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Descriptive Summary

Title: William Hempstead Porterfield Scrapbooks and Ephemera,
Date (inclusive): 1898-1929
Collection number: 260
Creator: Porterfield, William Hempstead, 1872-1927
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
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Abstract: William H. Porterfield (1872-1927) was a reporter and subscription solicitor for the San Diego Sun before purchasing a half interest in the paper. He also founded, purchased, or ran various newspapers throughout California, and wrote a daily column in the San Diego Sun from 1919 until his death. The collection consists of four scrapbooks containing biographical items of Mrs. Lottie (Buck) Porterfield's activities as a vocalist, clippings of articles by William H. Porterfield, items by Porterfield from the Mediterranean, clippings from the San Diego Sun on his death and a personal scrapbook, An adventure in pyramids.

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Biography
Porterfield was born on April 26, 1872 in Vinton, Iowa; briefly attended University of South Dakota at Mitchell; moved to San Diego in 1891; married Lottie Buck in 1892; became a reporter and subscription solicitor for the San Diego Sun; in 1901 purchased a half interest in the paper; in 1903 he represented the Pacific coast group of Scripps-McRae newspapers as advertising manager; founded the Sacramento Star in 1904, and became president of its publicity company; took over Fresno Tribune (1906), Los Angeles Record (1909) and San Francisco Record (1910) as publisher under Scripps-McRae control; backed California Governor Hiram Johnson and the Progressive Movement; wrote daily column in San Diego Sun from 1919 until his death; founded the Ventura County Star in 1925; in addition to a syndicated story of his foreign travels he published a novel of newspaper life, An Adventure in Pyramids (1927); he died on September 2, 1927 in San Diego.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of four scrapbooks containing biographical items of Mrs. Lottie (Buck) Porterfield's activities as a vocalist, 1898-1916; clippings of articles by William H. Porterfield when United Press reporter in the Orient in 1927; items by Porterfield from the Mediterranean; clippings from the San Diego Sun on the death of William H. Porterfield; and a personal scrapbook, An adventure in pyramids.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Porterfield, William Hempstead, 1872-1927.
Porterfield, Lottie.
Publishers and publishing--California--Archival resources.

Box 1
4 scrapbooks. 1898-1916.
Scope and Content Note
Containing biographical items of Mrs. Lottie (Buck) Porterfield's activities as a vocalist

Box 1

Box 1
Items by William H. Porterfield from the Mediterranean.

Box 1
Clippings from the San Diego Sun.
Scope and Content Note
The death of William H. Porterfield.

Box 1
A personal scrapbook, An Adventure in Pyramids.