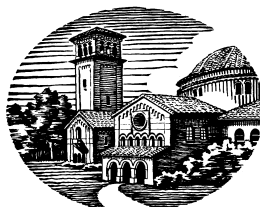


# W. H. Hutchinson Local History & Politics Collection

## MSS 066



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### Collection Summary

#### Title

W. H. Hutchinson Local History & Politics Collection, 1934 – 1989

#### Call Number

MSS 066

#### Creator

W. H. Hutchinson, 1910--1990

#### Language of Materials

English

#### Extent

Items: 13 boxes

Linear Feet: 4.5

#### Abstract

The collection contains research materials on Chico and Butte County civic and political activities.

# Information for Researchers

## Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research without restriction.

## Usage Restrictions

No restrictions.

## Publication Rights

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

## Alternate Form of Material

No other forms of material.

## Acquisition Information

J. Walter Rogers Jr.

## Processing Information

Processed by:

Encoded by:

## Preferred Citation

W. H. Hutchinson Local History & Politics Collection, MSS 066, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.

## Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

[California State University, Chico.](#)

[California State University, Chico -- Faculty.](#)

[Republican Party \(Calif.\)](#)

[Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 -- Protest movements -- United States.](#)

[Chico \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

[Butte County \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

## Related Collections

MSS 047, W. H. Hutchinson Papers

MSS 072, W. H. Hutchinson Diamond Match Company and Lumber Collection

## Biographical Note

William Henry (“Old Hutch”) Hutchinson was born on August 13, 1911, in Denver, Colorado. He attended school in Oxford, Mississippi; Newark, New Jersey; Denver, Colorado, and Redondo Beach, California. He earned his master’s degree from Chico State College in 1961.

He worked at various times as a horse wrangler, a cowboy, a boiler fireman, and a mucker in mines. During the Depression, Hutchinson worked as Chief Purser on passenger vessels. During World War II, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Maritime Service where he saw duty in the South Pacific, North Atlantic, and Mediterranean.

After the war, Hutchinson moved to Butte County and became a freelance writer. He sold more than 150 fact and fiction articles to a variety of popular magazines. He also wrote, narrated, and produced several historical pageants on California, and had his own

weekly radio and television shows. Hutchinson authored 15 books, one of which, Oil, Land and Politics: The California Career of Thomas R. Bard, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He also worked as a columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle and frequently contributed to the Chico Enterprise-Record. Hutchinson taught part-time at Chico State College, Sonoma State College, and San Francisco State between 1953 and 1964. Hutchinson served as a full-time faculty member at Chico from fall 1964 until his retirement in 1978.

Hutchinson died of a heart attack in Chico on March 11, 1990.

### **Scope and Content/Collection Overview**

The collection contains personal correspondence, a large sample of Chico and Butte County civic and political activities (1965-1989), Chico and Butte County history, Butte County Republican party material (1965-1970), material on faculty issues at California State University, Chico (CSUC), and papers relating to various CSUC student protests, primarily Vietnam War related.

### **Arrangement in the following series:**

Butte County Government  
Local History  
Political Issues  
Republican Party  
Vietnam War  
Chico State  
Correspondence

### **Material Cataloged Separately**

No material cataloged separately.

### **Detailed Description of the Collection**

#### **Box 1: Butte County Government**

Folder 1: Butte County Monthly Activity Report. 1968-1969  
Folder 2: Directory of Butte County Schools. 1968-1970  
Folder 3: Butte County Progress report in the study of Fiscal Independence.  
Folder 4: Butte County Grand Jury Manual. 1967  
Folder 5: Butte County Miscellaneous Publications. 1968-1969

#### **Box 2: Butte County Grand Jury/ Charter Study Comm.**

Folder 1: Grand Jury Papers. 1968-1969  
Folder 2: Grand Jury Reports. 1967  
Folder 3: Grand Jury Reports. 1968-1969  
Folder 4: Grand Jury Education Committee. 1968-1969  
Folder 5: Grand Jury Supervisors Response. 1970  
Folder 6: Grand Jury Minutes of Supervisors meetings  
Folder 7: Charter Commission. 1970  
Folder 8: Grand Jury Newspaper articles. 1970

### **Box 3: Local History**

- Folder 1: William F. Nelson. Letters. 1934
- Folder 2: Chico history. Newspaper Articles
- Folder 3: Bidwell Park. 1974-1975
- Folder 4: Humboldt Road notes.
- Folder 5: Town meetings. 1976
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous.
- Folder 7: Chico Events. Brochures, newsletters. 1969-1980

