

Edythe Scripps Postcard Collection, VM011

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Edythe Scripps Postcard Collection, VM011

Dates: 1900 – 1970s

Collection Number: VM011

Creator/Collector: La Jolla Historical Society

Extent: 80 postcards

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

Abstract: The La Jolla Historical Society's Edythe Scripps Postcard Collection VM011 consists of 80 postcards comprised of fourteen linen cards, seventeen chromolithograph cards, twenty-one chrome cards, two black and white cards, and twenty-six real photo cards. See list of headings under "additional collection guides."

Language of Material: English

Access: The Collection is open for research

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Acquisition Information: VM011

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.

Edythe Henderson Scripps was born on November 19, 1919, in Rochester, New York and is descended from families prominent in the newspaper business and the commercial seed business. She attended finishing school in Washington, DC's Mount Vernon Seminary. A San Diego resident for sixty years, she married John Paul Scripps, descendant of E.W. Scripps, in December of 1939 and divorced in 1975. She was known for her generous contributions to cultural and civic causes. A member of both the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of Colonial Dames, she was also active in Las Patronas. She is best known for donating \$40,000 to move a controversial sculpture from the front of Green Hospital at Scripps Clinic, where she died in 2002.

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Postcard Headings:

Aerials: 1
Alligator Head: 1
Bathhouses: 2
Bishop's School: 2
Business District: 1
Casa de Manana: 2
Caves: 5
Children's Pool: 2
Cove: 7
Devil's Slide: 1
Emerald Cove: 2
General Shoreline: 19
Goldfish Point: 1
La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club: 3
La Jolla Women's Club: 1
La Valencia Hotel: 2
Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church: 1
Scripps Institution of Oceanography: 3
Scripps Metabolic Clinic/Memorial Hospital: 3
Scripps Park: 1
Sphinx Head: 1
St. James Episcopal Church: 1
Sunny Jim Cave: 1
Surfers: 1
Torrey Pines Lodge: 1
Torrey Pines State Beach: 1
Torrey Pines State Park: 4
University of California San Diego: 8
White Lady Cave: 2