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Abstract: Record Series 3 contains the administrative files of the Committee on Sites for the Southern Branch of the University of California (now called University of California, Los Angeles), with maps and photographs of potential sites. The Committee on Sites for the Southern Branch was created by UC Regent Edward A. Dickson to help select the permanent campus of the University of California's Southern Branch. On December 2, 1924 UC President W. W. Campbell appointed seventeen citizens of the Los Angeles area to serve on this committee. Out of more than 100 proposed sites, on March 21, 1925 the Board of Regents voted to select the Beverly Site (now Westwood) for the permanent campus of the University of California, Los Angeles.
Tri-City site (Alhambra, Pasadena, South Pasadena), Dark Canyon, Fullerton, and Owensmouth. On February 1, 1925 four of the seventeen sites presented were recommended by the committee for further consideration. These sites were the Beverly site (the current Westwood location), the Burbank site, the Fullerton site, and the Palos Verdes site. On March 21, 1925 the Board of Regents voted to select the Beverly site for the permanent campus of the University of California, Los Angeles.

The Committee on Sites for the Southern Branch is also known as the Citizens Committee on Sites and the Committee of 17.

**Scope and Contents**

Record Series 3 contains the administrative files, maps and photographs of the Regent's Committee on the Southern Branch of the University of California. Administrative files contain committee documentation, correspondence, meeting documentation, site records, and publicity documents. Records also include maps of proposed sites for the University of California, Southern Branch: the current Beverly site, as well as sites in Bell, Chino, Palos Verdes, and other parts of Los Angeles. Additional materials relate to the bonds for purchase of the chosen site and proposed architectural styles.

**Arrangement**

This collection has been arranged in the following series:

- Series 1: Administrative files, 1922-1926
- Series 2: Maps, 1921-1926
- Series 3: Photographs, 1924-1925

Materials are arranged alphabetically by subject within each series.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

School sites -- California  
Campus planning -- California  
Maps  
University of California (System). Committee on Sites for the Southern Branch -- Archives

**Series 1 Administrative files 1922-1926**

Scope and Contents

Series 1 contains the administrative files of the Regent's Committee on the Southern Branch of the University of California. Files contain documentation of committees, correspondence, meeting documentation, site records, and publicity documents.

- box 1, folder 1 Addresses, speeches regarding bonds for Southern Branch 1925  
- box 1, folder 2 Agricultural faction - Senate committee 1925  
- box 1, folder 3 Bell, A.E. correspondence 1925-1926  
- box 1, folder 4 Beverly Hills correspondence 1925-1926  
- box 1, folder 5 Beverly Hills correspondence in opposition to Beverly site 1925  
- box 1, folder 6 Campbell, W.W. correspondence 1924-1926  
- box 1, folder 7 Circulars: Beverly Hills 1925  
- box 1, folder 8 Circulars: Los Angeles 1925  
- box 1, folder 9 Circulars: Santa Monica 1925  
- box 2, folder 1 Circulars: Venice 1925  
- box 2, folder 2 Committees: appointment of citizens 1925  
- box 2, folder 3 Committees: Beverly Hills 1925  
- box 2, folder 4 Committees: Santa Monica undated  
- box 2, folder 5 Deeds, Bell's property 1925-1926  
- box 2, folder 6 Deeds, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers 1925-1926  
- box 2, folder 7 Functions 1925  
- box 2, folder 8 Historical data 1925  
- box 2, folder 9 Invitations 1925-1926  
- box 2, folder 10 Land conveyance correspondence 1925
Scope and Contents
Includes title guarantee, tract map and plot.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other California cities 1924-1926
Meetings 1924-1925
Newspaper officials - correspondence 1925-1926
Opposition - circulars, clippings, and form letters 1925
Pacific Electric Railway 1925
Petitions, Beverly Hills 1925
Posters 1925
Publicity - films 1925
Publicity - Los Angeles Campaign 1925
Publicity - newspaper articles 1925
Publicity - newspaper articles 1925
Regents 1925-1926
Reports 1925-1926
Resolutions - Beverly Hills 1925
Resolutions - Los Angeles Organizations 1925
Resolutions - Santa Monica 1925
Resolutions - Senate Bills 484, 816 1925
Resolutions - Venice 1925
Santa Monica correspondence 1925-1926
Sites - Beverly Hills requirements 1925.
Sites - Bradbury Estate 1925
Sites - Burbank 1925
Sites - Chino 1925
Sites - Chino Spadra 1925
Sites - college acreage 1925
Sites - Covina 1925
Sites - Dark Canyon 1925
Sites - description of 17 sites 1925
Sites - Elysian Park 1925
Sites - Fullerton 1924-1925
Sites - Hastings Ranch 1925
Sites - Los Alisos Ranch 1924-1924
Sites - minutes of meeting 1925 January 15
Sites - Monrovia 1925
Sites - Owensmouth 1925
Sites - Palos Verdes 1924-1925
Sites - Riverside 1925
Sites - San Diego 1924-1925
Sites - San Fernando Valley 1925
Sites - Santa Barbara 1925
Sites - Schiappa Pietra Ranch 1925
Sites - Tri-City 1925
Sites - Westwood recommendations 1925
Sites - Whittier 1925
Sproul, Robert G. correspondence 1925-1926
Student distribution statistics undated
Subscriptions 1924-1926
Taxes - Beverly site 1925-1926
Telegrams - Beverly Hills 1924-1926
Telegrams - Los Angeles campaign 1924-1926
Telegrams - Senate Bill 816 and Agricultural Faction 1925
Venice correspondence 1925-1926
Series 2 Maps 1921-1926

