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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** A.M. Rawn Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** ca. 1940-1968

**Collection number:** 1045

**Creator:** Rawn, A.M., 1888-1968

**Extent:** 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.

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**Abstract:** A.M. Rawn (1888-1968) worked for the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. He was promoted to chief engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (1941), and later appointed to California State Water Pollution Board (chairman, 1953-61). The collection consists of manuscripts, letters, photographs, diaries, awards, and printed materials related to A.M. Rawn and his career as chief engineer of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. Topics include water pollution and the sewage disposal system of Los Angeles.

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**Language:** English.

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**Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

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**Biography**

Rawn was born in 1888; attended school in Toledo, Ohio; worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; served in the U.S. military during World War I; moved to Los Angeles, 1922; worked for the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts; promoted to chief engineer and general manager, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, 1941; appointed to California State Water Pollution Board, 1953 (chairman, 1953-61); co-wrote report on sewage reclamation plan with Harold Hedger, 1958; died in 1968.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of manuscripts, letters, photographs, diaries, awards, and printed materials related to A.M. Rawn and his career as chief engineer of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. Includes 12 working diaries (April 1924-October 1939) and articles by Rawn. Topics include water pollution and the sewage disposal system of Los Angeles. Also includes correspondence from Link Anderson, a neighbor of Rawn's.

**Indexing Terms**

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

Rawn, A.M., 1888-1968--Archives.

Los Angeles County (Calif.)--County Sanitation Districts.

Sanitary engineers--California, Southern--Archival resources.

**Related Material**

*Sanitary engineer* [oral history transcript] / A.M. Rawn, interviewee. UCLA Oral History Department interview, 1969. Available at Department of Special Collections, UCLA.

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	<b>Biographical</b>
Box 1	<b>Vita, discharge, commission, diplomas, memberships, awards, etc.</b>
	<b>Photographs</b>
Box 1	<b>Staff members CSD, Snake River project, personal.</b>
	<b>Correspondence</b>
Box 1	<b>re contractor for Orange County Sanitation District. September-December 1963.</b>
Box 1	<b>re Master Plan Study Sewerage for Ventura County. October 1963-May 1965.</b>
Box 1	<b>re American Sanitary Engineering Intersociety Board. 1957-1958.</b>
Box 1	<b>re Miscellaneous Contracts, Estimates, etc. 1958-1963.</b>

- Box 1                    **re Miscellaneous correspondence with professional colleagues. 1960-1966.**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 9 folders.
- Box 2                    **Manuscript materials for CSD Narrative.**
- Box 2                    **Letters of thanks for receipt of CSD Narrative.**
- Box 2                    **Trip Diary, Itinerary and letters of the Rawn's 1963 trip to Scandinavia.**
- Box 2                    **Brochure - Dedication of enlarged water renovation plant. Pomona, California. February 25, 1967.**
- Box 2                    **A.M. Rawn, Fixed and Changing Values in Ocean Disposal of Sewage and Wastes.**
- Box 2                    **A.M. Rawn and H.C. Hedger, A Report Upon the Potential Reclamation of Sewage...November 1958.**
- Box 2                    **Planned Refuse Disposal, A Report. County Sanitation Districts, Los Angeles. September 1955.**
- Box 2                    **Link Anderson, World travel letters.**
- Note**
- Anderson was a neighbor of the Rawns who became a millionaire through the operation and ownership of machinery stores. Upon retirement he became a world traveler.
- Box 3                    **Working diaries. April 1924-October 1939.**  
                                 **Physical Description:** 12 vol.