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Biography

Bradford MacChesney Crittenden was born in San Jose, California on May 9, 1912. His father, later State Senator Bradford S. Crittenden (1876-1952), was an attorney. His mother, Edith MacChesney Crittenden (1876 -1952), a former music instructor at the College of the Pacific, was related to the late George Kasson, a major landholder in the Tracy area.

The family moved to Tracy in 1915, where Crittenden attended school until his father moved the family to Stockton upon his election to the State Assembly in 1920. Crittenden completed his education in the latter city, graduating from Stockton High School in 1930. Crittenden received a B.A. from the College of the Pacific in 1934. He then pursued graduate study at the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, from which institution he received a J. D. Degree.

Crittenden began law practice with his father's Stockton firm of Crittenden and Hench in 1936. He became a member of the bar of the State Supreme Court and the U. S. Supreme Court. He joined the staff of the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office in 1949, serving there, until 1959 both as an Assistant District Attorney and as District Attorney. In this position, Crittenden was particularly interested in the prosecution of narcotics cases. The Collection contains some material on these and other litigations and business of the District Attorney's office during Crittenden's tenure there.

In 1959, Crittenden was appointed Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol by newly-elected Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown. Crittenden held this office until 1967. During his term in office, California was beset by a period of social unrest that climaxed in the Watts Riots of August, 1965 and the University of California Vietnam Day Demonstrations of October, 1965. Crittenden, as head of the State's largest law enforcement agency, was deeply involved in the enforcement response to these events. The Collection contains substantial material relating to the election year 1966, conservatives attacked the CHP as corrupt, noting that the agency had purchased all of its vehicles from the same Sacramento auto dealership for several years. The CHP reaction to these charges is well-documented in Crittenden's papers. The Commissioner resigned on Ronald Reagan's assumption of the Governorship in January, 1967.

In July of that same year, Crittenden assumed the Associate Directorship of the National Highway Safety Bureau's Traffic Safety Programs in Washington D.C. He held this position until 1970 when he became Regional Advisor for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Region IX, with Headquarters in San Francisco. Crittenden held this post until he retired to Stockton in 1978. The Collection contains some material from this period. Of greatest interest are probably Crittenden's speeches based upon his experiences as California Highway Patrol Commissioner.

Crittenden owned several San Joaquin Valley farms. The collection contains substantial material pertaining to land leasing, farm operations, and related matters, between the years 1953 and 1970.

Following his retirement, Crittenden returned to Stockton, where he became active in the Concerned Citizens' Committee of San Joaquin County. In 1979, this group launched a drive to initiate a constitutional convention that would provide the State with "tougher" law enforcement provisions and a "tougher" judiciary.

Commissioner Crittenden married twice. His first wife, Virginia Cookingham, whom he married in 1934, died in 1973. They had two children, a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Barbara. Crittenden married Helen Harney of Stockton in 1974. He died January 29, 1982.

Series One: Stockton Lawyer & D.A., 1944-59

Box Box 1, Folder 1 **Frances M. Artz v. Orville M. Artz, 1944.**

Additional Note

Divorce proceeding & child custody suit. Depositions, restraining orders, etc. [13 items]

Folder 2 **Mrs. Henry Heuer Case, 1948-50.**

Additional Note

Power of Atty. to open safety deposit box; 1 item refers to past divorce of Mrs. Heuer Enabling docs., corresp., etc. [11 items]

Folder 3 **Frank S. Brown & Josephine B. Brown, 1945-56.**

Additional Note

Wills, property, litigation w/ tenant sharecropper [12 items]

Folder 4 **Sheldon D. Smith & Mary Gertrude Smith, 1955-57.**

Additional Note

Wills, corresp. re Wills [7 items]

Folder 5 **Other items**

- "Pigeon Drop" testimony of Clyburn J. Huff, 1-24-49 [6 pgs.; descr. "bunco" operation involving race prejudice]

- D.A. Worksheet, n.d. [9 pgs.; procedural outline for handling cases]

- D.A. Travel & Expense Record, Jan-Aug 1954. [6 pgs.]

- W.V. Anderson instructions for disposition of his remains, 3-15-56. [2 pgs.]

- Photo of woman identified only as "Ruth" [BMC's mother-in-law, Ruth Cookingham ?]

