Descriptive Summary
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9500 Gilman Drive
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Title: Marine Biological Association of San Diego Records and Photographs
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Physical Description: 3 Linear feet(4 archives boxes, 1 flat box, and 1 map case folder)
Date (inclusive): 1901-1923
Abstract: The collection consists of early records, meeting minutes, and photographs documenting the formative years of
the Marine Biological Association of San Diego and its transition into the Scripps Institution of Biological Research,
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Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
Arranged in two series: 1) RECORDS, and 2) PHOTOGRAPHS.
Digital Content
Selected materials from this collection have been digitized and can be viewed through links in the container list.
Publication Rights
Publication rights are held by the Regents of the University of California.
Administrative History
In 1903, UC Berkeley biologist William E. Ritter and San Diego physician Fred Baker, with the financial support of
philanthropists E. W. Scripps and Ellen Browning Scripps, founded the Marine Biological Association of San Diego. The
purpose of the Association was to advance the study of marine sciences. Ritter was appointed as its first director and
supervised the activities of temporary research stations in San Diego Bay. In 1905, the Association leased property above
La Jolla Cove and established a marine laboratory. Ms. Scripps added a codicil to her will in 1909 bequeathing a gift to the
Regents of the University of California for a permanent marine biological station, and construction of the first building on
the current campus, the George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Biological Laboratory, was completed in 1910. In July of 1912,
the Association deeded its property to the Regents and became the Scripps Institution for Biological Research, formally
becoming part of the UC System. In 1925, it was renamed the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
OFF-SITE STORAGE
COLLECTION STORED OFF-SITE. ALLOW ONE WEEK FOR RETRIEVAL OF MATERIALS.
Preferred Citation
Marine Biological Association of San Diego Records and Photographs, SAC 37. Special Collections & Archives, UC San Diego.
Restrictions
Glass plate negatives are restricted; however, most have been digitized and are available for viewing through links in the
container list.
Related Materials
Subjects and Indexing Terms
La Jolla (San Diego, Calif.) -- Photographs
Fitch, Herbert R. (Herbert Richardson), 1868-1958 -- Photographs
Marine Biological Association of San Diego (Calif.) -- Archives
Marine Biological Association of San Diego (Calif.) -- Photographs
Ritter, William Emerson, 1856-1944 -- Photographs
Scripps Institution for Biological Research
RECORDS

Box 1, Folder 1

Record of meeting minutes 1903-1911

Bylaws, page 1 1904 http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb25950501

General

Includes a manuscript draft of the original bylaws for the Association (page 1 has been
digitized and can be viewed by clicking on the link below). Minutes document informal
and regular meetings, including the first meeting of the Board of Trustees; drafts of
correspondence to Ellen B. Scripps and the Regents; and a 1910-11 financial report.

Box 1, Folder 2

Scrapbook of documents and meeting minutes ca. 1901-1923

General

Includes account ledgers and financial reports, constitution and bylaws documents for the
Scripps Institution for Biological Research, correspondence, Board of Directors meeting
minutes, and notes on policies and development of the campus. Includes a typewritten
speech by Francis Sumner entitled "The Scripps Institution," ca. 1923.

Box 1, Folder 3

Association checkbook undated

Articles of Incorporation certificate 1904 May 13

Box 1, Folder 18

Marine Biological Association - Property transfer 1907-1912

General

The Association's property was officially transferred to the University of California on July
1, 1912. At this time, the official name became the Scripps Institution of Biological
Research.

Box 1, Folder 19

Scripps Institution of Biological Research - Property transfer 1912-1920

Box 1, Folder 20

Scripps Institution of Biological Research - Constitution and by-laws 1912

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Newspaper clippings about the Association 1903-1904

PHOTOGRAPHS

Scope and Content of Series

Series 2) PHOTOGRAPHS. Includes glass plate negatives and original and copy prints,
arranged in two subseries: A) Prints and Glass Negatives, and B) Mounted Exhibition Prints.
Subseries B contains images by photographer Herbert Fitch of the Association’s La Jolla
locale, facilities, and collecting grounds on beaches in San Diego. The Fitch prints were
mounted on boards and displayed for an exhibition on the Association’s activities circa 1906.
Selected photographs and negatives from this series have been digitized and can be viewed
by clicking on the links in the container list.

