Finding Aid for the J. Gregg Layne Papers, 1920-1952 (Collection number 188)

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Title: J. Gregg Layne papers
Collection number: 188
Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.)
3 shoeboxes
1 folder
Date (inclusive): 1920-1952
Abstract: Joseph Gregg Layne (1885-1952) was a leading authority and bibliographer of Californiana as well as president, member of the board of directors and editor of the Quarterly for the Historical Society of Southern California and an organizer for E Clampus Vitus. The collection consists of E Clampus Vitus ephemera, correspondence, literary manuscripts, and working notes pertaining to California history. Much of the correspondence relates to Historical Society of Southern California business.
Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.
Creator: Layne, J. Gregg (Joseph Gregg), 1885-1952
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Biography
Layne was born on June 13, 1885, in Huntington, West Virginia; moved to Pomona, California at age of four; graduated, Los Angeles High School, 1903; manager, Los Angeles office, Keuffel & Esser Company of New York, 1904-19; manager, Southwest division, Taylor Instruments Company, 1919-35; representative, Southwest division, Charles Bruning Company of New York, 1939-47; historian, Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles, 1947-52; research staff, Huntington Library, 1945-47; consultant in Western Americana, UCLA Library, 1952; as a leading authority and bibliographer of Californiana, he wrote books, articles and reviews mostly about California history; president, member of board of directors, Historical Society of Southern California, and editor of its Quarterly, 1935-52; organizer, E Clampus Vitus; member, Zamorano Club, The Scribes; died on August 16, 1952.
Scope and Content
Collection consists of E Clampus Vitus ephemera, correspondence, literary manuscripts, and working notes pertaining to California history. Correspondents include Frederick W. Hodge, W.W. Robinson, Henry R. Wagner, and Carl I. Wheat. Much of the correspondence relates to Historical Society of Southern California business.
Related Material
Historical Society of Southern California Records (Collection 180). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections.
E Clampus Vitus Records (Collection 211). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
E Clampus Vitus (Fraternal order).
Historical Society of Southern California.
Layne, J. Gregg (Joseph Gregg), 1885-1952--Archives.
Historians--California--Archival resources.

Box 1, Folder 1  **E Clampus Vitus material. 1939-1952.**
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence, forms, rosters, flyers, event programs, and certificates.

Box 1, Folder 3  **Correspondence. 1931-1933.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph).
Includes a correspondence with printer Henry Nash.

Box 1, Folder 2  **Correspondence. 1922-1930.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph). Mostly letters
from Grant Jackson.

Box 1, Folder 4  **Correspondence. 1934-1940.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph).

Box 1, Folder 5  **Correspondence. 1941-1945.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph).

Box 1, Folder 6  **Correspondence. 1946-1948.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph) and
sales receipts.

Box 1, Folder 7  **Correspondence. 1949.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph), and
an event program.

Box 1, Folder 8  **Correspondence. 1950.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph), and
a certificate.

Box 1, Folder 9  **Correspondence. 1951-1952.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal, business, and organizational letters and postcards (typescript and holograph),
certificates, acknowledgements, and an event program. Includes a letter from Henry R.
Wagner.

Box 1, Folder 10 **Correspondence. undated.**
Scope and Content Note
Personal and business (undated) letters and postcards (typescript and holograph).
Box 1, Folder 11  
**Greeting cards. ca. 1946-1952.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Mostly holiday cards for Christmas and New Year's Day with some birthday cards and a letter. Includes cards printed by the Ward Ritchie and Plantin Presses and cards with original photographs tipped in.

Box 2, Folder 1  
**Research notes. ca. 1941-1951.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Notes on early California and Los Angeles history written on index cards.

Box 2, Folder 2  
**Research notes. ca. 1948-1951.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Notes on early California and Los Angeles history written on index cards and paper, a drawing of a Native American (by J. Gregg Layne) and two small notebooks. One of the notebooks is a calendar book (ca. 1935) with various entries in Chinese.

Box 2, Folder 3  
**Research notes. undated.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Early California history.

Box 2, Folder 4  
**Research notes. undated.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Citation notes for *Los Angeles: From the Founding of the Pueblo Through the First Decade of the American Occupation*, pp. 1-68.

Box 2, Folder 5  
**Research notes. undated.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Citation notes for *The Year 1850*, pp. 1-78.

Box 2, Folder 6  
**Research notes. undated.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
History of the University of California, Los Angeles.

Box 2, Folder 7  
**Manuscript (typescript). History of Attempts to Divide California and Some Obstacles in its Way. undated.**  
**Physical Description:** 49.0 leaves

Box 2, Folder 8  
**Manuscript (typescript). Los Angeles: From the Founding of the Pueblo Through the First Decade of the American Occupation, part I of II. undated.**

Box 2, Folder 9  
**Manuscript (typescript). Los Angeles: From the Founding of the Pueblo Through the First Decade of the American Occupation, part II of II. undated.**

Box 2, Folder 10  
**Manuscript (typescript). The San Fernando Pass Through the Cut on the New Road 1855-1860. undated.**  
**Physical Description:** 55.0 leaves

Box 2, Folder 11  
**Manuscript (typescript). The San Fernando Pass Through the Cut on the New Road 1855-1860. undated.**  
**Physical Description:** 64.0 leaves

Box 2, Folder 12  
Box 3  **Index cards. ca. 1830-1950.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Bibliographical note cards, alphabetical by title (A-Z) and by author (A-Z).

Box 4  **Index cards. ca. 1830-1950.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Bibliographical note cards (Californiana), alphabetical by author (C-Y).

Box 5  **Index cards. ca. 1830-1950.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Bibliographical note cards (Americana), alphabetical by author (A-R).

Box 6, Folder 1  **Genealogical material. undated.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Family tree diagrams (on large format blueprint).

Box 7, Folder 1  **Correspondence. 1940-1941.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 7, Folder 2  **Correspondence. 1941.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 7, Folder 3  **Correspondence. 1943.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 7, Folder 4  **Correspondence. 1943.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letters dealing with the beginnings of the "Zamorano 80" (List[c] and the Wagner List).

Box 7, Folder 5  **Manuscript (typescript). 1949.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 7, Folder 6  **Ephemera. 1925-1950.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  

Box 7, Folder 7  **Genealogical material. 1871-1926.**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Newspaper clipping (1882), family tree diagrams, and a journal (holograph), *The Flowers of Memory* by J. Martin Layne (1871).
Box 7, Folder 8  

**Family material. 1929-1947.**

**Scope and Content Note**

Drawings, photographs, poems, and ephemera, including event programs for commencement ceremonies, an award and an acknowledgement letter. Most of the drawings included are from Layne's children.