
Creator: California State Beekeepers Association

Title: California State Beekeepers Association Records

Date: 1886-1980

Extent: 2.8 linear feet

Abstract: The California State Beekeepers Association was organized in 1889 to serve the beekeeping industry in California. The collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records, annual convention programs, publications, realia and photographs.

Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

Repository: University of California, Davis. General Library. Dept. of Special Collections.

Davis, California 95616-5292

Collection number: D-075

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

History

The California State Beekeepers Association (CSBA) was organized in 1889 and exists "to educate the public about the beneficial aspects of honey bees, advance research beneficial to beekeeping practices, provide a forum for cooperation among beekeepers, and to support the economic and political viability of the beekeeping industry."

Sources

California State Beekeepers Association website: <http://www.californiastatebeekeepers.com>

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Scope and Content

The California State Beekeepers Association Collection spans the years of 1886-1980, with the bulk of the material falling between 1890 and 1971. The collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records, annual convention programs, printed material and other records relating to the foundation and activities of CSBA. The collection also includes realia and photographs of apiaries, beekeepers, and honey exhibition displays.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged into six series: 1. History; 2. Organization Records; 3. Conventions; 4. Printed Material 5. Photographs; 6. Realia.

Related Collections

The following collections at Special Collections may also be of interest:

D-074, American Beekeeping Federation Archives, 1940-1971: This collection contains the records of the American Beekeeping Federation, including correspondence, financial records, printed materials, and membership cards. The Federation was created to establish a honey marketing program, to control the theft of apiary equipment and bees and to advance the study of apiculture in higher education.

D-077, Apiculture Subject File Collection, 1860-1975: This collection contains manuscripts, photographic images, and printed materials relating to pollination, hives, diseases, and pesticides.

D-076, Apiculturists Collection, 1880-1958: This collection contains manuscripts, photographic images, and printed materials relating to 19th century apiculturists and apiaries.

O-002, Beekeeping Supply Catalog Collection, 1880- : This collection contains supply catalogs and other publications offering for sale a manufacturer's or retailer's apicultural line. It also includes some ephemeral material.

D-079, John E. Eckert Papers, 1936-1958: This collection contains correspondence, beekeeping subject files, scholarly publications, and California State Beekeepers Association publications. Eckert was a professor of Entomology at UC Davis and was a Life Member of the California State Beekeepers Association.

D-080, John S. Harbinson Papers, 1857-1920: This collection contains daybooks documenting Harbinson's beekeeping activities, correspondence, deeds, business receipts and patent grants. Harbinson was one of the first beekeepers to import bees into California and inventor of innovative beehives and new methods of rearing queen bees.

D-081, Harry Hyde Laidlaw Papers, 1882-2000: This collection contains correspondence, writings, research materials, course materials, and photographs. Laidlaw, considered the "father of honey bee genetics", was a professor of Entomology at UC Davis.

D-082, John C. McCubbin Papers, 188-1934: This collection contains business correspondence, photographs, and materials relating to the California State Beekeepers Association. McCubbin was an early California beekeeper in the San Joaquin Valley.

MC082, Eric C. Mussen Collection, 1974-1990: This collection contains fourteen programs for the state beekeepers' conventions.

D-083, Max Clemens Richter Papers, 1887-1970: This collection contains correspondence, photographs, and scrapbooks relating to beekeeping, bee diseases, and queen bee breeders.

D-084, Lee H. Watkins Collection, 1939-1972: This collection contains correspondence, research notes, and research papers concerning early American beekeeping history.

D-023, Wolfskill Family Collection, 1820-1975: This collection contains correspondence, ephemera, realia, and photographs related to John Reid Wolfskill and his family.

Indexing Terms

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

California State Beekeepers Association--Archives.

Bee culture--California

Beekeepers--California

Bee products--California

Bees--California

Honey trade--California

Access

Collection is open for research.

Processing Information

Joy Rowe processed the collection and created the finding aid under the supervision of Elizabeth Phillips, Manuscript Archivist.

Acquisition Information

Gift of J.E. Eckert, 24 July 1970.

Preferred Citation

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Box/Folder 1:1 Series 1 **History 1931 undated**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Content Note

Contains a history of early beekeeping in California and several histories of the organization, supplied by CSBA. Also includes a brief history of CSBA partially supplied by Special Collections staff.