California. District Court of Appeal. 1st Appell. Dist., Div. 2. *The People of the State of California vs. Inez L. Burns et al.*, 1946. [brief on an abortion ring case in SF]

Box Box 1 **Narcotics Enforcement**

- California. Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. *The Narcotic Problem, A Brief Study*, c1964.

- Narcotics enforcement scrapbook, 1949-51

- Harris Isbell, M.D. "A growing menace--Drug addiction," n.d.

- California. Health & Safety Code, Div. 10. *State of California Narcotic Act*, 1949.

- Walter R. Creighton. "Narcotics: Their legitimate & illicit use," 1951.

- Statement of Barbara Nelson taken at Stockton Police Dept. on Sat., 11-3-51. [detailed descr. lifestyle of Stkn drug users]

- Other unident. materials

- eighteen 8 x 10" b&w photos of addicts, chiefly Asian

Series Two: California Highway Patrol Commissioner, 1959-67

- Box Box 1 **California Highway Patrol Academy Textbooks & Manuals**
-California Highway Patrol Academy. Coursebooks, c1957. [in 4 black binders]
-Do. "Law of Crimes Outline," c1957.
-Do. "Lectures on various topics," c1957. [2 black binders]
-"Arrest & Evidence: Questions & Answers;" "Evidence Collection & Preservation;" "Administration of Justice: Cadet Course Outline;" "Vehicle inspection procedures manual;" "Rules of Evidence" [1 black binder]
- Box Box 2 **Major Issues During BMC Tenure; other CHP materials**
-California Highway Patrol. "Headquarters General Order 210.2," 1960.
-"Backstrand Report" Binder, n.d. [contains essays [by BMC ?] on many topics pertaining to history & organization of CHP]
-"Backstrand Report" Folder, 1960
 -California. Assembly. Interim Committee on Transportation & Commerce. *Keeping pace w/ needs of motor vehicle ownership & use*, 1-61.
 -Do. *A factual study of state functions bearing on ownership and use of motor vehicles*, n.d. c1960. [17 pgs.; describes aims, organizational structure of Committee; BMC on Advisory Council]
 -Summary of questions & recommendations at Backstrand Comm. meeting, 8-10-60, re CHP in response to BMC presentation. [4 pgs.]
-Vietnam Day Demonstrations, Berkeley, Fall 1965
 -J.F. Coakley, DA of Alameda Co. to Edmund G. Brown, Gov., 10-1-65. [2 pgs.] [request for help in controlling demonstrators from CHP & Natl. Guard]
 -"Proposed strategy for 15-16 October/Report of the SRO and Defendants Committee- 26 September 1965." [3 pgs.]
 -Kenneth A. Reecher, Col., USAF. Memoranda on Demonstrations against USAF installations, Sept. 1965. [4 pgs.]
- Box Box 2, Folder 1 **CHP Car Buying Policy Controversy, 1966**
-Correspondence, memos, notes on CHP vehicle standards & acquisition, 1966.
-Calif. Dept. of CHP. "Specifications for Class `A' Special Service Vehicle," 5-16-66. [49 pgs.]
-A.B. Collier, Admin. Services Officer to BMC, 10-17-66. [re car specifications statement by Oldsmobile rep]
-BMC Memorandum re Patrol Car Specifications, 10-18-66.
-Materials from LAPD on their repair costs using Oldsmobiles, 1965. [14 items]
-List of cars by years w/ prices (used by CHP ?) [3 items]
-Jack G. Wogoman, Motor Transport Officer. Memorandum on Patrol vehicle development, 8-11-66. [5 items]
-Cost comparison betw. Indiana State Police cars & CHPs, 12-8-66. [5 items]
-Calif. Dept. of CHP. "Optional equipment for solo enforcement motorcycle," 4-28-66. [13 pgs.]
-Robt. L. Harkness, Dir. Genl. Services, to Hale Champion, Admin. Revenue & Mgmt. Agency, 4-15-66. [2 pgs.; re proposed amendments to Senate & Assembly Bills on Highway Patrol vehicle specifications]
-BMC notes on bids from var. car dealers, n.d. [incl. \$ amounts]
 -John F. McLaren, Dpty DA card [attached to above]
-Chart of delivery costs from John Drew to var. locations, 1963-1967
-Materials relating to demands by J. Manning Post & Little Hoover Commission for more competitive bidding on CHP cars, Sept. 1966. [3 items]
-H.K. Jacobs, Special Rep. to BMC, 2-21-66. [re meeting w/ Manning J. Post & L.H. Halcomb, Jr.]
-2 unattached routing slips, one undated, other 9-20-66
- Box Box 2, Folder 2 **CHP Car Buying Controversy, 1966**
-"More than one bidder is expected for furnishing 1,500 CHP cars," n.p., n.d. [2 pgs.; photocopy]
-Notes on previous years' bidders, n.d.
-"Information concerning class `A' vehicles purchased during previously [sic] years [1955 & 1956]."
-Materials on 1966 bids for CHP cars. [5 items]
-"CHP auto buying probed," *San Jose Mercury* (9-16-66). [4 pgs. photocopy]
-Materials on 1965 bids for CHP cars [7 items; photocopy]
-Materials on 1966 Foulks Motor Co. [Oldsmobile] bid for CHP cars [5 items]
-Materials on 1960 CHP car specs. [5 items]
-Materials on 1962 purchase order amendment [3 items; photocopy]
-BMC. Press release on CHP car purchasing policy, 9-30-66. [3 pgs.]

