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## Register of the California Weather Bureau Journals, 1893-1927

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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** California Weather Bureau Journals,

**Date (inclusive):** 1893-1927

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**Creator:** C. Robert Elford

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**Language:** English

#### Access

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#### Biography

C. Robert Elford was the State Climatologist of California, serving in the San Francisco Office between 1958 and 1972. The San Francisco Office was at one time the principal west coast office and made forecasts for the western United States. Later, forecasting was moved to South San Francisco and the former San Francisco Office became a Climatological Center. In 1973 field offices were closed and staff was directed to dispose of records. At that time Elford salvaged these early diaries.

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In the early days each Weather Bureau Office kept a diary of daily activities in handwritten form. Many of the entries found in these journals are very routine, but some contain interesting accounts. The Weather Bureau maintained its own communication lines to its remote locations, such as the Farallon Islands, Mt. Tamalpais and Point Reyes. Maintenance was often difficult and required frequent innovation.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of thirteen ledgers of weather observations from various California weather stations, including: Independence (1894-1925); Mt. Tamalpais (1898-1921); the Farallon Islands (1906-1913); San Francisco (1906-1917); and, Point Reyes (1893-1927).

- Box BOX 1     **INDEPENDENCE**  
                  -10/14/94 to 6/30/95  
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                  -6/1/99 to 4/30/00  
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                  Mt. Tamalpais -4/03 to 12/05  
                  Mt. Tamalpais -11/8/05 to 4/19/21  
                  -Farallon Is. 1/1/06 to 8/8/13  
                  -San Francisco 4/18/06 to 12/31/17  
                  Point Reyes -1/93 to 12/31/93  
                  Point Reyes  
                  Point Reyes -6/15/08 to 6/20/17  
                  Point Reyes -6/22/17 to 3/21/27