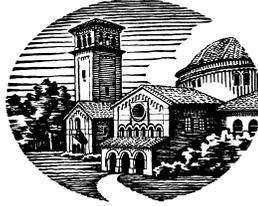


Ruby Johnson Swartzlow Papers

MSS 268



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Collection Summary

Title

Ruby Johnson Swartzlow Papers, 1928-1986

Call Number

MSS 268

Creator

[Swartzlow, Ruby Johnson.](#)

Language of Materials

English

Extent

Items: 5 boxes
Linear Feet: 2.33

Abstract

The papers mostly comprise research information on Peter Lassen, compiled by Ruby Swartzlow.

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.

Publication

Much of the material contained in this collection was compiled by Swartzlow for her book: Lassen: his life and legacy. Mineral Calif.: Loomis Museum Association, 1964.

Alternate Form of Material

No other forms of material.

Acquisition Information

Joan McDougal, September 13, 1996.

Processing Information

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Online Catalog Headings

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

[Lassen, Peter, 1800-1859.](#)

[Lassen Volcanic National Park \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

Related Collections

Henry Lind Lassen Trail Scrapbook, MSS 333, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.

Biographical/ Historical Note

Ruby Johnson Swartzlow, born in Wisconsin, received her M.A. degree in American History from the University of Missouri. She married her husband, Carl Swartzlow, in 1925 and a few years later the couple moved to California where Carl became a park naturalist at Lassen Volcanic National Park. Ruby began research on Peter Lassen during this time. The couple moved to Paradise, California in 1955 after Carl retired from the park service. Ruby began to write a book on Peter Lassen in the 1960s while also teaching a course on Northern California history in the Adult Education Department at Paradise High School.

Scope and Content/Collection Overview

This collection of Ruby Swartzlow's papers include a variety of items, most regarding her research on Peter Lassen and the publication of her book entitled, "Lassen: His Life and Legacy." Included are her publications in various journals, personal and business correspondence, research notes, photographs, books, travel brochures and newspaper articles. Also included are publication proofs and a published copy of her book.

Arrangement

Box 1: Photos and publications

- Box 2:** Books and booklets
- Box 3:** Peter Lassen research
- Box 4:** Peter Lassen research
- Box 5:** Book publication, Lassen talks and other papers

Material Cataloged Separately

A map of the marked historical sites of California [cartographic material] / compiled from the official registrations of the California State Department of Natural Resources by Phil Townsend Hanna and William Webb ; cartography by Lowell Butler ; drawings by Gordon Brusstar; color by Harry Diamond. [G4361 E635 1952 H3 \(Maps\)](#)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1: Photos and publications

- Folder 1: Photographs by Henry Lind- Lassen Trail (see MSS 333 Henry Lind Lassen trail scrapbook) 1941
- Folder 2: Photographs- Lassen Peak eruption circa 1914-1917
- Folder 3: Photographs- Lassen Trail, Lassen Monument 1932
- Folder 4: Photographs and negatives- Lassen’s home, Lassen monument dedication, copies for book, postcards, city of Farum in Denmark, reprinted drawings from the Huntington Library, photos and maps used in book. 1940s-1960s
- Folder 5: Photographs, slides and negatives- Lassen Monument, reproduced drawings for use in book. no date
- Folder 6: Postcards- from Butte County Historical Society of reprinted historic photographs. 1976
- Folder 7: Slides, Lassen trail, Lassen Volcanic National Park, Peter Lassen, Mount Lassen eruption, Henry Lind Lassen Trail Scrapbook (MSS 333) circa 1914-1917, 1961-1971
- Folder 8: Various publications
 - The Lassen Trail* by John Sweeny 1930
 - Reprint from Bulletin of the Department of Geology “A Recent Volcanic Eruption Near Lassen Peak, California” by Howel Williams 1928
 - Reprint from The Geographical Review “The Modoc 1931

Lava Field, Northern California” by Martin Peacock	
Reprint from American Mineralogist “Alteration of the Lavas Surrounding the Hot Springs in Lassen Volcanic National Park” by Charles Anderson	1935
Reprint from Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America “A New Seismograph Station at Mineral, California” by Carl Swartzlow	1939
Reprint from American Journal of Science “Hat Creek Lava Flow” by Charles Anderson	1940
Reprint from The Journal of Geology “Parallel Gullies On the Slopes of Lassen Peak” by Carl Swartzlow	1941
The Journal of Geology “Ice Caves in Northern California” by Carl Swartzlow	1935
The Aldebaran of Beta Phi Alpha “Lassen Volcanic National Park” by Ruby Swartzlow	1938
The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin “Carving a Second Career” by Ruby Swartzlow	1978
Lassen: His Life and Legacy by Ruby Swartzlow	1964

Box 2: Books and booklets

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<i>Peter Lassen’s Peniou, Bosquejo Rancho, 1844-1851.</i> by Earnest and Leo McCoy.	1965
Peter Lassen: Northern California’s Trail-Blazer. by Ruby Swartzlow.	no date
Quests for an Empire by John Dennis Harbison.	1977
Fort Defiance. by George Walcott Ames Jr.	1936
William Brown Ide family history. By Herbert Milton Cheever.	1975

Folder 2: Various publications-

California Historical Society Quarterly “Peter Lassen, Northern California’s Trail Blazer” by Ruby Swartzlow	1939
Butte County Historical Society Diggin’s Inc. “Mexican Land Grants in Butte County” by Margaret Edith Trussell	1972
The Covered Wagon, published by the Shasta Historical Society	1944
The Covered Wagon “The Noble Trail” by Ruby Swartzlow	1957
The Feather River Territorial “Lassen’s Inferno”	1960
American Forests Magazine “The Mountain that Breathes Fire” by Carl Swartzlow	1941
Nature Magazine “More than Just a Volcano” by Ruby Swartzlow	1937
Overland Journal “Peter Lassen and His Trail” by Andy Hammond	1986

Folder 3: Books and booklets-

Peter Lassen: His Life and Achievements. By George Kirov.	1940
Peter Lassen of California. By Vogel-Jorgensen. in Dutch.	1937
Peter Lassen of California. By Vogel-Jorgensen. Translated to English by Helge Norrung.	1967
Memoirs of William B Ide And His Descendants, 1796-1949. By Herbert M. Cheever.	1975

Box 3: Peter Lassen research

Folder 1: Lassen research	1930s
Folder 2: Lassen research	1960-61
Folder 3: Lassen research- Peter Lassen’s life and history of Lassen Park area.	no date

Folder 4: Notes on Lassen.	no date
Folder 5: Lassen research- Denmark	no date
Folder 6: Lassen research- Lassen trail	no date
Folder 7: Lassen research- Lassen trail	no date
Folder 8: Henry Lind correspondence	1961-1972

Box 4: Peter Lassen research

Folder 1: Whitelock, Frank. Life of Peter Lassen.	1939
Folder 2: Wilson vs. Lassen court case and state archive correspondence regarding these documents.	1977-78
Folder 3: Land records. (copies)	1844-45
Folder 4: National Archives correspondence. Re: Lassen post office	1961
Folder 5: Freemason research.	no date
Folder 6: Lassen family genealogy correspondence.	1960-61
Folder 7: John J. Lund correspondence.	1961-62
Folder 8: Newspaper information on Anna Morrison Reed	1980
Folder 9: Travel brochures and maps.	1940s
Folder 10: Travel brochures.	1960s

Box 5: Book publication, Lassen talks and other papers

Folder 1: Book publication correspondence.	1937-39 and 1961-65
Folder 2: Lassen: His Life and Legacy proof.	no date
Folder 3: Lassen: His Life and Legacy draft.	no date
Folder 4: Correspondence and newspaper articles on published book.	1964

Folder 5: Lassen talks.	1966 and 1977-78
Folder 6: Scott, Franklin D. Peter Lassen: Danish Pioneer of California.	1980
Folder 7: Newspaper articles on Peter Lassen and Lassen Park.	no date
Folder 8: Correspondence.	no date