

Guide to the Clifton F. Smith Papers
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Administrative Information

Acc. Number: MSS-05
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Extent: 15 linear feet (23 boxes, including 380 photos), and 2 oversize folders of maps

Creator: Smith, Clifton F.

Acquisition Information: Several hundred books were acquired in 1988 from Clif Smith. The rest of the materials were a bequest from the estate of Clif Smith in 1999.

Finding aid created by Laurie Hannah, 2004.

Related Material

A selection of over 400 books on botany and California history from Smith's personal collection have been added to the Library. Research materials on fire and the chaparral are located in the Library office vertical files, and several reprint collections acquired by Smith are interspersed between the Herbarium and Library reprint files. The photograph collection is being indexed separately.

Access: The collection is available for research use.

Biography

Clif Smith was probably the most well-known taxonomic botanist in Santa Barbara. He wrote the definitive book on plants of the Santa Barbara region and was consulted by botanists from far and near. He was equally known for being an avid collector of artifacts about the history of Santa Barbara and the central coast region. Besides books, magazines, and other publications which augmented his botanical history of the area, his collections also included postal covers, post cards, fine art created by local artists, cattle brands, bottles, and other ephemera that documented the businesses and activities of the city, county, and surrounding region from the mid-1800s to recent times. Most of these collections were dispersed to friends, local libraries, or sold at auction.

Chronology

Born in Santa Barbara, CA	25 Feb. 1920
Graduated from Santa Barbara High School	1938
Enrolled in the Tree Study Course at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (SBBG)	1943
Worked at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden	1943-1952
First article Botanical Relicts published	1949
A Flora of Santa Barbara published	1952
Graduated from Santa Barbara State College (now UCSB)	1953

Herbarium curator at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH)	1955
Became librarian and botanist at SBMNH	1956
Published A Flora of the Santa Barbara Region	1976
Retired from the Museum	1985
Became Herbarium Associate at SBBG	1985
Published 2nd edition of Flora	1998
Died at home in Santa Barbara, age 79	6 March 1999

Scope and Content

Research notes, correspondence, publications, photographs, maps, printed matter, and memorabilia are included in this collection. The bulk of the textual materials constitute two series: 1)Regional history files, illustrating the history of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties, and 2)research materials and drafts for Smith's main publication A Flora of the Santa Barbara Region, in its two editions. Smith interfiled notes, correspondence, and published materials into subject folders, instead of keeping separate files for different types of materials. Ephemeral materials, such as advertisements, newspaper clippings, promotional brochures, menus, napkins, invitations, and stationery are interspersed throughout the subject files, although there are several separate ephemera folders. Subjects pertaining to regional history represented in the collection include education, events, missions, ranching, art, organizations, and business. Research materials for Smith's books focus on the natural history and vegetation of Santa Barbara County and the northern Channel Islands, with an emphasis on plant distribution, ethnobotanical uses of native plants, rare plants, and the history of exploration and plant collection in the region. A separate series of field notebooks and card files on individual plants is kept in the Garden Herbarium and corresponds to plant specimens collected by Smith.

The photograph series contains approximately 380 items depicting the Santa Barbara region from the late 1800s to the present. Topics include landscapes, plants, buildings, missions, transportation, events, and people. Formats are mostly black and white prints of various sizes with some transparencies.

The memorabilia series contains personal items used by Smith, such as his typewriter, or items, often humorous, created for him by friends.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged according to the following series:

Series 1: Biographical materials

Series 2: Correspondence

Series 3: Regional history files

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Subseries 3.2: Channel Island files

Series 4: Publications

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Subseries 4.3: Other Publications

Series 5: Field notebooks and card files

Series 6: Photographs

Series 7: Oversize materials [maps, clippings]

Series 8: Memorabilia

Subject files are arranged alphabetically and usually chronologically within folders. Other series are arranged alphabetically with the exception of folders relating to Smith's Flora. These are arranged according to chapters in the book, from botanical history, vegetation, plant communities, and localities, to individual plant descriptions. Drafts with corrections follow.

Indexing Terms (these terms can be used in the library online catalog)

Smith, Clifton F.

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Santa Barbara County (Calif.)— History — Photographs.

Santa Barbara County (Calif.) — Description and travel.

San Luis Obispo County (Calif.) — History.

Ventura County (Calif.) — History.

Channel Islands (Calif.)

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