Series 2 Organizational Records 1890-1971

Physical Description: 1.2 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into two subseries: Administrative Records; and Financial, Membership and Governance Records.

Box/Folder 1:2-3:6

Subseries 2.1 Administrative Records 1890-1971

Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Scope and Content Note

Includes correspondence, meeting minutes and resolutions, circular letters, and speech transcripts. Some records are handwritten reconstructions. Also includes some minutes and records of the Ladies Auxiliary. Arranged chronologically.

Subseries 2.2 Financial, Membership and Governance Records 1891-1942

Physical Description: 0.2 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Includes financial statements and account books, membership lists, and constitutions and bylaws. Includes some resolutions and material from other beekeeping associations. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 3:7,6:1

Membership lists 1891-1964

Box/Folder 3:8

Constitutions and Bylaws 1902-1962

Box/Folder 3:9

Bumper sticker and newsletter subscription form 1914 undated

Box/Folder 3:10-11

Receipt books 1919-1926

Box/Folder 3:12

Reference Material 1928-1930

Box/Folder 3:13,6:2

Account books 1938-1942

Series 3 Conventions 1912-1969

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged in two subseries: Convention Programs; and Convention Records.

Box/Folder 4:1-4

Subseries 3.1 Convention Programs 1912-1980

Physical Description: 4 folders

Scope and Content Note

Includes official programs of California State Beekeepers Association Conventions. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 4:5-5:19

Subseries 3.2 Convention Records 1912-1969

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Includes minutes, transcripts of speeches and addresses, reports and resolutions of the California State Beekeepers Association Annual Conventions. Arranged chronologically by convention year.

Series 4 Printed Material 1886-1971

Physical Description: 0.1 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Includes CSBA newsletters, publications, and reports. Also includes newspaper clippings and early *Pacific Rural Press* articles (1892-1897). Arranged alphabetically by title.

Box/Folder 5:20

News clippings 1996-1940

Box/Folder 5:21

Handwritten transcriptions and summaries of *Pacific Rural Press* articles 1892-1897

Box/Folder 6:4-5

CSBA Crop Report 1912

Scope and Content Note

Original and use copies.

Box/Folder 5:22-24

Beetimes 1924 October-1971 September

Scope and Content Note

Incomplete.

Box/Folder 5:25

California State Beekeepers Association Newsletter 1970 May 29-November 10

Box/Folder 6:6

***Value of the Honey Bee* undated**

Box/Folder 6:7

***Advertising Analysis and Suggested Program for Advertising for the California State Beekeepers' Association* undated**

Series 5 Photographs 1893-1934 undated

Physical Description: 0.2 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Includes prints and negatives of honey exhibits, convention attendees, apiaries, and early famous California beekeepers/nurserymen. Arranged alphabetically by title.

Box/Folder 6:8	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0001 Albany, New York Convention 1910
Box/Folder 5:26	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0002 Apiary and garden of E.L. Sichirst 1934 Scope and Content Note Includes note on back from Cary Hartman
Box/Folder 5:27	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0003 Bee hives undated
Box/Folder 6:9	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0004 Cary Hartman and beekeepers undated
Box/Folder 5:28	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0005 Cary W. Hartman holding the swarm undated
Box/Folder 6:10-11	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0006 Famous California nurserymen undated
Box/Folder 5:29	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0007 Golden Gate International Exposition, Honey exhibit undated
Box/Folder 5:30	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0008 Group of CSBA members 1921? undated
Box/Folder 5:31	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0009 Group photo (of a family?) undated
Box/Folder 5:32	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0010 Honey display undated
Box/Folder 5:33	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0011 McCubbin gum tree 1920
Box/Folder 6:12	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0012 Mendelson Apiary, Ventura Count 1896
Box/Folder 6:13-15	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0013 New Westminster, B.C. Provincial Exhibition 1925
Box/Folder 5:34	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0014 Oregon Honey Exhibit 1924
Box/Folder 5:35	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0015 Puyallup Fair Honey Exhibit undated
Box/Folder 6:16	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0016 Wisconsin State Convention undated
Box/Folder 5:36	UCD.PIC.D075.2009.0017 Wolfskill Grove, Winters, California, negatives undated

Box/Folder 7 **Series 6 Realia undated**

Physical Description: Leather briefcase

Scope and Content Note

Contains briefcase belonging to Cary W. Hartman, County Agricultural Inspector (Apiary), Alameda County, and President of the CSBA, 1921-1924.