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## Bill Muster Collection

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## Preliminary Guide to the Bill Muster Collection, ca. 1919-1988 [bulk dates 1940s-1980s]

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Bill Muster Collection

**Dates:** ca. 1919-1988

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**Collection Size:** ca. 7 linear feet (6 cartons, 1 oversize box, 10 audiotapes, and 8 films).

**Repository:** University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

**Abstract:** The collection primarily contains photographs and slides taken by William N. (Bill) Muster, from the time he was in Germany after WWII, in various parts of the U.S. (mainly the LA area), and trips around the world, often as part of the Society of American Travel Writers groups. Also included are materials relating to the Muster family, his business career (including time as an executive with the Muzak company), and interests such as the *Delta Queen* (an American steamboat designated a National Historical Landmark).

**Physical location:** Boxes 1-8 (Annex 2); Audiovisual (Annex 2).

**Languages:** English

**Access Restrictions**

None.

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**Acquisition Information**

Multiple gifts from Nori Muster, daughter of Bill Muster, 2005-2006.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

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Abbreviations:

BM = Bill Muster = William N. Muster

SATW = Society of American Travel Writers

**Indexing Terms**

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

Muster, Nori J. (Nori Jean), 1956-

Muster, Paula.

Muzak (Firm).

Delta Queen (Steamboat).

Travel photography.

Germany--Pictorial works.

Ansbach (Mittelfranken, Germany).

California--Pictorial works.

Los Angeles (Calif.)--Pictorial works.

Amsterdam (Netherlands)--Pictorial works.

Athens (Greece)--Pictorial works.

Australia--Pictorial works.

Austria--Pictorial works.

Budapest (Hungary)--Pictorial works.

Canada--Pictorial works.

Egypt--Pictorial works.

England--Pictorial works.

Grand Canyon (Ariz.)--Pictorial works.

Hawaii--Pictorial works.

India--Pictorial works.

Israel--Pictorial works.

Japan--Pictorial works.

Kenya--Pictorial works.

Liechtenstein--Pictorial works.

Mexico--Pictorial works.

Minnesota--Pictorial works.

New Guinea--Pictorial works.

New York (State)--Pictorial works.

New Zealand--Pictorial works.

Paris (France)--Pictorial works.

Portugal--Pictorial works.

Puerto Rico--Pictorial works.

Salt Lake City (Utah)--Pictorial works.

Spain--Pictorial works.

Switzerland--Pictorial works.

Turkey--Pictorial works.

Yugoslavia--Pictorial works.

#### **Related Materials**

In UCSB Special Collections:

The Nori Muster Betrayal of the Spirit Collection (ARC Mss 28).

In other repositories:

*The Story of the Delta Queen Steamboat: A Legislative and Corporate History from the Files of Bill Muster*, papers held by the Cincinnati Historical Society. An index of the collection is online at this URL:

<http://steamboats.com/museum/deltaqueen.html>

Further steamboat materials held by the Dubuque Historical Society.

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**Bio/Personal**

- Box 1 **Air Force [Ansbach, Germany] and University of Illinois Tear Sheets (mainly clippings with photos by BM), ca. 1946-1950**
- Box 1 **Chicago Fair Tear Sheets (mainly clippings with photos by BM), ca. 1949-1950**
- Box 1 **Eichler Home File**
- Box 1 **Muster, Bill - article about BM, 1977**
- Box 1 **Traveler's Almanac - copies of vols. published by BM, pr, reviews, and other related files, ca. mid-latter 1970s**
- Box 1 **UPI Tear Sheets (mainly clippings of UPI stories with photos by BM), ca. 1948-1952**
- Box 6 **University of Illinois [went on G.I. Bill] Yearbook, 1950**

**Additional Note**

BM was Associate Editor, Photography, for *Illio* (the yearbook), see pp. 297, 392, 451, 461

**Photographs - Black/White**

- Box 1 **Portfolio - per Nori: prob. put together by BM for freelance jobs during college, ca. 1950**
- Prints**
- Box 1 **Africa - Kenya**
- Box 1 **Australia SATW 1987**
- Box 1 **Balasco, Bodini - also incl. color prints**
- Box 1 **Commercial Photos by BM**
- Box 1 **El Cid 1960s**
- Box 1 **Germany, 1940s**

**Additional Note**

incl. photo lab and office, views of Ansbach, where BM was stationed, and portrait drawing of BM

