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Descriptive Summary

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Collection number: 537

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Abstract: Philip David Swing (1884-1963) practiced law in San Bernadino before becoming the deputy District Attorney and District Attorney in Imperial County (1908-15). He was appointed judge of the Superior Court of Imperial County (1919-21) and later elected as a Republican to 67th U.S. Congress and to the five succeeding Congresses (1921-33). The collection consists of correspondence, papers, photographs, and printed material related to Philip David Swing and his career as a U.S. Congressman, California state official, and private attorney.

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Biography

Philip David Swing was born in San Bernadino, California, November 30, 1884; graduated, Stanford, 1905; admitted to California bar, 1907, and practiced law in San Bernadino; deputy District Attorney and District Attorney, Imperial County, 1908-15; judge of the Superior Court of Imperial County, 1919-21; delegate to Republican state conventions, Sacramento, California, 1920-32; elected as Republican to 67th U.S. Congress and to the five succeeding Congresses (1921-33); appointed member, California State Water Resources Board, 1945-58; died in San Diego, August 8, 1963.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, papers, photographs, and printed material related to Philip David Swing and his career as a U.S. Congressman, California state official, and private attorney. Includes materials related to Swing's involvement with the California State Water Resources Board, Hoover Dam, the All-American Canal System, the Colorado River, and water legislation in California and the west.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Swing, Philip David, 1884-1963--Archives.

All-American Canal System (U.S.).

Legislators--United States--Archival resources.

Water--Law and legislation--West (U.S.).

Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico).

Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.).

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| Box 1 | 1943-44 Correspondence. |
| Box 2 | 1933-34 Correspondence. |
| Box 3 | California Civil War claims versus U.S. |

- Box 4 **Arizona--California notes.**
 - Box 5 **1933 Miscellaneous Correspondence.**
 - Box 6 **1935-37 Correspondence.**
 - Box 7 **San Diego Water Counsel.**
 - Box 8 **1940-42 Miscellaneous Correspondence.**
 - Box 9 **1935-37 Miscellaneous Correspondence.**
 - Box 10 **1937-39 Miscellaneous Correspondence.**
 - Box 11 **Personal Correspondence 1945-50, A to K.**
 - Box 12 **Personal Correspondence 1945-50, N to Z.**
 - Box 13 **Memorandum on P.D.S. employment by San Diego since 1934, legal booklets on California versus U.S.**
 - Box 14 **Pictures, Swing and Coolidge, Swing and Lindberg, etc.**
 - Box 15 **Congratulatory letters, Boulder Dam, news clippings, Imperial Valley welcome, Boulder dam documents.**
 - 1932 Congress Correspondence**
 - Box 16 **San Ysidro custom house.**
 - Box 16 **War debts.**
 - Box 16 **Desert land entrymen.**
 - Box 16 **San Jacinto park, special bills.**
 - Box 17 **Colorado River Miscellaneous, grand jury indictment.**
 - Box 18 **Miscellaneous clippings. 1929-31.**
 - Box 19 **News clippings. 1932, Senate campaign.**
 - Congress Correspondence**
 - Box 20 **Airmail route.**
 - Box 20 **Air base, camp Kearny.**
 - Box 20 **San Diego.**
 - Congress--Correspondence**
 - Box 21 **San Diego Coronado tunnel.**
 - Box 21 **Camp Kearny.**
 - Box 21 **San Diego Chamber of Commerce.**
 - Box 22 **Congress--Correspondence, border closing.**
 - Box 23 **Congress--Correspondence, border closing.**
 - Box 24 **Ku Klux Klan, Rockwell Field, Medal of Honor men.**
 - Box 25 **Port of San Diego, Old Town Bridge, North Island Pier, Harbor dredging, Laguna Mountains forest road.**
 - Box 26 **Clipping service. 1932, prohibition.**
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- Box 27 **News clippings, Boulder Dam. 1926-28.**
- Box 28 **California beaches, withdrawal of lands for Los Angeles benefit, Mexican land grant titles, dry dock, Gnat control.**
- Box 29 **S.D. dirigible base, camp Kearny, destroyer base, customs div.**
- Box 30 **Federal prison, fort Rosecrans, El Capitan, Riparian owners, Mailing list.**
- Box 31 **Nevada-California RFC loan, P.O., National Forest bill 13547.**
- Box 32 **Nevada-California power. 1937, I.I.D., California Colorado Commission. 1937, P.W/ A. California. 1938.**
- Box 33 **All American Canal reports, Yorktown sesquicentennial.**
- Box 34 **Palm Springs, I.I.D. Correspondence. 1939-40.**
- Box 35 **Pictures, autobiography.**
- Box 36 **Harbor, Rosecrans.**
- Box 37 **August 1930 newspapers.**
- Box 38 **1929 papers, magazines, pictures.**
- Box 39 **1932 veterans speech.**
- Box 40 **1935 Correspondence, Boulder Dam.**
- Box 41 **I.I.D. Correspondence. 1933-41.**
- Box 42 **Colorado River pamphlets.**
- Box 43 **Boulder Dam magazine articles, news clippings.**
- Box 44 **All- American Canal, P.W.A.**
- Box 45 **1936 Correspondence, Miscellaneous and I.I.D.**
- Box 46 **Serra, San Diego books, Recreation Era. January 1933, Swing signature block, glass plate negatives (many broken)
House Rules Manual.**
- Box 47 **Photos belonging to Ed Fletcher (?) Colorado River Commission reports.**
- Box 48 **San Diego and environs, Lake Hodges.**
- Box 49 **Swing speeches, bound, House calendars 68-72 congresses.**
- Box 50 **Colorado River Treaty with Mexico.**
- Box 51 **Colorado River Treaty with Mexico.**
- Box 52 **Legislative History Bills sponsored by Swing, 69-70 Congresses.**
- Box 53 **Legislative History Bills sponsored by Swing, 71-72 Congresses.**