### **Box 4: Local History**

- Folder 1: Chico Events. 1975-1982
- Folder 2: Misc. Public Events and Activities. 1983
- Folder 3: Misc. Public Events and Activities. 1983-1984

### **Box 5: Local History**

- Folder 1: Local Events and Activities. 1986
- Folder 2: Chico Events. 1987
- Folder 3: Local Events and Activities. 1988
- Folder 4: Local Events and Activities. 1989

### **Box 6: Political Issues**

- Folder 1: Local Political Issues. 1979-1985
- Folder 2: Local Political Issues. 1987-1989
- Folder 3: State and National Political Issues. 1980-1986

### **Box 7: Elections and Campaigns**

- Folder 1: Elections. Brochures, Flyers, etc. 1956-1958
- Folder 2: Newspaper Clippings, misc. 1962-1964
- Folder 3: Political articles, general. 1963-1964
- Folder 4: Chet Meriam Campaign for congress, newspaper clippings. 1964
- Folder 5: Chet Meriam Campaign. 1964
- Folder 6: Political Campaign. 1964
- Folder 7: National Politics, newspaper clippings. 1964-1965
- Folder 8: Elections correspondence and clippings. 1966
- Folder 9: Regan & Kuchel. 1965-1967
- Folder 10: Correspondence and general. 1965-1969

### **Box 8: Politicians**

- Folder 1: Bizz Johnson.
- Folder 2: Politicians, Bizz Johnson. 1976-1980
- Folder 3: Politicians. 1987-1989
- Folder 4: Gene Chappie. 1980-1986
- Folder 5: Wally Herger. 1985-1989

Folder 6: Politicians, Nixon. 1968-1970  
Folder 7: Chico & Butte County Politicians.

**Box 9: Political**

Folder 1: Political organizations. 1967-1971  
Folder 2: Political papers, voter's material. 1968-1970  
Folder 3: Political papers, Republican candidate. 1968-1969  
Folder 4: Political Campaigns. 1970  
Folder 5: Political Papers, local elections. 1975  
Folder 6: Butte College, Bond Issue. 1970  
Folder 7: Elections, Political Advertisements. 1974-1976

**Box 10: Republican Party 1965-1970**

Folder 1: Chico Republican Assembly. 1964  
Folder 2: Butte County Republican Central Committee. 1965-1966  
Folder 3: Republican Central Committee and Chico Republican for Effective Action. 1966  
Folder 4: Republican Central Committee Correspondence. 1965-1970  
Folder 5: Butte County Republican Central Committee. 1967-1970  
Folder 6: Republican Vote Tabulations. 1968  
Folder 7: The Republican. 1967-1969  
Folder 8: Republican State Central Committee. 1966-1968  
Folder 9: Oroville area Republican's women's Club. 1968-1970  
Folder 10: Republican State Central Committee. 1967-1970

**Box 11: Vietnam War Issues**

Folder 1: Material on Vietnam War. 1964-1975  
Folder 2: Chico and Vietnam War. 1965-1971  
Folder 3: Citizen's Committee for Peace with Freedom  
Folder 4: Student Movements Articles. 1960-1970  
Folder 5: Student Arrest Clippings. 1965-1969  
Folder 6: Chico State College Protests. 1969-1972  
Folder 7: Chico Enterprise Record of student protests. 1969-1971  
Folder 8: Anti-Gun Crusade. 1975-1976

**Box 12: Chico State**

Folder 1: Education Articles. 1964-1971  
Folder 2: Cazier Speech to Faculty, "Refinement of Mission". 1972  
Folder 3: CSUC Faculty Issues.  
Folder 4: CSUC Clippings- programs. 1968-1978  
Folder 5: Collection Bargaining. 1969-1974  
Folder 6: Faculty Grant Awards Assn. 1975-1976  
Folder 7: CSUC Campus Buildings, Trinity Hall.  
Folder 8: The Beavers, CSUC Campus. 1978

**Box 13: Correspondence**

Folder 1: Correspondence to Matson Line Co. 1940

Folder 2: Correspondence to J. Walter Rogers, Jr. 1948-1955

Folder 3: Correspondence to J. Walter Rogers, Jr. 1956-1980

Folder 4: Correspondence of J. Walter Rogers, Jr. regarding W. H. Hutchinson.

Folder 5: Oral interview by William Lang.

Folder 6: Awards and Tributes.

Folder 7: Correspondence, Personal.