Two libraries serve The Claremont Colleges, Honnold/Mudd Library and Ella Strong Denison Library. The special collections in these libraries hold unique and rare collections that are available to the students, faculty, and staff of the various Claremont institutions, and to scholars, researchers, and members of the community. Check our web site for current hours, descriptions of our special collections, and policies and procedures.

Southern California Collections - selective list

Balch Photograph Albums: 55 travel albums, three covering California in the 1920s and early 1930s in the Scripps College Archives

Bolsa Chica Papers: Huntington Beach wetlands

Boynton Collection of Early Claremont, photographs from 1900-1905 of Claremont, Pomona College and many photographs of Los Angeles, also available online through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/bce

Claremont Colleges archives: Pomona College, Scripps College, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, and Pitzer College. Photographs from these collections can be viewed online through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/ccp

Claremontiana: includes publications, maps, photographs, scrapbooks, clippings, oral histories, and personal papers documenting the history of the City of Claremont
- Robert Frampton Collection: local photographer
- Claremont Community Players: theater
- Wheeler Scrapbooks, on the web at http://libraries.claremont.edu/sc/online/wheeler
- City of Claremont History Collection, also available online through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/cht
- Oral histories

Congregational Church Papers: California and the Southwest, 1900-1960

Phil Dike Collection includes interactions with Walt and Roy Disney and his involvement in the Southern California Water Color Society, 1920s-1990.


Phil Townsend Hanna Collection: Californiana books, photographs, cookbooks

Dr. Walter Lindley Scrapbooks, 1870s-1920s, also available online through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/lsc

Charles Lummis Photographs: 316 photographs of California, the Southwest, Mexico and Peru

Ida Rust Macpherson Collection By and About Women includes
- Marjorie Armstrong Family Papers
- Irene Robinson Drawings
- Josephine Smith Papers: journalism
- Vivian Lee Welch Papers
- Women’s Employment Collection
- Woman Suffrage Ephemera Collection

William McPherson Collection: Orange County and California missions history, ranch records, avocados, 19th - 20th centuries

George Martin Papers: papers and scrapbooks on Los Angeles civic activities, 1900-1962

William Smith Mason Collection of Western Americana: c1600 to present, books, directories
Jose Maria Maytorena Papers: Governor of Sonora and protagonist of the 1910 Revolution in Mexico. Maytorena fled to exile in Los Angeles.

Howard Mills Collection: World War II bond drives in Los Angeles, scrapbooks, correspondence, and photographs

Pacific Steamship Company Papers: 19th and 20th centuries, ledgers, company insurance documents, reports

Marion Parks Papers: correspondence, research files, and photographs

Olive Percival Collection: Americana objects include toys, dolls, miniatures, valentines, and textiles collected by and made by Miss Percival. Collection also includes photographs and books.

T. Palmer Reed and Lewis F. Reed Photographic Album of Palm Springs, Yosemite, Owens Valley, San Gabriel Mountains, etc., 1892-1914

Rude-Frankenfield Papers: family correspondence, legal and personal papers, and ephemera going back to the early 1800s

San Gabriel Mission *Diligencias Matrimoniales*: 1788-1861 (part of the William McPherson Collection), also available online through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/mir

Ellen B. Scripps Collection in the Scripps College Archives: personal and professional papers, photographs, books

Scripps College Archives: includes architectural drawings and construction files, photographs, a press collection and the papers of prominent individuals such as
- Hartley Burr Alexander Projects Collection
- Jean and Arthur Ames Scrapbook Collection
- Virginia Judy Esterly Papers
- Bessie Bartlett Frankel Papers

Emil Steffa manuscripts, *Tales of a Desert Indian* and *Basket Weavers of Coachella Valley*, 1927

Edward Vischer Drawings and Photographs, also available online through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/vdp


War Relocation Authority Records/Carey McWilliams Papers: WRA publications, correspondence, internment camp newspapers

Water Resources Collection: Owens Valley, Colorado River, Imperial Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Los Angeles area, 1880s to present. Includes government publications, periodicals, engineers’ papers, USGS maps, photographs, clippings. Two Metropolitan Water District photo albums on the Colorado River Aqueduct can be found online in the California Water Documents Collection in the Claremont Colleges Digital Library at http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu/col/cwd

Max Yavno Photograph Collection in the Scripps College Archives

“Los Angeles Fiesta” - Marion Parks Papers

Access points for collections:

- Library Search, the online catalog of the Claremont Colleges Library https://ccl.on.worldcat.org/advancedsearch
- Online Archive of California http://www.oac.cdlib.org/
- Claremont Colleges Digital Library http://ccdl.libraries.claremont.edu
- Honnold/Mudd Special Collections blog http://blogs.libraries.claremont.edu/sc/
- Finding aids (on paper) including container lists, card files, indexes and inventories. On file in Special Collections, Honnold/Mudd, and Denison Library.
- Consultation with Special Collections or Denison Library staff
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