Descriptive Summary
Title: Blake Gumprecht papers
Date (inclusive): 1916-2007
Collection Number: WRCA 276
Creator: Gumprecht, Blake, 1959-
Extent: 7.62 linear feet (5 paige carton boxes, 1 full Hillinger box, 1 half Hollinger box, 2 oversize boxes, 1 map folder)
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.
Riverside, CA 92517-5900
Abstract: The collection contains research regarding Blake Gumprecht’s book The Los Angeles River. Materials include correspondence, photographs, audio tapes, VHS tapes, and maps. The collection consists of research dating from the early twentieth century to the early twenty-first century regarding the Los Angeles River and Aqueduct that was utilized by Gumprecht for his book.
Languages: The collection is in English.
Conditions Governing Use
Copyright Unknown: Some materials in these collections may be protected by the U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.). In addition, the reproduction, and/or commercial use, of some materials may be restricted by gift or purchase agreements, donor restrictions, privacy and publicity rights, licensing agreement(s), and/or trademark rights. Distribution or reproduction of materials protected by copyright beyond that allowed by fair use requires the written permission of the copyright owners. To the extent other restrictions apply, permission for distribution or reproduction from the applicable rights holder is also required. Responsibility for obtaining permissions, and for any use rests exclusively with the user.
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[identification of item], [date if possible]. Blake Gumprecht papers (WRCA 276). Special Collections & University Archives, University of California, Riverside.
Processing History
Processed by Serena Rodholm, 2018.
Processing of the Blake Gumprecht papers was completed by undergraduate students from the University of California, Riverside as part of the Special Collections & University Archives Backlog Processing Project started in 2015. This project was funded by the UCR Library and administered by Jessica Geiser, Collections Management Librarian.
Collections Scope and Contents
The collections material related to the Los Angeles River and the Los Angeles River Aqueduct. The materials are from the creator, Blake Gumprecht’s book The Los Angeles River. Photographs ranging from the late twentieth to early twenty-first century illustrate damage that the Los Angeles River has caused in addition to pollution within the river, graffiti along the river’s concrete edges, and popular movies that have been filmed there such as Greece. Correspondence related to different water resource organizations and Mr. Gumprecht’s progress for his book are included. Research articles, newspapers, and maps of the Los Angeles River and the surrounding area span from the late nineteenth century to early twenty-first century.
Collection Arrangement
The collection is arranged into three series as follows:
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Subjects
Los Angeles River (Calif.)
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Los Angeles Aqueduct (Calif.)
Water-supply -- California -- Los Angeles
Water and environmental programs (Calif.)
**The Los Angeles River 1993-2001**

**Series Arrangement**
The series is arranged alphabetically.

**Series Scope and Contents**
The series contains documents and photographs pertaining to Blake Gumprecht's book *The Los Angeles River*. Included are correspondence regarding advertising, publication, and editing of the book. Blake Gumprecht's presentations regarding water resources as well as the guidelines and original ideas for his thesis are available. His trip to Los Angeles and in 1999 and the research from that trip are noted consisting of photographs, receipts, and tickets. There is also information of different organizations pertaining to water conservation and protection such as the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and the Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR).

| Box 1, folder 1, Ads for Book 1999 |
| Box 9, folder 1 |
| Box 1, folder 2, Article Submissions 1996 |
| Box 1, folder 3, Bibliography Notes circa 1997 |
| Box 1, folder 4, Center for American Places (CFAP): Correspondence 1996-2000 |
| Box 1, Folders 5-7, Correspondence 1994-2001 |
| Box 1, folder 8, Environmental History of L.A. circa 1999 |
| Box 1, folder 9, Fajak (Department of Water and Power) 1997 |
| Box 1, folder 10, Figure Changes circa 1997 |
| Box 1, folder 11, Friends of the Los Angeles River (FOLAR) 1993-2000 |
| Box 1, folder 12, Huntington Library 1994-1997 |

**General Note**
Note by creator: "Introduction map of L.A." and "373508"

| Box 1, John Hopkin's University Press 1998-2001 |
| folder 13-14 |
| Box 1, folder 15, Jordan 1999 |
| Box 1, folder 16, LAPL circa 1997 |
| Box 1, folder 17, Los Angeles City Archives circa 1997 |
| Box 1, The Los Angeles River Manuscript 1998 |
| Folders 18-19, Los Angeles Maps undated |
| Box 9, folder 2, Los Angeles River Photographs undated, 1995-1997 |
| Box 1, Folders 20-27, General Note |

The original name of this folder was "callis"

| Box 1, folder 28, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council 1998-2001 |
| Box 2, folder 1, Los Angeles Trip 1999 |
| Box 2, folder 2, From L.A. Murillo 1994-1995 |
| Box 2, folder 3, North East Trees 1998-2001 |
| Box 2, Folders 4-5, Notes 1995-1998 |
| Box 9, folder 4, Occidental College - Water in LA River 1999 |
| Box 2, folder 6, General Note |

Note by creator: "3:00 class, occidental college"

| Box 2, folder 7, Parks Department undated |
| Box 2, folder 8, Permissions 1997-2004 |
| Box 2, folder 9, Preface to Paperback Edition 2000 |
| Box 2, folder 10, Presentation undated |
| Box 2, folder 11, Proposal 1994 |
| Box 2, folder 12, Published submissions 1996 |
| Box 2, folder 13, Receipt & Illustration Expenses 1995-1998 |

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically into three parts: secondary source material by title, secondary source material by author's last name, and books by title.

