

Finding aid of the John A. Sanborn papers 0027

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Title: John A. Sanborn papers

Collection number: 0027

Contributing Institution: USC Libraries Special Collections

Language of Material: English

Storage Unit: 1

Physical Description: 1.25 Linear feet 1 box

Date (inclusive): 1909-1942

Abstract: This collection contains the diaries kept by John A. Sanborn (1850-1942) between 1909 and 1942. Sanborn was a farmer who lived in Covina and Compton, California.

creator: Sanborn, John A., 1850-1942

Biographical Note

John A. Sanborn was born in Illinois on January 21, 1850 and died in Southern California on July 24, 1942. He grew oranges and other produce in Covina, California, until 1922, when he moved to Compton.

Acquisition

The John A. Sanborn papers were donated to USC in 1967 by Edith Sanborn, the daughter of the collection's creator.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the diaries kept by John A. Sanborn, a farmer and resident of Covina and Compton, California, for the years 1909-1942. For every day from January 1, 1909, until his death on July 24, 1942, Sanborn kept a brief record of his cash account, the weather and his activities. Most of the clippings and other ephemera found in the diaries have been separated into subject files and annotated with the date by which they were found. Included in the collection are clippings about the March 10, 1933, Long Beach earthquake and photographs documenting the collapse of buildings in Compton.

Preferred Citation

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Sanborn, John A., 1850-1942 -- Archives

California, Southern--History--Archival resources

Clippings

Compton (Calif.)--Archival resources

Compton (Calif.)--Photographs

Covina (Calif.)--Archival resources

Diaries

Earthquake damage--California, Southern--20th century--Archival resources

Earthquakes--California--Long Beach--1933--Archival resources

Ephemera

Farm life--California, Southern--Archival resources

Long Beach (Calif.)--Archival resources

Photographs

Box 1

Diaries 1909-1942

Scope and Content

34 bound volumes

- Box 1, Folder 1 **Photographs of Compton in the aftermath of the 1933 Long Beach, California, earthquake, 1933 March 10**
 Scope and Content
 23 items.
- Newspaper Clippings**
- Box 1, Folder 2 **Letters to the Editor**
 Scope and Content
 Clippings of Letters to the Editor written by John A. Sanborn and published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram. Clippings deal primarily with Long Beach civic issues, including sewage drainage and the build-up of the Port of Long Beach. (25 items.)
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Articles about health and religion**
 Scope and Content
 Clippings about health and religion. Many of the clippings were taken from Sanborn's diaries and are marked on the back with the day from which they were taken.
- Box 1, Folder 4 **Articles about the 1933 earthquake**
 Scope and Content
 Clippings of the coverage of the 1933 Long Beach earthquake. (10 items)
- Box 1, Folder 5 **Articles about state and national affairs**
 Scope and Content
 Clippings about state and national affairs. (27 items)
- Box 1, Folder 6 **Articles about people and places of Southern California, primarily Compton and Covina, California and inspirational and poetry columns.**
 Scope and Content
 Clippings about people and places of Southern California, primarily Compton and Covina, California and of inspirational and poetry columns. (49 items)
- Miscellaneous**
- Box 1, Folder 7 **Ticket to Los Angeles Olympic Games, 1932 August 4**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Birthday Postcard**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Father's Day card**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Ink blotter with advertisement**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Christmas postcard**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Drawings**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Envelope**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Daily calendar page**
Box 1, Folder 7 **Christmas gift tag**