaching materials, memorabilia and ephemera, and 4 sectional maps of the U.S.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Correspondence (Boxes 1-4, 19-34, 53, 65).
2. Pamphlets, journals and books (Boxes 5-7).
3. Photostats, journals, memorabilia (Box 8).
4. Notes and photocopied items (Box 8).
5. Newspapers (Boxes 9-10).
6. Reprints of articles by other historians (Boxes 11-15).
7. University materials (Box 16).
8. Programs for history conferences (Box 17).
9. Government publications (Box 18).
10. Lecture and research notes (Boxes 35-50).
11. Writings (Boxes 50-52, 54-58).
12. Gideon diary (Box 53).
14. Ph.D. manuscripts not by Dyer (Box 66).
15. Maps (Box 67).

**Indexing Terms**

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

Dyer, Brainerd, 1901- --Archives.
University of California, Los Angeles--Faculty--Archival resources.
Historians--United States--Archival resources.

**Items Removed from Collection**

Transferred to vertical files:

1059 Photos - Portrait photograph of Abraham Lincoln, depicted without a beard.

**Note**

(Print from a duplicate negative; original by Alexander Hesler in Chicago in 1860)

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**Correspondence**

Box 1

*History staff recruiting.*

Box 2

*Pacific Coast Branch of American Historical Association; and AHA correspondence.*

Boxes 3-4

*AHA program, 1965.*
Container List

Box 5
Pamphlets.

Box 6
Pamphlets and journals.

Box 7
Pamphlets and books.

Box 8
Photostats, journals, memorabilia.

Box 9
Notes, photocopied items, newspapers (unsorted).

Box 10
Newspapers.

Reprints of Articles by Other Historians

Box 11
A - F.

Box 12
G - J.

Box 13
K - M.

Box 14
Mc - R.

Box 15
S - Z.

University Materials

Box 16
All University faculty conference programs, 1953-1968.

Box 16
PhD final examination announcements, 1945-1954.

Programs for Historical Association Conferences

Box 17
Box 17

**Pacific Coast Branch of AHA, 1952-1968.**
Box 17

**Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1951-1965.**
Box 17

**Organizations of American Historians, 1965-1968.**
Box 17

**Southern Historical Association, 1952-1968.**
Box 17

**The southern packet (vol.5), 1945.**

**Government Publications**
Box 18

**National Archives.**
Box 18

**Library of Congress Quarterly Journal.**
Box 18

**Department of the Interior publications.**
Box 67

**Four sectional maps of U.S.**

**Additional Papers, August 4, 1976**

**Correspondence**

- Box 19: A - F.
- Box 20: G; committee materials.
- Box 21: H - N.
- Box 22: P - T.
- Box 23: U - Z; History Department Newsletters; file, “Fraternity.”
- Box 24: Correspondence re various committees.
- Box 25: Correspondence.
- Box 26: A - Ca; correspondence and papers, Los Angeles times.
- Box 27: Ci - D.
- Box 28: E - Ha; H - L [different sequence?].
- Box 29: M - T.
- Box 30: U - Z; B - Ha.
- Box 31: Ho - Ma.
- Box 32: Me - V.
- Boxes 33-34: Miscellaneous.

**Lecture Notes**

- Boxes 35-37: Lectures notes.
- Box 38: Lecture and research notes.
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