Stockton Poetry Society Papers, 1940-1960

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Stockton Poetry Society papers

Dates: 1940-1960

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Collector: Stockton Poetry Society

Collection Size: .5 linear feet

Repository: University of the Pacific. Library. Holt-Atherton Dept. of Special Collections
Stockton, California 95211

Abstract: Collection consists of published poems and unpublished manuscripts and typescripts by the approximately forty members of the Society.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History

This society, the membership of which was chiefly female, flourished on the periphery of the College of the Pacific, the American Association of University Women, and the various local historical societies for about 25 years. Many of its members lived in cities other than Stockton, some as far away as the sierra foothills. Some published regularly in local and regional newspapers. A few, such as Lirrell Starling, placed their work with national magazines. Theodosia Benjamin, lifelong San Joaquin resident and descendent of one of the region's first settlers, was probably the society’s chief organizer and financial backer.

Scope and Content of Collection

Papers consist of poems by members of the Stockton Poetry Society. The subject matter of many of these is local scenery and local history. There is also a sizable body of material relating to the events of World War II.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Stockton (Calif.) - Poetry
California - Poetry
Stockton Poetry Society
Box 1

Physical Description: Manuscripts in alphabetical order by author, including: