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Title: Ralph Palmer Merritt papers

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Abstract: Merritt was born on February 26, 1883 in Rio Vista, California. He received his BS, University of California, Berkeley, 1907. He was the president and managing director of Sun Maid Raisin Growers from 1923-28 and later became the project director for United States War Relocation Authority (WRA) at Manzanar War Relocation Center, California, from November 1942-March 1946. He served as UC Regent from 1923-30. The collection consists of correspondence, clippings, pictures, printed materials, and books related to Camp Hahn and the Death Valley All Souls Memorial Association. Includes materials related to the Manzanar War Relocation Center and Camp Hahn, California.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

Creator: Merritt, Ralph Palmer, 1883-1963

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Biography
Merritt was born on February 26, 1883 in Rio Vista, California; BS, University of California at Berkeley, 1907; president and managing director, Sun Maid Raisin Growers, 1923-28; project director for US War Relocation Authority (WRA) at Manzanar War Relocation Center, California, November 1942-March 1946; UC Regent, 1923-30; died on April 3, 1963 in Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Content
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Note
Description derived from in-house card file.

• Manzanar War Relocation Center Records (Collection 122). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections.

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Related Oral History
The following oral history is available through the UCLA Library Center for Oral History Research:

• After Me Cometh a Builder [oral history transcript] / Ralph Palmer Merritt, interviewee. UCLA Oral History Department interview, 1956. Available at UCLA Library Special Collections, UCLA.

• Interview of Ralph Palmer Merritt

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- **Physical Description:** (Manuscripts and printed materials)
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Correspondence concerning Camp Hahn and the Death Valley All Souls Memorial Association, established in memory of Monsignor John J. Crowley, together with miscellaneous correspondence and published material.