

## Donor Based Collections, DB

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Donor Based Collections

**Dates:** 1869 - Present

**Collection Number:** DB

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

**Extent:** 72 Collections/298 linear feet

**Repository:** La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, California 92037

**Abstract:** The Donor Based Collection is made up of photographs, ephemera and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. This Collection consists of 72 separate Collections donated by a family, organization or individual as a concerted, individually curated Collection. The topics pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A list of Collections follows.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access:** The Collection is open for research

**Publication Rights:** The La Jolla Historical Society holds the copyright to any unpublished materials

**Preferred Citation:** Courtesy of the La Jolla Historical Society

**Acquisition Information:** DB

**Biography/Administrative History:** 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 archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 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 1963.

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 modern 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 of the museum profession. 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 Donor Based Collection is made up of photographs, ephemera and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. This Collection consists of 72 separate Collections donated by a family, organization or individual as a concerted, individually curated Collection. The topics pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A list of Collections follows.

### List of Collections:

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| DB001 | Optimist Club of La Jolla and La Jolla Opti-Mrs. Club Collection |
| DB002 | Sandra Spalding Collection                                       |
| DB003 | Howard S.F. Randolph "La Jolla Year by Year" Papers, 1869 - 1951 |
| DB004 | Little Folks Shop Collection                                     |
| DB005 | Barbara Dawson Walking Tours Collection                          |
| DB006 | Robert Kyle Richards Collection                                  |
| DB008 | La Jolla Light Photograph Collection                             |
| DB009 | La Jolla Woman's Club and Las Socias Nuevas Club Collection      |
| DB010 | Sun Gold Point Homeowners Association Collection                 |
| DB012 | St Germaine Auxiliary Collection                                 |
| DB013 | La Jolla Welfare League Collection                               |
| DB015 | Lenna Cheng Collection   |
| DB016 | Anson Mills Diaries  |
| DB017 | Jethro Swain Diaries   |
| DB018 | Thomas Shepherd Travel Collection                                |
| DB019 | Kimble Family Collection   |
| DB020 | La Jolla Stage Company Collection                                |
| DB021 | Dr. Joseph Klatt Real Estate Collection                          |
| DB022 | Barber Tract Neighborhood Association Collection                 |
| DB023 | Hiomi Nakamura Family Photograph Album                           |
| DB024 | Bonnie Strong and Fred Livingston Collection                     |
| DB025 | La Jolla Town Council Collection                                 |
| DB026 | Patricia Dahlberg Collection                                     |
| DB027 | Revelle Family Collection  |
| DB028 | Soroptimist Club of La Jolla Collection                          |
| DB029 | Ellen Browning Scripps Garden Controversy Collection             |
| DB030 | Hopi House/ Coonley Family Collection                            |
| DB031 | Howell Family Collection   |
| DB032 | Alma Barkley Cartoon Collection                                  |
| DB033 | Cliff May Collection   |
| DB034 | Frances Bertody Sumner Collection                                |
| DB035 | James McDonald Collection  |
| DB036 | Jane Cassidy Collection  |
| DB037 | Khan Political Cartoon Collection                                |
| DB038 | Deena Clark Collection   |
| DB039 | Village Garden Club Collection                                   |
| DB040 | La Jolla Garden Club Collection                                  |
| DB041 | Lounsberry Film Collection                                       |
| DB042 | Edgar Ullrich Collection   |
| DB043 | John Cole's Bookstore Receipts Collection                        |
| DB044 | Bailey Gallison Collection                                       |
| DB045 | Snell Family Collection  |
| DB046 | Michelle Montjoy Collection                                      |
| DB047 | Okey Family History Collection                                   |
| DB048 | Helen Miller Collection  |

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| DB049 | Roy Drew Collection                                     |
| DB050 | John Paige Collection                                   |
| DB051 | Community Theatre of La Jolla Collection                |
| DB052 | La Jolla Conservation Society Collection                |
| DB054 | La Jolla Chamber of Commerce Collection                 |
| DB055 | Bird Rock Community Council Collection                  |
| DB056 | Daughters of the British Empire Collection              |
| DB058 | Soroptimist Vaudeville Show Collection                  |
| DB059 | Dale Naegle Architectural Collection                    |
| DB060 | Martin's Pharmacy Scripts Collection                    |
| DB061 | Anita Figueredo Doyle Collection                        |
| DB062 | La Jolla Shores Association Collection                  |
| DB063 | Ken Haygood Collection                                  |
| DB064 | Katleen Bennett Collection                              |
| DB065 | Florence DeWinter Platt Collection                      |
| DB066 | Robert F. Wilson Family Collection                      |
| DB067 | La Jolla Village Community Association Collection       |
| DB068 | Brooke Dunn Collection                                  |
| DB069 | Martin Stern Collection/Public Utilities Commission     |
| DB070 | Fred and Marilyn Livingstone Collection                 |
| DB071 | Collection of photographs/postcards of La Jolla History |
| DB073 | Su Casa Restaurant Collection                           |
| DB074 | Thomas Shepherd Collection                              |
| DB075 | Island Architects Collection                            |
| DB076 | Rice Family Collection                                  |
| DB077 | Joseph Gunsaulus Photograph Album Collection            |