
Lewis Geddes Notebooks

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Geddes, Lewis J.

Title: Lewis Geddes Notebooks,

Date (inclusive): 1930 - 1937

Extent: 1.20 linear feet(4 archives boxes)

Abstract: Papers of Lewis Geddes, San Diego photographer and historical researcher. The bulk of the materials relate to historic adobe structures in San Diego County, Baja California, and Arizona. Included are notes and photographs created in the 1930s relating to the historic buildings. Also included are typescripts of works by others, concerning pioneer experiences in San Diego County in the 19th century, and genealogical information on early San Diego County residents.

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Collection number: MSS 0129

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Access

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information

Not Available

Preferred Citation

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Biography

Lewis Geddes and his wife Frances came to Los Angeles, California in 1923. After five years, they moved to San Diego and setup a studio gallery in the Casa de Machado adobe in historic Old Town. Lewis, a photographer, and Frances, a painter of portrait and figure, developed an active interest in reconstructing and preserving San Diego's historic past.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Lewis J. Geddes Papers contain photographs and manuscript notes on many adobe structures from California's early history. Included are images of mission, rancho, and urban structures in California, Arizona, and Baja California, Mexico. Geddes also collected manuscript materials from several of San Diego's early pioneers. The collection is divided into two series: 1) NOTEBOOKS and 2) WRITINGS.

SERIES 1 : NOTEBOOKS

The NOTEBOOKS series provides significant image documentation of many remanent adobe structures standing at the time of Geddes' research in the 1930's. Geddes assembled in notebooks his photographs, contributed photographs, and pencil notes from different sources. The bulk of the materials relate to San Diego County and comprise four volumes arranged alphabetically by place name. As Geddes' interests widened, he created notebooks on other popular mission sites and ranchos north of San Diego and in Baja California, Mexico. Each volume begins with a table of contents.

SERIES 2: WRITINGS

The WRITINGS series contains manuscript materials related to the pioneer experience in San Diego County in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Two interesting works on the ranching frontier are found in Herbert Crouch's reminiscences as a sheep rancher in the San Luis Rey Valley and John Kelly's life on a cattle ranch. Crouch, an Australian emigrant, included interesting sketches of pioneers and people he employed, observations on the sheep and bee businesses, and information on rainfall and floods. The experiences of a woman in San Diego County are set down in The Account of Lucy Brown Wentworth. Additionally, Geddes collected or created translations and transcriptions of early Mission San Diego baptismal and death records, notes on San Diego pioneer family genealogy, and transcriptions of gravestones of pioneers from the Mount Hope Cemetery. The series is arranged alphabetically by author and title.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Geddes, Lewis J. -- Archives

Adobe houses -- California -- San Diego County

Adobe houses -- Southwest, New
Ranch houses -- California -- San Diego County
Spanish mission buildings -- California -- San Diego County
Ranch houses -- Mexico -- Baja California (Peninsula)
Spanish mission buildings -- Mexico -- Baja California (Peninsula)
Frontier and pioneer life -- California -- San Diego County
Historic buildings -- Conservation and restoration
San Diego County (Calif.) -- History
Genealogies -- United States -- California -- 20th Century.
Photographic prints -- 1930-1939.

Contributors

Crouch, Herbert
Kelly, John Lincoln
Wentworth, Lucy Brown

NOTEBOOKS

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- box 2, folder 9 **Arizona [and California Counties]**
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- box 3, folder 1 **Arizona [and California Counties]**
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- box 3, folder 2 **Baja California [Mexico]**
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 Maps, Missions, and Ranchos, pp. 1-42
- box 3, folder 3 **Baja California [Mexico]**
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 Maps, Missions, and Ranchos, pp. 43-76

WRITINGS

- box 3, folder 4 **Crouch, Herbert. "Reminiscences of San Diego County, 1869-1889."**
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 pp. 1-64 [typescript carbon]
- box 3, folder 5 **Crouch, Herbert. "Reminiscences of San Diego County, 1869-1889."**
 Note
 pp. 65-103 [typescript carbon]
- box 3, folder 6 **Green, F.E. "The San Diego Mission Dam and Irrigation System."**
 Note
 Original typescript
- box 3, folder 7 **Guern, Ann Woodbury and Winifred Davidson, trans. 1933**
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 "Book of the Dead of the Vicinity of San Diego, 1849-1880," (typescript carbon)
- box 3, folder 8 **Index of Baptisms Registered at Mission San Diego**
box 3, folder 9 **Index of Baptisms Registered at Mission San Diego**
box 4, folder 1 **Kelly, John Lincoln**
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 "Life on a San Diego County Ranch," pp. 1-80.
- box 4, folder 2 **Kelly, John Lincoln**
 Note
 Life on a San Diego County Ranch, pp. 81-156.

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Notes: Pioneers - Mt. Hope Cemetery 1937

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San Diego Family Trees

box 4, folder 5

Vaerlen, B.D., trans. "The Account of Lucy Brown Wentworth."

Note

Typescript

ORIGINALS OF PRESERVATION PHOTOCOPIES

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Originals of Preservation Photocopies