

Finding Aid to the George Emanuels Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: George Emanuels Collection

Date Range: 1920s, 1989-1990

Collection number: [Accession 92-57](#)

Extent: 2 folders

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Physical location: Special Collection room, George Emanuels Collection

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Biography: George Emanuels (1908-2005), attended the Montezuma School for Boys in Los Gatos and the Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan (his father being employed as a sales manager in that country). While attending San Mateo Junior College he met his future bride and they were married at her parents' ranch house in Walnut Creek. After a career in Bay Area sales, George and Helen traveled extensively in their Airstream trailer and led dozens of caravans throughout the United States. He collected California history books and was the author of seven: Ygnacio Valley, Walnut Creek - Arroyo de las Nueces, Contra Costa County Illustrated, California Indians Illustrated, Sonoma Schools and Scows, John Muir - Inventor and Early California Voyages. In 1992 he received an "award of merit for local history" from the California Historical Society. He had been an active member of Walnut Creek, Contra Costa and Sonoma County historical societies. His ancestors emigrated from Great Britain in the late 1800s and were pioneers in San Francisco, Berkeley and Inverness.

Scope and Content: An author of historical publications, George Emanuels' collection includes typed manuscripts and selected railroad materials.

Arrangement of Materials

Folder #1: two typed manuscripts, entitled "A History of California" and "Crossing the River"

Folder #2: railroad subjects: "Bay Point & Clayton RR" article in *The Western Railroader*, Jan 1953; facsimile of timetable for the Oakland and Pacheco stage line, 1870; Key System Transit Company

Special Excursion ticket from SF to Meinert, Jul 6, 1926; SF-Sacramento Railroad Co scholar's monthly commute ticket book, Jun 1924; newspaper article, dated May 18, 1984 from *Oakland This Week*, entitled "The Sacramento Northern Railway;" typed manuscript about California Pacific Railroad by George Emanuels; manuscript entitled "Details of the First Few Years of Transcontinental Railroad Travel."

Indexing Terms: railroads, Bay Point & Clayton Railroad, SF-Sacramento Railroad Co,

Personal Names: