Descriptive Summary

Title: Los Angeles Historical Society Records,

Date (inclusive): 1925-1955

Collection number: 1129

Creator: Los Angeles Historical Society

Extent: 6 boxes (3 linear ft.)

Abstract: The Los Angeles Historical Society was founded in 1924 and disbanded in 1956. The society was formed for the purpose of gathering and preserving materials relating exclusively to the history of Los Angeles, rather than to undertake historical research itself. The collection consists of books and subject files on Los Angeles history. Subject files include gold discovery centennial, military highway project, and Spanish names of streets. The collection also includes articles of incorporation, minutes of meetings, lists of contributors, correspondence, manuscripts, and the constitution, by-laws and correspondence of the Southern California chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation.

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Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

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Most of the materials were collected by Edward A. Dickson and maintained by his secretary, Grace Somerby.

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Biography

The Los Angeles Historical Society was founded in 1924 and disbanded in 1956; it was formed for the purpose of gathering and preserving materials relating exclusively to the history of Los Angeles, rather than to undertake historical research itself.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of books and subject files on Los Angeles history kept by the Los Angeles Historical Society during its existence from 1924-56. Subject files include gold discovery centennial, military highway project, and Spanish names of streets. Also includes articles of incorporation, minutes of meetings, lists of contributors, correspondence, and some manuscripts relating to Hill Street, Andreas Pico, and the 1934 state primary. Also contains the constitution, by-laws and correspondence of the Southern California chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation.

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

1. Books (Boxes 1-4).
2. Files (Boxes 5-6).

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Los Angeles Historical Society--Archives.

American-Scandinavian Foundation. Southern California Chapter--Archives.

Los Angeles (Calif.)--History--Archival resources.
**Books**

**Box 1**

*Six Horses*. Century Company, 1930.
Creator/Collector: Banning, Captain William and George Hugh


*On The Old West Coast: Being further reminiscences of a ranger, Major Horace Bell. William Morrow Company, 1930.*
Creator/Collector: Bartlett, Lanier, ed.

*Reminiscences of a Ranger or Early times in Southern California. Yarnell, Cystile, and Mathes Printers, 1881.*
Creator/Collector: Bell, Major Horace

Creator/Collector: Brook, Harry Ellington

*California, 1826-1926.*

*California Literary Centennial 1850-1950. Presented by the California Centennial Commision sponsored by the Historical Society of Southern California, 1950.*
Physical Description: [3 copies]

*California of the Southland, A history of the University of California at Los Angeles. Published by University of California at Los Angeles Alumni Association, 1937.*

*The City of Los Angeles: The First 100 Years 1850-1950; Year Book 1949.* 1949.

Creator/Collector: Cleland, Robert Glass

*Cornerstones of California.*
Physical Description: [2 copies]


*“Bancroft's Lost Letter.”* *Historical Society of Southern California* (pp.213-220), n.d.
Creator/Collector: Dickson, Edward A.

*Directory of Los Angeles for 1875.*

Creator/Collector: Douglas, J.R.

*La Fiesta de Los Angeles. April 15-20, 1895.*
Scope and Content Note
Official program for 1895.

*The Five Friendly Valleys, the story of Highland Park. Publicity department of Highland Park Branch of Security First and Savings Bank, 1923.*

*California Missions and Landmarks, El Camino Real. 1925.*
Creator/Collector: Forbes, Mrs. A.S.C.
Creator/Collector: Forbes, Mrs. A.S.C.

Box 2  *Historic Facts and Fancies (California)*. History and landmarks Section of California federated Women's clubs, ca. 1907.

Creator/Collector: Houghton, Eliza P. Donner

Box 2  *Pioneer Notes from the diaries of Judge Benjamin Hayes*. 1929.
Creator/Collector: Hayes, Judge Benjamin

Creator/Collector: Hewitt, Randall H.

Box 2  *Historical Records and Souvenir of the Pioneer Society of Los Angeles County*. Times Mirror Press, 1923.

Box 3  *An Historical Sketch of Los Angeles County, California*. Louis Lewin and Company, 1896.

Creator/Collector: Kilner, William H.B.

Box 3  “The Lincoln-Roosevelt League, its origins and accomplishments.” September 1943.
Creator/Collector: Layne, J. Gregg
Scope and Content Note
Reprints from the Quarterly of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Box 3  *Los Angeles California, The City Beautiful*. 1909.
Creator/Collector: William Porter
Scope and Content Note
Report of the Municipal Art Commission for the City of Los Angeles.

Box 3  *Los Angeles City and County, California, 1902*.

Box 3  “Father of the Los Angeles Municipal Water System.” Published by the Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles, n.d.
Creator/Collector: Mulholland, William

Box 3  *In the Footsteps of the Padres*. Los Angeles, April 1930.
Creator/Collector: Moore, C.I.D.

Box 3  *Oceanside thriving and coastal city*. Published by the Union title Insurance and Trust Company, 1934.

Creator/Collector: Phillips, Catherine Coffin

Box 3  “Beanfields, builders and books.” December 1954.
Creator/Collector: Powell, Lawrence Clark
Scope and Content Note
Reprint from The Historical society of Southern California Quarterly.

Box 3  *Poems of the California Missions*. 1923.
Creator/Collector: Probst, Leetha Journey
Box 3  
La Reina, Los Angeles in three centuries. 4th edition, 1931.
Scope and Content Note
Originally published to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the former Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, February 11, 1889.

Box 4  
A Short History of Los Angeles. n.d.
Creator/Collector: Scripps, Ellen Browning, 1836-1926

Box 4  

Box 4  
Speeches of Hon. Horatio Seymour at the conventions held at Albany, January 31, 1861 and September 10, 1862.

Box 4  
Souvenir from Los Angeles and Southern California.

Box 4  
Scope and Content Note
A visitor's souvenir guide to California presented by the Southern Pacific Company.

Box 4  
Creator/Collector: Truman, Maj. Ben C.

Box 4  

Box 4  

Box 4  
Wild Flowers in Southern California. Richfield Oil Company of California, 1934 and 1936.

Box 4  
California of Today.
Scope and Content Note
Publishers dummy.

Box 4  
Beautiful Highlands of Los Angeles. n.p., n.d.

Box 4  

Files
Box 5, Folder 1  
Articles of incorporation.

Box 5, Folder 2  
Minutes, March 2, 1928.

Box 5, Folders 3-4  
List of contributors.

Box 5, Folder 5  
Western Fed. News Correspondence.
Scope and Content Note
re Newsletter historical articles.

Box 5, Folder 6  
Historical society brochure, forms, etc.

Box 5, Folder 7  
Book price lists.

Box 5, Folder 8  
Briggs, Lloyd Vernon, correspondence, etc., 1891-1923.

Box 5, Folder 9  
Manuscript: “Hill St.”

Box 5, Folder 10  
Manuscript: “Los Angeles 100 Years Ago.”

Box 5, Folder 11  
Manuscript: “Pico, Andreas.”

Box 5, Folder 12  
Manuscript: “Politics--1934 State Primary.”

Box 5, Folder 13  
Manuscript fragments.

Box 5, Folder 14  
Files: Anthony, Susan B.

Box 5, Folder 15  
Files: Art exhibit cats.

Box 5, Folder 16  
Files: Downey, John G.

Box 5, Folder 17  
Files: Gold discovery centenniel.

Box 5, Folder 18  
Files: Markham, Edwin.

Box 5, Folder 19  
Files: Military highway project.

Box 5, Folder 20  
Newsapers (clippings about).
| Box 5, Folder 21 | Politics: election of Governor Stephens -- newsletter. |
| Box 5, Folder 22 | Portola trek, 1948. |
| Box 5, Folder 23 | Portola trek, California Mission trails. |
| Box 5, Folder 24 | Presidents (U.S.). |
| Box 5, Folder 25 | Files: Shakespeare. |
| Box 5, Folder 26 | Files: Spanish names of streets. |
| Box 5, Folder 27 | Files: Theater programs, etc., (opera). |
| Box 5, Folder 28 | Twain, Mark. |
| Box 5, Folder 29 | Maps, early Los Angeles. |
| Box 5, Folder 30 | Photos. |
| Box 5, Folder 31 | Pictures. |
| Box 5, Folder 32 | Ephemera & memorabilia. |
| Box 6, Folder 1 | All-city high school track championships--programs. |
| Box 6, Folder 2 | *Los Angeles Evening Express* Year Book, 1929-1931. |
| Box 6, Folder 3 | Miscellaneous printed items. |
| Box 6, Folder 4 | Clippings, Los Angeles history. |
| Box 6, Folder 5 | Clippings, presidents' wives. |
| Box 6, Folder 6 | Clippings. |
| Box 6, Folder 7 | American-Scandinavian Foundation, constitution & by-laws of Southern California chapter. |
| Box 6, Folder 8 | Correspondence re American-Scandinavian Foundation. |
| Box 6, Folder 9 | Printed memorabilia. |