- Box 1 **Harold Lloyd Estate 1971**
- Box 1 **Hartford, John - musician**
- Box 1 **London**
- Box 1 **Los Angeles**
- Box 1 **Magic Mountain - roller coaster**
- Box 1 **Mexico**
- Box 1 **Minneapolis home 1950s**
- Box 1 **Muster, Bill - India, SATW, 1978**
- Box 1 **Muster, Bill and Paula - incl. 1950 wedding**
- Box 1 **Muster First Apartment**
- Box 1 **Muster, Nori - Smothers Brothers Show 11/17/1967**
- Box 2 **Muzak**
- Box 2 **Satarupa**
- Box 2 **World Traveler's Almanac 1970s**
- Box 2 **Miscellany and Unidentified**
- Box 2 **Negatives - incl. 35mm, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4, 4x5, and 8x10**
- Box 2 **Allair, Jackie (4x5)**
- Box 2 **Commercial photos (4x5), 1940s-1960s**
- Box 2 **Donny - also incl. b/w contact prints (4x5)**
- Box 2 **El Cid - flamenco club (35mm)**
- Box 2 **Franchel, Emile (4x5)**
- Box 2 **Germany, ca. 1945-1946**

**Additional Note**

incl. three Nuremberg Trial photos; also BM office, photo lab, darkroom, and equipment; mess hall and exterior of other buildings flying U.S. flag, airfield, probably all of Ansbach U.S. military base, where BM was stationed; and other buildings, probably of the community of Ansbach [in Bavaria] (8x10)

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Box 2 **Germany? (2 1/4 x 3 1/2 and smaller)**  
 Box 2 **Germany and Austria (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Glendale Theater Group - Jeri Moffat (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Grace Street Swim Pool (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Inwood House (2 1/4 x 2 1/4)**  
 Box 2 **L.A. Hi Fi Show (2 1/4 x 2 1/4)**  
 Box 2 **Longbow House - Sherman Oaks, CA (2 1/4 x 2 1/4)**  
 Box 2 **Minneapolis home (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Music Land (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Muster Family (4x5), 1950s-1960s**  
 Box 2 **Muster, Bill (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Muster, Bill and Paula (4x5), ca. 1957-1958**  
 Box 2 **Muster, Nori (4x5), ca. 1957-1958**  
 Box 2 **Muster, Paula - Paula's favorites (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **New York City / Boston vacation (35mm), 1967**  
 Box 2 **New York World's Fair (2 1/4 x 2 1/4), 1939-1940**  
 Box 2 **Record Copy - incl. images of BM records from high school, etc. (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Rufus J. Flywheel (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **SATW India Trip (35mm), 1978**  
 Box 2 **Skylark House - BM's house above Sunset Strip in LA [incl. color transparencies of Dixieland party in 1988] (35mm)**  
 Box 2 **Sunnyvale House (2 1/4 x 2 1/4), 1959-1961**  
 Box 2 **Traveler's Almanac - cover (4x5), 1970s**  
 Box 2 **Wedding (4x5) 2/6/1950**  
 Box 2 **Xmas Card (4x5), 1952**  
 Box 2 **Xmas Card (4x5), 1955**  
 Box 2 **Miscellany - Sydney, Canada, and other (4x5)**  
 Box 2 **Unidentified (4x5)**

**Photographs - Color**

**Prints**

Box 2 **Air Force Rockets - Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1978**  
 Box 2 **India - Cal. Communications, Inc. (CCI) - BM's company**  
**Muster, Nori**  
 Box 2 **Graduation - UCSB, 1978**  
 Box 2 **Initiation, Los Angeles 1979**  
 Box 2 **Skylark House**  
 Box 2 **Unidentified**  
**Negatives - incl. 35mm, 2x2**  
 Box 2 **Satarupa, Ann - incl. a few related color prints and b/w negatives**  
 Box 2 **Yosemite (incl. a few b/w negatives), ca. May 1973**  
 Box 2 **Unidentified**  
**Transparencies - incl. 35mm, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4, 4x5**  
 Box 2 **Beach Shots**  
 Box 2 **Hare Krishna (ISKCON)**  
 Box 2 **Harold Lloyd Estate? 1971**  
 Box 2 **Mexico?**  
 Box 2 **Monterey**  
 Box 2 **Muster, Paula**  
 Box 2 **Sinatra, Frank**  
 Box 2 **Venice Beach**  
 Box 2 **Unidentified**  
 Box 6 **Miscellany [formerly boxed together] - incl. CCI, Harold Lloyd Estate, travel**  
**Slides - Color**  
 Box 3 **Slide album [disbound] - India - SATW convention [includes many images of men, women, and children, temples and other buildings, local scenes [no captions], ca. Sept/Oct. 1978**  
**Slides - sleeved**

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Box 3	<b>Apr. 1965 - Portugal</b>
Box 3	<b>June 1965 - Athens</b>
Box 3	<b>June 1965 - Paris</b>
Box 3	<b>July 1965 - Lake of the Woods (MN)</b>
Box 3	<b>May 1966 - Puerto Rico</b>
Box 3	<b>July 1966 - Santa Barbara, CA</b>
Box 3	<b>May 1967 - Lake Arrowhead, CA</b>
Box 3	<b>May-Aug. 1967 - Misc. Family</b>
Box 3	<b>June 1967 - Zoo Visit</b>
Box 3	<b>July 1967 - San Francisco Trip with R&amp;R</b>
Box 3	<b>Aug. 1967 - Flamenco Dancers</b>
Box 3	<b>Aug-Sept. 1967 - <i>Delta Queen</i> and Expo</b>
Box 3	<b>Dec. 1967-Jan. 1968 - Mexico Trip</b>
Box 3	<b>May 1968 - Mexico: Bullfighters and Dancers</b>
Box 3	<b>1968 - Misc. Family</b>
Box 3	<b>Sept. 1969 - Japan trip</b>
Box 3	<b>May 1975 - Santa Barbara / San Luis Obispo</b>
Box 3	<b>July 1975 - Santa Barbara Mission</b>
Box 3	<b>Mar. 1976 - J. Paul Getty Villa</b>
Box 3	<b>Mar. 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Apr. 1976 - Santa Barbara / San Luis Obispo</b>
Box 3	<b>Apr. 1976 - Sierras</b>
Box 3	<b>Apr. 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>May 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Aug. 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Sept. 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Oct. 1976 - Mexico: Yucatan - Chichen Itza and Palenque</b>
Box 3	<b>Oct. 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Nov. 1976 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Nov. 1976 - Santa Barbara</b>
Box 3	<b>[1976?] - <i>Delta Queen</i></b>
Box 3	<b>Feb. 1977 - New Orleans</b>
Box 3	<b>Mar. 1977 - Mammoth Ski</b>
Box 3	<b>Mar. 1977 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 3	<b>Mar. 1977 - Swap Meet</b>
Box 3	<b>Apr. 1977 - Africa Trip: Animals, People, Kenya (Bomas, Lamu, Malindi)</b>
Box 3	<b>Apr. 1977 - England</b>
Box 3	<b>Apr. 1977 - Grand Canyon</b>
Box 3	<b>May 1977 - Ski Mt. Waterman</b>
Box 3	<b>June 1977 - San Luis Obispo: Ah Luis Store</b>
Box 4	<b>June 1977 - Santa Barbara</b>
Box 4	<b>June 1977 - Sequoia National Park</b>
Box 4	<b>July 1977 - [Los Angeles area?]</b>
Box 4	<b>Oct. 1977 - Egypt</b>
Box 4	<b>Nov. 1977 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 4	<b>Nov. 1977 - Niagara Falls</b>
Box 4	<b>Dec. 1977 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 4	<b>Apr. 1978 - Baja</b>
Box 4	<b>June 1978 - Sierra Club: Mt. Janacinto</b>
Box 4	<b>[June ? 18] 1978 - Nori Graduation</b>
Box 4	<b>Sept 1978 - [India?]</b>
Box 4	<b>Aug. 1979 - Santa Barbara / San Luis Obispo</b>
Box 4	<b>Sept. 1979 - Santa Barbara</b>
Box 4	<b>Oct. 1979 - Hawaii: Big Island Views, Conversion, Holo Holo Campers, Kona Village, West, Final Banquet and Kona Surf</b>
Box 4	<b>1979 - Hare Krishna Rafiata (Venice Beach)</b>
Box 4	<b>1979 - Salt Lake City, Alta Ski Area</b>
Box 4	<b>Apr. 1980 - Los Angeles</b>