- Box 54 **Bibliographic government material pertaining to Colorado, Imperial Valley S-J bill hearings.**
- Box 55 **Legislative History Bills by Swing 67-68 Congresses.**
- Box 56 **Colorado River Hearings Senate. 1924-25.**
- Box 57 **Kettner bill hearings.**
- Box 58 **Books.**
- Box 58 **Six wrapped scrap books.**
- Box 58 **Twenty additional unnumbered boxes, many pertaining to Fallbrook water.**
- Wrapped autobiography: This is My Life. added. January 17, 1969.**
- Note**
- RESTRICTED Comprises original typescript and carbon copy: kept in vault.
- Box 59 **Personal papers and family correspondence.**
- Box 60 **Miscellaneous clippings and photographs.**
- Box 61 **Personal and miscellaneous correspondence, ca. 1950s.**
- Box 62 **Family correspondence and files.**
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- Boxes **Falbrook Public Utility District.**
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- Box 85-87 **Mexican Water Treaty, ca. 1940s.**
- Note**
- See also Boxes 50 and 51.
- Box 88-89 **Tiajuana River Valley--California Water & Telephone Company.**
- Box 90-92 **Tiajuana River Valley--Allen versus California Water & Telephone Company. 1944-48.**
- Box 93 **Tiajuana River Valley--Allen versus California Water & Telephone Company. 1951-62.**
- Box 94-95 **Tiajuana River Valley--Allen versus California Water & Telephone Company. n.d.**
- Box 154 **Pamphlets, Colorado River--Miscellaneous publications on water.**

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- Box 97 **San Diego Water Authority.**

 - Boxes 98-99 **Miscellaneous water information.**

 - Box 100 **Photographs and maps of water districts.**

 - Boxes 101-103 **Miscellaneous water cases--including Del Mar Terrace.**

 - Boxes 104-106 **Miscellaneous water cases.**

 - Boxes 107 **Miscellaneous water cases--working briefs.**

 - Miscellaneous Legal Correspondence. 1933.**
 - Boxes 108-109 **1933.**
 - Boxes 110-111 **ca. 1935.**
 - Boxes 112-113 **ca. 1940.**
 - Boxes 114-118 **ca. 1943.**
 - Box 119 **ca. 1945.**
 - Box 120 **ca. 1946.**
 - Boxes 121-123 **ca. 1947.**
 - Boxes 124-125 **ca. 1948.**

 - Box 126 **Miscellaneous correspondence, ca. 1953-63.**

 - Box 127 **Miscellaneous correspondence, ca. 1954-63.**

 - Box 128 **Personal records, organizations, etc.**

 - Box 129 **Desk diaries. 1929-55.**
 Physical Description: 14 vol.

 - Box 130 **Desk diaries. 1955-63.**
 Physical Description: 13 vol.

 - Box 131 **Mimeographed material: 1945 - Flood control survey Sacramento--San Joaquin Basin Stream.**

 - Box 96 **Proceedings. 1938. Colorado River Commission Hearings. 1922.**
 Physical Description: 2 vol.

 - List of Swing Files--A through Z**
 - Box 132 **A Miscellaneous.**
 - Box 132 **Agricultural Conditions.**
 - Box 132 **All-American Canal--Brochure and Contract of September 1931.**
 - Box 132 **All-American Canal--Correspondence.**
 - Box 132 **All-American Canal--Newspaper Articles.**
 - Box 132 **Amendments Proposed.**
 - Box 132 **Arentz Bill. 1933.**
 - Box 132 **Articles on Boulder Dam.**
 - Box 132 **Arizona Contract re Delivery of Colorado River Water.**
 - Box 133 **Arizona's Position on Compact.**
 - Box 133 **Arizona's Views on Boulder Canyon Project.**
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Box 133	Arizona versus U.S. (California et al.) to Enjoin Boulder Canyon Project.
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Box 133	Bills for Boulder Canyon Dam and All-American Canal.
Box 133	Boulder Canyon Geological Formations.
Box 133	Boulder City--Miscellaneous.
Box 133	Boulder Dam Appropriations.
Box 133	Boulder Dam Association--Files 1-3.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Association, Organization of.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Association, Reports from Mr. Evans.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Bill.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Ceremonies.
Box 134	Boulder Dam City Concessions.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Employment.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Land Settlement, etc.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Pictures.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Positions, Concessions, and Employment.
Box 134	Boulder Dam Resolution of Endorsements.
Box 135	Coachella Valley Water District.
Box 135	Colorado River Basin Chamber of Commerce.
Box 135	Colorado River Bibliography.
Box 135	Colorado River Commission (California).
Box 135	Colorado River Commission--Compact--Hoover. 1922.
Box 135	Colorado River Committee Report.
Box 135	Colorado River Correspondence During Recess. 1927 (A to Z).
Box 135	Colorado River General Correspondence. 1927 (A to Z).
Box 135	Colorado River Legislation Discussions.
Box 135	Compact--California's Ratification. 1929.
Box 135	Compact--Six-State--News Clippings.
Box 135	Compact--Tri-State. 1929.
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Box 136	Congressional Party to Colorado River.
Box 136	Control Club--Colorado River.
Box 136	Cotton Agreement.
Box 136	Correspondence--Charles L. Childers.
Box 136	Davenport Bill and Davenport Views.
Box 136	Davis Resignation.
Box 136	Delegation. 1924.
Box 136	Distribution of Power.
Box 136	Douglas Report.
Box 137	Electric Power.
Box 137	Electric Power Propaganda.
Box 137	Electricity.
Box 137	Endorsements.
Box 137	Endorsements By Individuals.
Box 137	Endorsements by Organizations.
Box 137	Engineering Personnel and Plans.
Box 138	Federal Development of Water Power.
Box 138	Federal Farm Loans.
Box 138	Federal Power Commission.
Box 138	Federal Trade Investigation.
Box 138	Financial Aspects of Swing-Johnson Bill.
Box 138	Flood Menace.
Box 138	Flood Menace--Reports on.
Box 138	Flood Protection--Emergency Appropriations.
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Box 138	Fredericks Bill.
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 Box 138 **Girard Filing.**
 Box 138 **Glenn Canyon.**
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 Box 140 **K Miscellaneous.**
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 Box 140 **Laguna Salada.**
 Box 141 **Las Vegas, Nevada Chamber of Commerce.**
 Box 141 **Legislature, California: Special Session 1926 & Friend W. Richardson.**
 Box 141 **Letter by California Congressmen.**
 Box 141 **Letters of Acknowledgment to Telegrams and Letters re: Boulder Dam.**
 Box 141 **Letters of Congratulation--Boulder Dam.**
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Box 144	Plan for Construction of Boulder Dam.
Box 144	Political Party Declarations.
Box 144	Power Companies--Colorado River.
Box 145	Power Development--Imperial Irrigation District.
Box 145	Power Market in Souther California.
Box 145	Power Propaganda--Correspondence.
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Box 145	President's Proclamation.
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Box 145	President's Views--Coolidge and Harding.
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Box 146	Reclamation of New Lands.
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- Box 149 **Winning of the West Conference.**
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