Prints and Glass Negatives

Box 1, Folder 4

Wooden laboratory sheds, Point Loma 1903 http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb9250223k

Staff of the Marine Biological Association of San Diego, Hotel del Coronado
boathouse summer laboratory 1904 June

B&w prints

General

A duplicate of this image from the Tillie Genter Papers has been scanned and is
available through the UC San Diego Library Digital Collections website.
Subjects identified as: Front row, l-r: J. F. Bovard, Effie Rigden Michener, Alice
Robertson, Calvin O. Esterly. Back row, l-r: Robert D. Williams, B. D. Billinghurst,

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Prints and Glass Negatives

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**Interior, laboratory above La Jolla Cove ca. 1905**

Box 1, Folder 6

**B&w prints**

General

A duplicate of one of these images from the Tillie Genter Papers has been scanned and is available through the digital library.

Box 2, Folder 2

**Glass plate negatives**

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Box 1, Folder 7

**Schooner Loma 1906**

**General**

Label on verso: "...Large residence on Point Loma in the background was that of Dr. Fred Baker."

A duplicate of this image in subseries A) Mounted Exhibition Prints has been scanned and may be viewed by clicking on the link in the container list.

Box 1, Folder 8

**Building site of the Marine Biological Association of San Diego, La Jolla 1908 July**

**General**

Four original black and white prints. Subjects include station grounds, distribution of vegetation, the undeveloped building site (looking north). Verso signed "Kelsey, Photo."

Box 1, Folder 9

**B&w prints**

Box 2, Folder 3

**Glass plate negative**

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Box 1, Folder 10

**William E. Ritter reading in his apartment on the second floor of the George H. Scripps Memorial Biological Laboratory 1909 November 7**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb9762348h

Box 1, Folder 11

**B&w prints**

Box 2, Folder 5

**Glass plate negative**

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Box 1, Folder 12

**William and Mary Ritter in their apartment on the second floor of the George H. Scripps Memorial Biological Laboratory 1909 November 7**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb01376906

Box 1, Folder 12

**B&w prints**
### Prints and Glass Negatives

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**Director's study, George H. Scripps Memorial Biological Laboratory ca. 1910**

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**William E. Ritter on the steps of the George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Laboratory, with Mary Ritter in automobile ca. 1910**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb2936351d

**George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Biological Laboratory and seawater tower 1910**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb96940944

**George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Biological Laboratory and seawater tower 1910**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb1263979c

**View of the Marine Biological Association of San Diego from top of hill, La Jolla ca. 1910**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb6827174z

**Clay model of San Pedro Channel and Santa Barbara Channel ca. 1910**

http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb8704319t

**Upstairs laboratory, George H. Scripps Memorial Biological Laboratory 1911 December 30**

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**George H. Scripps Memorial Biological Laboratory and Scripps Library 1925**

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**Scripps Library 1925**

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**Mounted Exhibition Prints**

**Box 4, Folder 1**
Devil's Slide, La Jolla showing close proximity of two formations ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb5257056b

**Box 4, Folder 2**
Cathedral Rock, La Jolla, now destroyed ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb39259875

**Box 4, Folder 3**
Shore, consisting of sandstone and accompanying concretions at La Jolla. Residence of Miss Scripps ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb1434496h

**Box 4, Folder 4**
Sandstone cliffs showing erosion of upper stratum ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb9966995d

**Box 4, Folder 5**
Beach and cliffs north of caves ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb66222577

**Box 4, Folder 6**
Bird Rock looking west at low tide. A favorite collecting ground for marine biological collectors ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb5803136b

**Box 4, Folder 7**
Bird Rock collecting ground at high tide ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb45403276

**Box 4, Folder 8**
False Bay collecting ground at low tide ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb27996963

**Box 4, Folder 9**
False Bay collecting ground at high tide, showing island sandspit ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb00692943

**Box 4, Folder 10**
Bird Rock collecting ground at low tide ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb61444350

**Box 5, Folder 1**
Schooner Loma donated by E.W. Scripps, fitted with working boom and dredge, run by gasoline engine and fitted with hoisting apparatus ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb3925986n

**Box 5, Folder 2**
Laboratory in foreground looking east, with residences in the background ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb41990231

**Box 5, Folder 3**
Rocks at south La Jolla, covered with sea-weed ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb0239947x

**Box 5, Folder 4**
Alligator Head looking south ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb5700746x

**Box 5, Folder 5**
Interior of one of the caves, La Jolla ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb92502662

**Box 5, Folder 6**
Gold Fish Point, La Jolla, concretions ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb7509636n

**Box 5, Folder 7**
The caves, La Jolla, looking north ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb8362884x

**Box 5, Folder 8**
Sandstone rocks forming coast of north La Jolla ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb5188796m

**Box 5, Folder 9**
Cliffs, Pacific Beach, looking north. Pliocene strata fossil shells ca. 1906
http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4949884w