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Descriptive Summary

Title: Benjamin Platt Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1918-1960
Collection number: 929
Creator: Platt, Benjamin, d. 1960
Extent: 7 boxes (3.5 linear ft.) 2 oversize boxes
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: Benjamin Platt (d. 1960) founded the Platt Music Company (1905) in Los Angeles, and became the head of May Company's appliance department in 1924. The collection consists of correspondence, printed material, financial records, and photographs relating to the Platt Music Company and Benjamin Platt's career, including his activities as a promoter of various Jewish organizations in Los Angeles.

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.

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Biography
Platt was born near Kiev, Russia; fled pogroms in 1902; came to the U.S. and founded the Platt Music Company in 1905; became head of May Company's appliance department in 1924; he died on April 18, 1960 in Los Angeles.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, printed material, financial records, and photographs relating to the Platt Music Company of Los Angeles and the career of its head, Benjamin Platt, including his activities as a promoter of various Jewish organizations in Los Angeles.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Financial records, 1918-60 (Boxes 1-2).
2. Correspondence and papers, 1937-60 (Box 3).
3. Personal correspondence, memorabilia, and clippings, 1930-60 (Box 4).
4. Printed pamphlets (Boxes 5-6).
5. Photographs and awards (Boxes 7-8).
6. Phonograph records (Box 9).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Platt, Benjamin, d. 1960--Archives.
Platt Music Company--Records and correspondence.
Jewish businesspeople--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.
Photographs.

Box 3 Correspondence and Papers. 1937-1960.
Box 4 Personal correspondence, memorabilia, and clippings. 1930-1960.
Boxes 5-6 Printed Pamphlets.
Box 7 Photographs.
Oversize Box 8 Photographs, awards.
Oversize Box 9 Phonograph records.