Scope and Contents
Series 2 contains maps of the Regent's Committee on the Southern Branch of the University of California. Files include maps of proposed sites for the University of California, Southern Branch. Sites include the current Beverly site, as well as sites in Bell, Chino, Palos Verdes, and other parts of Los Angeles.

- box 7, folder 1: E.M. Bell's proposed 100 acres undated
- box 7, folder 2: E. M. Bell's proposed 100 acres and James Martin's revisions undated
- box 7, folder 3: E. M. Bell's purchase from Holmby Estate 1926
- box 7, folder 4-5: Beverly site 1926; undated
- box 8, folder 1: Beverly site - Bel-Air Allotment 1925
- box 8, folder 2: Beverly site - Large Scale 1924
- box 8, folder 3: Beverly site - Recorded Site 1925
- box 8, folder 4: Beverly site - Roads Outlining Site undated
- box 8, folder 5: Beverly site - Tract 7656 - Lookout Avenue, A.E. Bell. undated
- box 8, folder 6: Chino Site undated
- box 8, folder 7: Founders Rock, Location of 1926
- box 8, folder 8: Letts Property 1921
- box 8, folder 9: Los Angeles, City of 1925
- box 8, folder 10: Los Angeles Mountain Park Company Property undated
- box 6, folder 17: Maps undated
- box 8, folder 11: Marblehead Land Company Property undated
- box 8, folder 12: Palos Verdes Site 1924
- box 9, folder 1: Palos Verdes Site 1925
- box 9, folder 2: Proposed University Sites 1925
- box 9, folder 3: Rodeo Land and Water Company Property undated
- box 9, folder 4: San Fernando Site undated
- box 9, folder 5: Vermont Property undated
- box 9, folder 6: Western Los Angeles undated
- box 9, folder 7: Western Los Angeles and Santa Monica Bay undated

Series 3 Photographs 1924-1925

Scope and Contents
Series 3 contains drawings of prospective architectural styles and black-and-white photographs of potential sites for the permanent campus of the Southern Branch of the University of California (now called University of California, Los Angeles), as well as portraits of Regent's Committee members. Photographed sites include San Diego and San Fernando Valley.

- box 10, folder 1: Architectural styles, proposed 1925
- box 10, folder 2: Portraits 1924; undated
- box 10, folder 3: San Diego site undated
- box 10, folder 4: San Fernando Valley site undated