- "Changes in specifications of patrol cars," n.d. [2 pgs.; list of 37]
- "CHP cars again under fire," *San Jose Mercury* (n.d.) [6 pgs.; photocopy]
- "Reagan assails CHP chief...", *The Sacramento Bee* (10-6-66). [photocopy]
- Hale Champion, Dir. of Finance to Geo. Miller, Jr., Chmn. Senate Finance Comm., 4-20-66. [photocopy; re CHP auto purchase schedule]
- Do. to Robt. W. Crown, Chmn. Assembly Ways & Means Comm., 4-20-66. [photocopy; re CHP auto purchase schedule]
- Sec. 21.3 of Budget Bill referred to by Hale Champion in 2 previous entries [photocopy]
- Clippings on CHP car buying story w/ routing slip, 10-14-66. [6 pgs., photocopies]
- Robt. L. Harkness, Dir., Dept. General Services to A. Boyd Collier, Commander, Admin. Ser. Div., CHP, 9-20-66. [10 pgs., photocopies] [re Indiana State Police car purchasing practices]
- A. Boyd Collier, Commander, Admin. Serv. Div., CHP to Robt. L. Harkness, Dir., Dept. General Services, n.d. [3 pgs.] [re comparison betw. Indiana State Police purchasing practices & CHPs]

