Finding Aid for the Collection of Earthquake Photographs, 1906-1954

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection of Earthquake Photographs
Date (inclusive): 1906-1954
Collection number: 1915
Extent: 1 legal size document box (0.5 linear ft.)
Abstract: This is a collection of materials related to major California earthquakes of the first half of the 20th century, including San Francisco, El Centro, Santa Barbara and Eureka, as well as the Helena, Montana earthquake of 1935.
Language: Finding aid is written in English.
Language of the Material: Materials are in English.
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Biography/History
The origin of the collection is unknown. The materials in this collection come from various sources related to architecture and engineering. H.C. Mathers (1899-1977), whose name is inscribed on the informational book on the San Francisco earthquake structural damage, was president of the Associated Brick Manufacturers of Southern California. One of the albums with photographs of the Santa Barbara and Helena earthquakes belonged to Clarence Derrick (1893-1972), a well-known consulting structural engineer, who is recognized for helping to pioneer shock-resistant design. A set of photographs of the Santa Barbara earthquake in the collection was originally sent to Professor C. Martin Duke (1917-1988), a Professor of Engineering at UCLA, whose work focused on earthquake engineering and the structural effects of earthquakes.

Scope and Content
This collection consists primarily of black and white photographs of earthquake damage in California in the cities of San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Eureka, as well as Helena, Montana. It also includes an investigative report of building damage that occurred during the El Centro, California earthquake.

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

Subjects
Earthquake damage --California --Photographs.
Earthquake damage --Montana --Photographs.

Related Material
Clarence J. Derrick Papers (Collection 559). Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.
Engineering College Administrative Files of C. Martin Duke (Record Series number 52). Library Special Collections, University Archives, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

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Box 1, Folder 1  **San Francisco earthquake photographs. 1906.**
Scope and Content Note
Informational book created by Los Angeles-based brick manufacturers, arguing for reliability of brick construction. Note indicates “property of H.C. Mathers.” Mathers was president of Associated Brick Manufacturers of Southern California.

Box 1, Folder 2  **El Centro earthquake report. 1915.**
Scope and Content Note
Copy of “Final Report of Committee of Investigation of Building Conditions After the Earthquake of June 22, 1915 of the City of El Centro, California, July 6, 1915.”

Box 1, Folder 3  **Santa Barbara earthquake photographs. 1925.**
Scope and Content Note
8" by 10" black and white photographs of 1925 Santa Barbara earthquake sent to Professor C. Martin Duke at University of California, Los Angeles by L.M.K. Boelter on Oct. 13, 1964.

Box 1, Folder 4  **Santa Barbara and Helena earthquake photographs. 1925 and 1935.**
Scope and Content Note
Album once belonging to Clarence Derrick with black and white photographs of 1925 Santa Barbara, California earthquake and 1935 Helena, Montana earthquake. Also includes uncaptioned earthquake photographs.

Box 1, Folder 5  **Eureka earthquake photographs. 1954.**
Scope and Content Note
Photo album with black and white photographs and typescript descriptions.