Preliminary Guide to the George P. and Mary Tebbetts Memorial Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: George P. and Mary Tebbetts Memorial Collection
Dates: ca. 1830s-1950s
Collection number: Wyles Mss 15
Creator: Tebbetts, Nathan A.
Collection Size: 6 linear feet (2 boxes, 3 oversize boxes, 1 map cabinet folder, 3 revolvers, 2 chests).
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Abstract: Manuscripts, including three diaries, 1856, 1863, 1866, correspondence, photographs, ledgers/account books, scrapbooks, newspapers (incl. 1883-1885 Santa Barbara Daily Independent), papers and documents from the San Francisco Examiner. Also, tape and partial transcript of recording by Nathan A. Tebbetts. Artifacts, including three Colt revolvers, one framed oil painting and two wooden chests, apparently made at the Anna Blake School, in Santa Barbara. Also numerous books, mostly 19th century, cataloged separately. Also nine b/w photos of dirigibles, mostly above San Francisco, including one of Graf Zeppelin.

Physical location: Del Sur (2 boxes); Del Sur Oversize (3 boxes); Wyles Map Cabinet 1/3 (1 folder); Vault (revolvers); Annex (2 chests).

Languages: English

Access Restrictions
None. Some materials stored off-site; advance notice required for retrieval.

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Biography
The Tebbetts were newspaper people, with close links to Thomas A. Storke (Santa Barbara News-Press). Despite the title of the collection, much of material relates to Nathan A. Tebbetts' life. NAT grew up in Santa Barbara, but worked with the San Francisco Examiner for many years, mostly re resort advertising. His father, George P. Tebbetts, founded the SB Daily and Weekly Independent, and the collection includes financial records of the paper in the 1880s and 1890s.

Acquisition Information
Scope and Content Notes
The collection contains manuscripts, including three diaries, 1856, 1863, 1866, correspondence, photographs, ledgers/account books, scrapbooks, newspapers (include 1883-1885 Santa Barbara Daily Independent), papers and documents from the San Francisco Examiner, and a tape and partial transcript of a recording by Nathan A. Tebbetts. Also, nine b/w photos of dirigibles, mostly above San Francisco, including one of the Graf Zeppelin. Artifacts include three Colt revolvers, one framed oil painting, and two wooden chests, apparently made at the Anna Blake School.

There also are numerous books from the collection, mainly 19th century works relating to California. These have been cataloged individually and can be searched on Pegasus, the UCSB Libraries online catalog. Newspapers have been separated to the Special Collections newspaper shelves.

No detailed container list presently is available.

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

Tebbetts, Nathan A.
Tebbetts, George P.
Daily Independent (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
Examiner (San Francisco, Calif.)