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Newspaper Collection

Repository:

Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Coverage Span Dates:

Print newspapers 1690 – 1982, undated (bulk is 1770-1948)
Microfilm newspapers 1851 – 1999, undated

Language:

Predominantly English; also Chinese, French, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish

Conditions Governing Use:

Permission to publish, quote or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder

Conditions Governing Access:

Research is by appointment only

Preferred Citation:

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Abstract:

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Related Holdings:

1137 Political Materials Collection (for political newspapers)

Series and Arrangement Note:

The collection is organized into three series:

Series 1. Printed, loose issue newspapers housed in the Seaver Center repository, 1690 – 1982, undated (bulk is 1770-1948)
Series 2. Bound volumes and microfilmed newspapers housed in the Seaver Center repository, 1851 – 1999, undated
Series 3. Printed newspapers housed in the Research Library, 1690 – 20th century

Scope and Content:

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The collection is housed in two locations:

1. The Seaver Center repository has scattered, incomplete runs, or bound volumes, particularly rare issues for Los Angeles city and county, including the Los Angeles Star. Also noteworthy in the collection are two issues (1888) of the first Black newspaper from southern California, called the Weekly Observer.

   The Center also houses a microfilm collection of historic newspapers of Los Angeles and southern California. Many of these reels are microfilm copies of print issues housed in the Research Library.

2. The Research Library houses most of the print issues of the Museum's newspapers. For holdings, visit the California Newspaper Project website: http://cnp.ucr.edu/ and search their Public Access Public Newspaper Catalog on the institution field "LA Natural History Museum".

Series 1. Printed, loose issue newspapers housed in the Seaver Center repository, 1690 – 1982, undated (bulk is 1770-1948)

This series contain printed scattered issues, incomplete runs, historical headline issues, and commemorative reprints (i.e. historical reprints by the Evening Outlook from Santa Monica, California published in 1976). The container list contains non-English Los Angeles area newspapers, but this series container list currently does not list foreign newspapers. Exceptions: a single issue of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin (1935) is filed under United States in box 19; box 22 contains World War II era army newspapers.

This series is arranged in the following:

United States, except California, pre-1860 – Box 1, 3
United States, except California, post-1860 – Box 2
United States, except California, 20th century – Box 19, 20, 22
Los Angeles (Calif.), 19th century – Box 4, 5, 6, 12, 13
Los Angeles (Calif.), 20th century – Box 7, 8, 9
Los Angeles (Calif.), 19th-20th centuries, non-English – Box 10
Los Angeles County (Calif.), 19th-20th centuries – Box 11
California, except Los Angeles County, 19th century – Box 14, 14a, 16
California, except Los Angeles County, 20th century – Box 15, 17, 18, 21

For holdings, consult the Container List PDF attached: GC-1313-Newspaper Collection_Loose Issues

Series 2. Bound volumes and microfilmed newspapers housed in the Seaver Center repository, 1851 – 1999, undated

This series contain primarily local and regional papers of Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County and southern California. This series container list includes newspapers that were sent to a bindery, thus they are bound together; or other items listed are microfilm reels copied from print issues housed in the Research Library.

For holdings, consult the Container List PDF attached: GC-1313-Newspaper Collection_Bound and Microfilm Issues

Series 3. Printed newspapers housed in the Research Library, 1690 – 20th century

This series contain the majority of the print issues and extensive runs of American newspapers. Some foreign newspapers.

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