Series Scope and Contents
This series contains secondary source material that is not directly associated with Blake Gumprecht's book *The Los Angeles River*. There are maps of the Los Angeles River and the surrounding area as well as reports on the change to the River. Information on flooding, pollution, history, ecology, and water supply in relation to the river are included.

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**The Biota of the Los Angeles River 1993**

**California Coast & Ocean 1993**

**California Legislation 1998**

**Census undated**

**Cultural Resource Overview & Survey for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Review Study undated**

**Down by the Los Angeles River: Friends of the Los Angeles River's Official Guide undated**

**The Geography of the Los Angeles Water Supply undated**

**Hazardous Metropolis: Flooding and Urban Ecology in Los Angeles 1999**

**The History of the Domestic Water Supply of Los Angeles undated**

**Historical Resource Overview and Survey for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Study 1985**

**Los Angeles City Miscellaneous Report undated**

**Los Angeles County Drainage Project undated**

**Los Angeles County Drainage Review 1992**

**Los Angeles County Flood Control District undated**

**Los Angeles Department of Water & Power undated**

**Los Angeles River: cities 2001-2007**

**Los Angeles River Master Plan 1996**

**Maps undated**

**Newspapers undated**

**Reagan Research Report 1995**

**Southern California Quarterly 1997-1998**

**U.S. Army Corp of Engineers & related agencies undated**
Box 3, Folders 15-17
Box 3, folder 18
Box 3, Folders 19-20
Box 4, folder 1
Box 4, Folders 2-3, Box 9, folder 6
Box 4, Folders 4-5, Box 9, folder 7
Box 4, Folders 8-9, Box 9, folder 8
Box 4, Folders 11-12, Box 9, folder 9
Box 4, folder 13
Box 4, Folders 14-15, Box 9, folder 10
Box 4, Folders 16-18, Box 9, folder 11
Box 4, Folders 19-20, Box 9, folder 12
Box 5, Folders 1-2, Box 9, folder 13
Box 5, folder 3, Box 9, folder 14
Box 5, folder 4, Box 9, folder 15
Box 5, Folders 6-7, Box 9, folder 16

Watermaster Service in the Upper Los Angeles Area 1994-1997

Wetlands of the Los Angeles River Watershed 2000

A 1992-1997

B circa 1997

B- part 2 1994-1997

C 1991-1997

D circa 1997-1998

E-F circa 1995-1997


I-J circa 1991-1997


M-N circa 1994-1998

O-P circa 1992-1997

Q-R 1995-1998

S-T 1994-1997

W-X undated

Y-Z circa 1997

New- after 1/1/98 1998-2001

California Water: Looking to the Future 1987

The City that Grew 1935

Common Ground from the Mountains to the Sea 2001

Construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Final Report 1916

General Note

Maps in the map case were originally in the back of the book located in box 6.

Box 6, Item 3
Box 6, Item 4
Box 6, Item 5
Box 6, Item 6
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Box 6, Item 7
Box 6, Item 8
Box 6, Item 9
Box 6, Item 10
Box 6, Item 11
Box 6, Item 12
Box 6, folder 13

Cruising Industrial Los Angeles 1997

Ecology of Fear: Los Angeles and the Imagination of Disaster 1998

From Pueblo to Metropolis: Water and the Power in the Story of Los Angeles 1971

Henry E. Huntington and the Creation of Southern California 1992

A History of the Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1975

Sixty Years in Southern California 1853-1913 1916

Verses from the Poet to the River of Los Angeles Porciuncula 1990
Audio/Visual material 1994-1999

Series Scope and Contents
The series contains audio tapes, VHS tapes, a floppy disk, and a CD pertaining to different documentaries, radio shows, and movies filmed about or near the Los Angeles River. The floppy disk contains film of the movie Grease, filmed in the Los Angeles river channel.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by title.

Box 7, items 1-5
Rethinking the River Long Beach 1994
Box 7, Item 6
"Which Way L.A. 1997"
Box 7, Item 7
Changing the Perceptions of the Los Angeles River 1997
Box 7, Item 8
Lewis McAdams 1997
Box 7, items 9-11
From Drain to Dream 1998
Box 7, Item 12-16
River thru Downtown 1998
Box 7, Item 17
L.A. River undated
Box 8, Item 1
Los Angeles River from Infrastructure to Amenity 1997
Box 8, Item 2
Grease undated
Box 8, Item 3
"Something Resembling a River" 1998
Box 8, Item 4
Life and Times Tonight 1999