Tillie Genter Papers

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Abstract: Tillie Genter's papers and photograph collection, assembled over the course of her career from 1919-1948 as secretary to three consecutive directors at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
Creator: Genter, Tillie

Biography
Tillie Genter (1893-1955) was secretary to three consecutive directors at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography from 1919 until her retirement in 1948: William Emerson Ritter, Thomas Wayland Vaughan, and Harald Ulrik Sverdrup. Throughout her career she collected photographs documenting the campus, history, and personnel of SIO.

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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of Tillie Genter’s papers and photographs, gathered over the course of her career from 1919-1944 as secretary to three consecutive directors at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO). The 250 photographic prints and approximately 170 negatives document the early years of the Marine Biological Association of San Diego, and its evolution into SIO at its current location in La Jolla, California. The collection includes images of buildings, the campus site, research vessels, faculty and staff by local photographers Harry Erickson and Herbert Fitch, although the creators of most of the photographs are unidentified. The papers include miscellaneous material relating to Genter's career and the history of SIO, including early construction documents for Irving J. Gill buildings and the pier. The collection is arranged in two series: 1) PHOTOGRAPHS & NEGATIVES and 2) PAPERS.

Digital Content
Selected photographs from this collection have been digitized and can be viewed through links in the container list, or by clicking the link below.

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Related Materials
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Erickson, Harry A. -- Photographs
Fitch, Herbert R. -- Photographs
Genter, Tillie -- Archives
Marine Biological Association of San Diego (Calif.). -- Photographs
Scripps Institution of Oceanography. -- Photographs
La Jolla (San Diego, Calif.) -- Photographs
Photographs -- California -- San Diego -- 20th century
PHOTOGRAPHS & NEGATIVES

Scope and Content of Series
The PHOTOGRAPHS & NEGATIVES are arranged in five topical subseries: A) SIO Campus & Buildings, B) Ships, C) People, D) Places, and E) Animals.

SIO Campus & Buildings

Box 1, Folder 1-2
Panoramas and landscapes
ca. 1910 - 1935

General note
Selected photographs in these folders have been digitized.

Looking south at campus, ca. 1920
View toward campus at low tide, 1912 February
Long Beach Dairy at La Jolla Shores, 1910
Looking east from pier, 1935 May
Fitch, Herbert. Campus of Scripps Institution for Biological Research, 1923 Summer
Erickson, Harry. Aerial view of SIO and pier, 1932
Campus, 1935 May 15
Campus, 1935 May 15
Campus, 1935 May 15
Scripps Institution for Biological Research, 1915
Erickson, Harry. Campus, 1933 October
Looking southwest, 1935 May 15
Campus and tennis courts, 1935 May 15

Oversize Map
Case 119-01
Oversize
General note
Includes a 1935 aerial photograph of the SIO campus, and an undated southwest-facing photograph of campus with La Jolla Cove in the background.

Box 1, Folder 3
Scripps Laboratory and Library buildings ca. 1925 - 1930

General note
Selected photographs in this folder have been digitized.

Fitch, Herbert. Library front view, 1926 August
Fitch, Herbert. Library and George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Biological Laboratory, 1926 August
Fitch, Herbert. George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Biological Laboratory and the Scripps Library buildings, 1926 August

Box 1, Folder 4
Little Green Laboratory at La Jolla Cove 1905

General note
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Little Green Laboratory, 1905
Little Green Laboratory, 1905
Plankton specimen collection, 1905
Little Green Laboratory, 1905

Box 1, Folder 5
George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Laboratory 1910

Box 1, Folder 6
Marine Sediments Laboratory 1933 October

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Aground at low tide, 1940 March
R/V Scripps 1930 - 1935

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Deep-sea gauge, ca. 1935
Plankton net, 1935 August 1
R/V Scripps, 1935 May 15

Box 1, Folder 17

U.S. Fisheries Steamer Albatross 1904

General note
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Trawl net, 1904 March
Sigsbee Sounding Machine, 1904 March
Albatross, ca. 1904
Albatross, ca. 1904
Henry Bryant Bigelow with goat on deck, 1904 March
Ship deck, 1904
Ship deck, 1904

Box 1, Folder 18

Miscellaneous ships ca. 1910 - 1935

General note
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Box 1, Folder 17

Taking samples 1935 November
Taking samples, 1935 November

People

Individuals

Box 1, Folder 19

Denis Llewellyn Fox 1936

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Box 1, Folder 18

Portrait 1936

Portrait, 1936

Box 1, Folder 20-21

Tillie Genter ca. 1910 - 1934

General note
Includes professional portraits, candid shots and Genter at work.

Box 1, Folder 22

Bjorn Helland-Hansen 1935

Box 1, Folder 23

Blodwen Lloyd 1935

General note
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Portrait, 1935 October
Blodwen Lloyd and Bjorn Helland-Hansen, 1935 October

Box 1, Folder 24

George Francis McEwen ca. 1920 - 1935

General note
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George Francis McEwen and Bjorn Helland-Hansen, 1935 October
A.F. Gorton and George Francis McEwen, undated

Box 2, Folder 1

Roger Revelle undated
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Grounds staff

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography staff, 1936 August 30

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography staff, 1936 August 30

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 1939

Box 2, Folder 11

U.S. Air Force meteorology training class 1944

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U.S. Air Force meteorology training class 1944

General note

Box 2, Folder 12

Miscellaneous people ca. 1904 - 1920

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Denis Llewellyn Fox playing with monkeys near Hotel Del Coronado 1904

Denis Llewellyn Fox playing with monkeys near Hotel Del Coronado, 1904

Box 2, Folder 13

Places

Box 2, Folder 13

Places ca. 1900 - 1927

General note
Includes Del Mar Natatorium and miscellaneous ocean scenes.

Oversize Map

Case 119-01

Plat of the Easterly Portion of the La Jolla Park 1906 October 22

General note
Board of Public Works, City Engineer's Office, San Diego.

Box 2, Folder 14

Animals

Box 2, Folder 14

Animals ca. 1915-1940

General note
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Giant seabass ca. 1915
Three men with giant sea bass on Scripps pier, ca. 1915
Striped guitarfish 1937 August
Striped guitarfish, 1937 August

PAPERS

Professional
General note
Includes Genter's clerical files and notes.

Box 2, Folder 15
Specifications of the materials and workmanship required and to be furnished for the erection of the Biological Station to be constructed for The University of California ca. 1909
General note
Irving J. Gill, architect.

Box 2, Folder 16
Proposed Pier for Biological Station 1912 December 23
General note
Letter detailing construction bid. Gough & Trounce, civil and construction engineers.

Box 2, Folder 17
"Dr. Dooley Visits the Biological Station" 1917
General note
Comic short story about a fictional visit to the Biological Station based on the Mr. Dooley articles of Finley Peter Dunne.

Box 2, Folder 18
Clerical notes 1910 - 1942

Biographical

Box 2, Folder 19
Christmas card 1943
Languages: English
General note
All materials in this folder have been digitized.
SIO in the snow, drawn by Martin Wiggo Johnson.

Box 2, Folder 20
Christmas card, 1943
Greetings card celebrating Tillie Genter's 25th anniversary at Scripps 1944 October 1
Languages: English
General note
Signed by SIO staff.

Oversize Map
Case 119-01
Celebration of retirement 1948 May
Languages: English
General note
Poster signed by SIO staff.

Box 2, Folder 21
Program, Tillie Genter Memorial Service 1955 August 23
Languages: English