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## Howard S.F. Randolph "La Jolla Year by Year" Papers, 1869-1951

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Howard S.F. Randolph "La Jolla Year by Year" Papers, 1869-1951

**Dates:** 1869 - 1951

**Collection Number:** DB003

**Creator/Collector:** La Jolla Historical Society

**Extent:** 1 linear ft.

**Repository:** La Jolla Historical Society

La Jolla, California 92037

**Abstract:** The Randolph "La Jolla Year by Year" papers, 1869-1951, document the correspondence and other materials used to research Randolph's history of La Jolla. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence to and from Mr. Randolph during the period 1942 through 1951, as well as notes from newspapers and other sources spanning the period 1869 through 1940. While the majority of the correspondents were located in the La Jolla and San Diego area, others resided in Midwestern and Eastern states. A container list is available by clicking "additional collection guides" to your right.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**

The Collection is open for research

**Publication Rights**

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**Acquisition Information**

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**Biography/Administrative History**

Howard S.F. Randolph was a historian and genealogist from New England and a former editor of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Magazine. Randolph advocated greater recognition of local history in the community, particularly regarding La Jolla's development during the 1880s and '90s. Working with the Library Association of La Jolla, Randolph established a Historical Committee that gathered photographs and documentation resulting in his seminal book "La Jolla: Year by Year." The book's publication triggered increased interest in local history among La Jollans. With the community's support, Randolph's collection grew, becoming the nucleus of the collection of images and documents maintained today by the La Jolla Historical Society. The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life. The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and prehistoric artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 700 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings. Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1964. Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also renovated and now houses the Collection in a state-of-the-art collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes, sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The Randolph "La Jolla: Year by Year" papers, 1869-1951, consist primarily of correspondence (1942-1951) responding to a questionnaire formulated by Randolph to document individual respondents' recollections of early La Jolla families, institutions and events. While the majority of the correspondents were located in the La Jolla and San Diego area, others resided in Midwestern and Eastern states. Of particular note was the June 16, 1943, letter from Addie P. Terrill with notes taken from the Frank Botsford diaries. Genealogical research notes included the following families: Boodey, Botsford,

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Eligood, Furber, Griffin, Harwood, Held, Kelley, Lee, Libby, McGilvery, Mills, Morrill, and Mudgett. Several of the families are described with multigenerational lineage charts. The correspondence documented various La Jolla infrastructure topics: water, utilities, sewers, rail transportation, as well as the development of: churches (Presbyterian, Union Church), public facilities (library, post office, and schools), social organizations (bath house, Beach and Tennis Club, Woman's Club) and various businesses. A separate group of items includes hand drawn maps and notes from newspaper articles. A container list is available by clicking "additional collection guides" to your right.

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