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Descriptive Summary
Title: Wesley S. Griswold Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1955-1990
Collection number: 799
Creator: Griswold, Wesley S., 1909-
Extent: 14 boxes (7 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
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Abstract: Wesley Southmayd Griswold (1909- ) was a feature writer and editor for the Hartford Courant (1930-41), a publicist for the Travelers Insurance Company (1941-42), a copy editor for the The New Yorker (1946-51)) and a copy editor (1945-46) and West Coast editor (beginning in 1951) for the Popular Science Monthly. The collection consists of manuscripts, galley proofs, page proofs, research notes, correspondence, photocopies, printed articles, microfilm, and photographs Griswold's book, A Work of Giants, a history of the American transcontinental railroad, and for a history of Panama railroads.
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Biography

Scope and Content
Collection consists of manuscripts, galley proofs, page proofs, research notes, correspondence, photocopies, printed articles, microfilm, and photographs for Wesley S. Griswold's book, A Work of Giants (1962) and for a history of Panama railroads. Also includes scrapbooks containing articles by Griswold, reviews of A Work of Giants, and miscellaneous manuscripts, publications, and research materials.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. A Work of Giants (Boxes 1-4,11).
2. The Day the Dam Burst (Box 4).
3. Research materials for a history of Panama railroads (Boxes 5-8).
4. Scrapbooks containing articles by Griswold (Boxes 9-10).
5. Manuscripts, misc. publications, and research material (Boxes 11-14).
6. Map folder (Box 15).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Griswold, Wesley S., 1909- --Archives.
Authors, American--20th century--Archival resources.
Railroads--Research--United States.
Railroads--Research--Panama.
Box 1


Physical Description: 532 leaves.

Scope and Content Note
- Manuscript (typescript) with holograph corrections.
- Galley proofs with holograph corrections.
- Page proofs with holograph corrections.
- Page proofs without corrections.

Box 2

**Research notes for A Work of Giants:**

Scope and Content Note
- Central Pacific Railroad, origin to 1869.
- Union Pacific Railroad, origin to 1867.

Box 3

**Research notes for A Work of Giants:**

Scope and Content Note
- Union Pacific, 1868-1869.
- Union Pacific personalities.
- Photographs published in A Work of Giants.
- Photos of Central Pacific.
- Photos of Union Pacific.

Box 4

**Research notes for A Work of Giants:**

Scope and Content Note
- Microfilm of various collections and papers located in other libraries:
  - Charles Crocker's Reminiscences (Bancroft collection).
  - Collis P. Huntington letters to Mark Hopkins and others (2 reels—Bancroft Library).
  - Huntington reminiscences (Bancroft collection).
  - Letters to Burton Ives (CP surveyor) re surveys in Utah and east, 1867-68 (Stanford University Library).
  - Mrs. Theodore D. Judah reminiscences (Bancroft Library).
  - Leland Stanford letters (Stanford University Library).
  - Newspaper clippings on Union Pacific, 1869 (University of Michigan Library).

Box 4

**The Day the Dam Burst, by Wesley Griswold.**

Scope and Content Note
- In: *Popular Science*, March 1964. Also typescript copy of article.

Box 4

**Research materials for a history of Panama railroads.**

Box 5


Box 6

Copies of articles and original sources.

Box 7

Notes and printed articles.

Box 8

Microfilms.

Physical Description: (10 reels).

Box 9

**Articles written by Wesley Griswold, 1952-1959.**

Physical Description: Scrapbooks.

Box 10

**Articles written by Wesley Griswold, 1960-1967.**

Physical Description: Scrapbooks.
Box 11, Folder 1  The Jigsaw Puzzle of Historical Research. Speech delivered to the Sacramento County Historical Society, December 27, 1962.
   Physical Description: Typed manuscript.

   A Work of Giants.
   Physical Description: Manuscript, typed carbon copy with holograph corrections.

Box 11, Folders 3-7  Research material.
   Physical Description: (photostatic reproduction).

Box 12  Research material.
   Physical Description: (photostatic reproduction).

Box 13  Miscellaneous publications.
   Scope and Content Note
   Panama Canal (BCC).
   Vermont Life.
   Aswan manuscript (1962).
   San Marco Campanile manuscript.
   Boston Tea Party reviews.
   A Work of Giants reviews.

Box 14  Miscellaneous publications.
   Scope and Content Note
   The Dolphin Smile.
   Campanile research material.
   Letters to Brooke Whiting about publication of Campanile/letters to Wesley S. Griswold.
   The Town That Sat Down On Itself.
   The Deep Frozen Folk In: Mischief in the Mountains.

Map Folder 1  Research materials for a history of Panama railroads: copies of original engravings.