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Finding Aid for the *California History Nugget*, 1924-1940

Collection Overview

Title: California History Nugget

Dates: 1924-1940

ID: CHN

Primary Creator: California State Historical Association, California State Department of Education

Extent: 0.21 linear feet, 1 box

Arrangement: This collection is arranged chronologically.

Forms of Material: Paper Records

Language of materials: English

Abstract

The *California History Nugget* began publication in 1923 and ceased publication in 1940. The serial focused on California stories about early pioneers, descriptions and visual images of significant locations, folklore and legends, plant and animal life, and significant events in the history of the state. The publication was produced by the California State Historical Association.

Biographical/Administrative History

In 1915, the California State Legislature established the Historical Survey Commission at the University of California, Berkeley for the purposes of evaluating preservation proposals and producing monographs on historic sites. In 1923, the Historical Survey Commission was replaced by the California State Historical Association (CSHA), which worked to promote interest in and disseminate knowledge about the state of California. In 1924, *California History Nugget: Devoted to the Story of the Golden West* was first produced by CSHA as a monthly journal supported by membership subscriptions.

Publication was suspended between 1925 and 1927. In 1925, Senate Bill No. 727 was brought before the California State Legislature, seeking financial support from the State of California to replace subscription funding. The bill passed in 1927, assigning oversight to a board of trustees and funding through California Department of Education appropriations. The publication was

distributed to members of CSHA with paid memberships and furnished free to California junior high and high schools as a supplementary textbook.

Owen Cochran Coy was the editor of the *California History Nugget* from its first printing in 1924 to its last in 1940. Coy earned a Bachelor of Philosophy at College of the Pacific in 1907, an MA degree in History at Stanford in 1909, and a Ph.D. in History at the University of California, Berkeley in 1918. He served as secretary and director of the California Historical Survey Commission from 1915 to 1923, Historian of the State Council of Defense from 1918-1919, technical director of the Historical Records Survey, WPA in 1936, and Director and Executive Secretary of the California State Historical Association from 1923 to 1950. Coy taught as a professor of history at the University of Southern California from 1925 to 1950. Over his lifetime, he authored many articles and books related to the history of California. Coy passed away at his home in Los Angeles on August 31, 1952.

Scope and Contents

Each issue of the *California History Nugget* contains short narratives of varying topics, such as biographical sketches of early pioneers; photographs, illustrations, and maps of historically significant locations; Native American folklore as depicted by Anglo historians; descriptions of the flora and fauna of California; and significant events in the history of California, including the Mexican-American War, the Gold Rush, Westward Expansion. The publication is arranged chronologically.

Subjects/Access Terms

Personal Name(s): Coy, Owen Cochran, 1884-1952

Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953

Corporate Name(s): California State Historical Association

California Historical Survey Commission

California. Department of Education

Topical Term(s): California -- History -- Periodicals

California--History--Anecdotes

Geographic Name(s):

California

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Folder 2: Volume 2, Number 1-8, October 1928-May 1929

Folder 3: Volume 3, Number 1-4, October/November 1929-April/May 1930, Volume 3, Number 5, October/November 1930-April/May 1931

Folder 4: Volume 4, Number 1, ca. October 1934, Volume 5, Number 1-5, October 1937-February 1938

Folder 5: Volume 5, Number 6, March 1938, Volume 6, Number 5-6, February-March 1939, Volume 7, Number 1, October 1939

Folder 6: Volume 7, Number 2-5, November 1939-February 1940