Box Box 2, Folder 3 **CHP Car Buying Policy Controversy, 1966**

- L.R. Pennison, Fiscal Officer to BMC, 11-4-66. [re reason for bids for 1963-64 being submitted at same time] [2 items]
 - Jack G. Wogoman to A. Boyd Collier, 11-3-66. [re diff. betw. 1963-64 Dodge wagon & 1965] [2 items]
 - Do., 11-1-66. [re location of CHP Dodge wagons in state] [4 items]
 - Purchase agmt. w/ John Drew Motors, 4-19-63. [6 pgs.; photocopy]
 - Materials re 1963 CHP car order. [6 items; photocopy]
 - Materials re 1961 CHP car order. [3 items; photocopy]
 - Do., 1960. [6 items; photocopy]
 - Do., 1959. [10 items; photocopy]
 - Jack G. Wogoman, Motor Transport Officer to All Commanders, 10-2-63. [re delivery of 1964 cars]
 - B.K. Cheyney, State Purchasing Agent to A. Boyd Collier, 3-15-63. [2 items; photocopy] [re dates allowed by GMC for car orders]
 - BMC to A. Boyd Collier, 10-17-63. [2 items; photocopy] [re Detroit car order deadlines]
 - Corresp. Re CHP fleet vehicle purchase controversy, 1966
 - Materials on CHP Motor Vehicles Specifications**
 - Corresp. re CHP vehicles specifications, 1953-57
 - "CHP Specifications for Class A Spcl. Srv. Vehicles," 1955
 - Do., 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967
 - Corresp. re Vehicle Spec. Comm., 1966.
 - "Comparison of Class A Vehicle Spec. for yrs. 1955, 1961 & 1966" [black binder]
 - "History of dvpmt. of CP brake specs.," 1966 [black binder]
 - "History of dvpmt. Of CHP high speed tire specs.," 1966 [black binder]
 - "1966 patrol car specs." [black binder]
 - Reports to Commissioner re fleet vehicle purchases, 1966. [black binder]
 - Other items**
 - Clippings re KKK Rally in LA, 1966 [photo copy]
 - "Recommendations for future improvement of CHP," 1934; "Report of Assembly Interim Comm. on Motor Vehicle Laws," 1935. [black binder]
 - BMC to Robt. L. Harkness, 4-12-66. [3 items; photocopy] [re wheelbase req. on CHP vehicles]
 - 2 unident., unattached notes to BMC re some of papers above
 - Miscellaneous Correspondence**
 - 41 items, chiefly thank-you notes; incl. letters from Governor, Lieutenant Gov., var. civic & state organizations [incl. a routing slip & note]
 - Other CHP Materials**
 - California Highway Patrol. *Area Inspections*, (HPM 22.1), 1971.
 - Do. *Personnel & Complaint Investigation*, (HPM 10.4), 1973.
 - CHP Budget Summaries, 1963-67. [22 pgs.]
 - H.K. Jacobs, Inspector, CHP. "Safety Laws & Regulations," 1963. [incl. routing slip]
- Box Box 3
- Scrapbooks, general corresp., speeches, etc.**
 - BMC scrapbook re his appt. as Commissioner, 1959. [loose leaf; contains clippings, letters of congratulation, arr. by source: CHP, attorneys, friends, etc.]
 - BMC. Speech to Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, c1960. [14 pgs.; drunk driving, blood tests, radar, etc.]
 - BMC. "The law & Mr. Jones--and you and I," 1961. [13 pgs.]

- BMC. "Policing controlled access highways," n.d. [2 copies]
 - BMC. "Management by objectives," n.d. [see also binder above]
 - BMC. Notes for speech on drunk driving delivered in Washington State, c1964. [in brown folder]
 - State of California legal pad cover, addresses & notes by BMC
- Folder of Corresp. re BMC resignation, Feb. 1967
- I. Letters of regret at being unable to attend banquet
- Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Watson, Stkn
 - B.R. Smith, CHP, Visalia [incl. env.]
 - A.S. Cooper, CHP, Madera [incl. env.]
 - Donald Gibson, CHP, Yuba City [incl. env.]
 - Wm. A. Snare, Natl. Auto Theft Bur. [incl. env.]
 - Don Watkins, CHP, Oceanside [incl. env.]
 - Francis F. Simmons, CHP, Salinas [incl. env.]
 - Bernard A. Caldwell [incl. env.]
 - Pauline Watson [incl. env.]
 - D. Clifford Crummey
 - A. Boyd Collier
 - Bob Chilimidor
 - Joseph Kaplan, Exec. VP, Natl. Safety Council
 - Charles Stuart
 - Edmund G. "Pat" Brown
 - C.A. Wentland, DMV
 - James P. Economos, Dir. Traffic Court Program, Amer. Bar Assn.
 - Walter W. Powers
 - Wm. M. Ketchum, Assemblyman, 29th Distr.
 - John M. Price, DA Sacto. Co.
 - Joseph M. Kennick, 33rd Sen. Distr.
 - E.B. Harbin, Dep. Dir., Georgia Dept. Pub. Safety
 - Quinn Tamm, Exec. Dir., Inter. Assn. Chiefs Police
 - D. Clifford Crummey
 - Mrs. Doris Cannon
 - Geo. F. Buck
 - Chas. Conrad, Assemblyman, 57th Distr.
 - Eugene Chappie, Assemblyman, 6th Distr.
 - Robt. H. Burke, Assemblyman, 70th Distr.
 - Leroy F. Greene, Assemblyman, 3rd Distr.
 - Geo. E. Danielson, 27th Sen. Distr.
 - John Collier, Assemblyman, 54th Distr.
 - R.U. Robinson, Dir. Legal Div. AAA
 - Pete Wilson, Assemblyman, 76th Distr.
 - Carl A. Britschgi, Assemblyman, 26th Distr.
 - Bob Moretti, Assemblyman, 42nd Distr.
 - Walter C. Davidson, Harley-Davidson
 - William E. Coombs, 20th Sen. Distr.
 - Victor Veysey, Assemblyman, 75th Distr.
 - Alfred Alquist, 13th Sen. Distr.
 - Frank Murphy, Jr., Assemblyman, 31st Distr.
 - Alan G. Pattee, Assemblyman, 34th Distr.
 - Stewart Hinckley, Assemblyman, 73rd Distr.
 - David A. Roberti, Assemblyman, 48th Distr.
 - Homer Garrison Jr., Dir. Texas Dept. Public Safety
 - Yvonne Brathwaite, Assemblyman, 63rd Distr.
 - Gordon Cologne, 37th Sen. Distr.
 - John L. Harmer, 21st Sen. Distr.
 - John F. Foran, Assemblyman, 23rd Distr.
 - Gordon Duffy, Assemblyman, Tulare-Kings Counties
 - James W. Dent, Assemblyman, 10th Distr.
 - March Fong, Assemblyman, 15th Distr.

