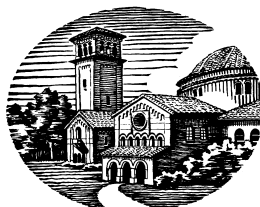


W. H. Hutchinson Papers

MSS 047



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Collection Summary

Title

W. H. Hutchinson Papers, 1947 – 1977

Call Number

MSS 047

Creator

W. H. Hutchinson, 1910-1990

Language of Materials

English

Extent

Items: 2 boxes

Linear Feet: 1.5

Abstract

The collection consists of research materials on Chico and local history, material for history class taught at California State University, Chico, and material on pheasant farms.

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:

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Preferred Citation

W. H. Hutchinson Papers, MSS 047, 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.

Pheasants

California, Northern--History

Chico (Calif.) -- History

Related Collections

MSS 066, W. H. Hutchinson Papers Local History & Politics Collection

MSS 072, W. H. Hutchinson Diamond Match Collection

Biographical/ Historical 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 consists of research on Chico and local history, material for a history class taught at California State University, Chico, and material on pheasant farms. Types of items include: correspondence, research notes and drafts for articles on California history, book reviews, published articles, photographs, periodicals, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

Arrangement goes here.

Material Cataloged Separately

No material cataloged separately.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1 Chico and local area history

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| Folder 1 | Handwritten notes on early Chico history, herb medicine, PG&E notes, newspaper clippings, incorporation of Chico, map, typed notes, some on Paradise |
| Folder 2 | Clippings of "Chico's Yesterdays", Stansbury House, bicentennial committee, local businesses and organizations, Community profile articles from the 1940s – mostly 1960s & 1970s |
| Folder 3 | Typed excerpts from Wells and Chambers "History of Butte County," Correspondence, John Nicholl of Helltown, Newspaper clippings, flyers and notices of local businesses and organizations – mostly 1960s and 1970s. |
| Folder 4 | Local history clippings, Bizz Johnson letter, Tehama county library list. |
| Folder 5 | Book reviews, correspondence on reviews (1957-1974) |
| Folder 6 | Correspondence on book reviews (1960s and 1970s) |

- Folder 7 Pamphlet- “Works of George Phyppen”
- Folder 8 Portfolio of prints by Frederick Remington
- Folder 9 History of utilities in Red Bluff from PG&E (1956)
- Folder 10 Draft of “Steps Toward Statehood,” a pageant by W. H. Hutchinson (1950)
- Folder 11 Article by W. H. Hutchinson, “Hunted Hillbilly”
- Folder 12 Class materials from W. H. Hutchinson class on California History at Chico State
- Folder 13 Two articles by W. H. Hutchinson
- Folder 14 Article-photos-correspondence on pheasant game farms
- Folder 15 Article-caption-photos pheasant game farms
- Folder 16 Photos on pheasant game farms

Box 2 Newspapers clippings on local history- large flat box

Newspaper clippings – 1948 – 1977 – local histories and events such as farms, ranches, stores, people.