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Box 4	<b>Jan-Feb. 1981 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 4	<b>Apr. 1981 - Mexico: Acapulco, Las Brisas, Puerta Vallarta, Zihuatejco, [poss. 1981: Ixtapa]</b>
Box 4	<b>Apr. 1981 - Hawaii: Sitmar [cruise line] - People</b>
Box 4	<b>July 1981 - Hawaii: Flowers, Honolulu, Kailua, Waikiki, Windward Side</b>
Box 4	<b>Aug. 1981 - Ansel Adams</b>
Box 4	<b>Aug-Sept. 1982 - Mexico: Ixtapa</b>
Box 4	<b>1982 - Japan</b>
Box 4	<b>Oct. 1983 - Israel: Dancers, Jerusalem, Streets, Buildings, People, Countryside</b>
Box 4	<b>Dec. 1983 - Los Angeles</b>
Box 4	<b>May 1984 - Hungary: Budapest - Dancers, Market, People</b>
Box 5	<b>Nov. 1984 - New Zealand: Auckland, Queenstown, Te Anan, Milford Sound, Mount Cook, Rotorua, Christchurch</b>
Box 5	<b>Nov. 1984 - New Guinea, Kenny Byrd</b>
Box 5	<b>Nov. 1984 - Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Animals</b>
Box 5	<b>Jan. 1985 - Hemphill Harris Show</b>
Box 5	<b>Jan. 1985 - London</b>
Box 5	<b>Jan. 1986 - Pacific Northwest Trip</b>
Box 5	<b>Oct. 1986 - Skylark Repair; Sunset</b>
Box 5	<b>Dec. 1986 - Mendocino, CA</b>
Box 5	<b>Jan. 1987 - J. Paul Getty Villa</b>
Box 5	<b>July 1987 - Amsterdam, Rotenberg, Munich, Freiburg, Worms, Liechtenstein, Yugoslavia, Salzburg, Alps, Zurich, Venice, Heidelberg</b>
Box 5	<b>Aug. 1987 - Nori</b>
Box 5	<b>N.D. - Los Angeles</b>
Box 5	<b>N.D. - Santa Barbara / San Luis Obispo</b>
Box 5	<b>N.D. - Unidentified</b>

**Artifacts**

Box 6	<b>Plaque - Muzak: Pacific Network Incorporated, presented to William N. Muster for over 15 years of service</b>
Box 6	<b>Platter (pewter) - SATW: The President's Award, 1987, Bill Muster, for Meritorious Service to the SATW</b>

**Oversize**

**Additional Note**

Mainly photo enlargements, some mounted, including *Delta Queen*, building of Universal City construction, Germany, travel to countries such as Turkey, Kenya photo from BM's office, scenery, the ship *Fairsky*; also drawings of Nori and Billy Muster, 1919 class photo with relatives of Nori's, 1930s Lake of the Wood photo with [BM's] foster family.

**Audiovisual**

**Audiotapes - open reel**

Tape No. A21089/R7	<b>Nov. 1960; Apr. 1961 - content unknown</b>
Tape No. A21090/R7	<b>Aug. 3, 1963 - Hilliard talks (Edward Hilliard, Sr. - Hollywood comedian, circus owner, poet, and artist)</b>
Tape No. A21091/R5	<b>July 28, 1966 - Andrus vs Muster</b>
Tape No. A21092/R5	<b>Sept. 16, 1966 - N. C. Cooke, A. Gordon Kibbee, and Mrs. Marie Kibbee at Knights Restaurant</b>
Tape No. A21093/R5	<b>Oct. 19, 1970 - <i>Delta Queen</i> story, KSTT News</b>

Tape No. A21094/R7	<b>May 4, 1974 - Frank Cady [ <i>Delta Queen?</i>]</b>
Tape No. A21095/R7	<b>No Date - Calliope Music [ <i>Delta Queen?</i>]</b>
Tape No. A21096/R5	<b>No Date - BM calling people on the phone</b>
Tape No. A21097/R7	<b>No Date - Jokes: Furey and Stan Freberg; John Wilkman</b>
Tape No. A21098/R5	<b>No Date - content unknown</b>
	<b>Film - Color - 8mm</b>
Tape No. V4643/F1	<b>Summer 1964 - [family vacation]</b>
Tape No. V4644/F1	<b>Spring 1965 - Capistrano / Tijuana</b>
Tape No. V4645/F1	<b>1965 - Spain / Portugal</b>
Tape No. V4646-4648/F1	<b>No Date - Rhine Boats - research for building the <i>Mississippi Queen</i> [as per Nori] (3 reels)</b>
	<b>Film - Color - 16 mm</b>
Tape No. V4649/F1	<b>Muzak Conference, n.d.</b>
	<b>Film - Color - 35 mm</b>
Tape No. V4650/F1	<b>All Star Album Lineup</b>