Preliminary Guide to the Roxburghe Club Collection

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Descriptive Summary

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Date (inclusive): ca. 1928-1980
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Creator: Roxburghe Club of San Francisco
Collection Size: .5 linear feet (1 document box and 1 map folder)
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History
The Roxburghe Club was formed in San Francisco on April 3, 1928 and was named in honor of the original Roxburghe Club of England, a renowned bibliophilic society (itself named after the Duke of Roxburghe). Both the San Francisco and English clubs continue to be active.

Much of the impetus for creating the Roxburghe Club of San Francisco was provided by Carl I. Wheat, historian, lawyer, and book collector. The purpose of the club was to further the love of fine printing and books in general. Loosely organized and led by The Master of the Press (club president), members included and continue to include book collectors and booksellers, fine book printers and binders.

Over the years, hundreds of announcements, keepsakes, and other letterpress items have been printed by members, as typographic souvenirs and gifts for the enjoyment of the membership. Meetings of the club have included many distinguished speakers such as Ansel Adams, Mortimer Adler, Frederic and Bertha Goudy, Alfred A. Knopf, Christopher Morley, and Lewis Mumford.

Further information about the Roxburghe Club, its members, speakers, and print items may be found in works such as:
- Roxburghe Club of San Francisco. *Celebrating 75 Years of Bibliographic Fellowship* (2003).
- Roxburghe Club of San Francisco. *The Founding of the Roxburghe Club of San Francisco* (1948?).

Scope and Content of Collection

Many additional printed items by and about the Roxburghe Club have been cataloged separately and can be searched on Pegasus, the UCSB Libraries online catalog.

Related Roxburghe material also may be found in the Robert Ormes Dougan Collection (Printers Mss 39).

There is currently no container list for this collection.

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

Roxburghe Club of San Francisco
Book collecting -- California -- San Francisco -- Societies, etc.
Private presses -- California.