- W.L. Burton, Capt. Commander, CHP, Riverside [incl. 3 photos of Riverside officers & bldgs.]
- Ben G. Gautier, Safety Found. Mgr. Farmers Insur. Group
- Joe Farber, former Dir., Dept. Veterans' Affairs
- Stephen P. Teale, Senator
- Anthony J. Chargin, Atty., Stockton
- Don Mulford, Assemblyman
- Barbara & Bob Steinhart
- Glenn B. Vance, State Fire Marshall
- Tony & Marie Lombardi

II. Letters of condolence

- Eugene McAteer, Senator from SF
- Robt. W. Crown, Assemblyman, 14th Distr. [incl. BMC note to Crown]
- Wade Sherrard, Calif. Trucking Asn.
- Robt. Bradford, Admin. Transportation Agency
- Edmund G. "Pat" Brown
- Don F. Brown, Superintendent, Nevada Hwy Patrol
- Recpt. to BMC for return of \$40 entertainment money
- Robt. Montgomery Jr., Exec. Dir., Natl. Comm. on Uniform Traffic Laws & Ordinances
- Margaret & Orville Johnson
- Edmund G. Brown, Governor
- Thomas C. Lynch, Atty. Genl.
- John T. Voss, Pres. Calif. Assn. of Highway Patrolmen
- Don Mulford, Assemblyman, Oakland
- Dan Lanza, CHP, Eureka
- "Crittenden gift statement" [list of donors & descr. of gift]
- Gift card from "The Inspectors of the CHP"
- "Guests/Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden" [guestbook w/ blue covers; contains signatures & addresses, no identifying marks; 1 color photo 2 women in garden]
- 57 b&w photos of 1967 farewell banquet [pix incl. BMC, Geo. Deukmejian, Robt. Finch, etc.]
- Nameplate from BMC office door

Box Box 4

Watts riots, 1965

- Transcript of McCone Commission testimony, 9-16-65
- Gene Bernardi, State Welfare Bd. "Los Angeles - A preliminary and partial socio-economic profile with emphasis on poverty segments of the community and programs for the alleviation of their unemployment," 1964.
- "Unedited notes on conversations with poverty-prone segment of Los Angeles community: Conducted by Comm. On Social & Economic Problems, State Social Welfare Bd., Thurs. 5-14-64"
- "Notes on conversations with community leaders in Los Angeles conducted by Comm. On Social & Economic Problems, State Welfare Bd., Fri., 7-17-64"
- Donovan Bess. "Can happen here. Bay Area warned," *SF Chronicle* (8-17-65) [photocopy]
- Calif. Hwy. Patrol. Zn. 5. "Report on Watts Riot, vol. 1, Appendix A-E"
- Do. "Vol. 2, Appendix F-L"
- Calif. Governor's Comm. On LA Riots. "Staff report on the actions taken to implement the recommendations in the Commission's report, 8-17-66"
- "Police brutality: Fact or fiction?" *US News & World Report* (9-6-65).
- Binder of materials on Watts Riot, 1965.
 - Marquette Fry arrest
 - Chronological history
 - Written reports
 - Interviews w/ officers
 - Interviews w/ others
 - Criminal records of Frye family
 - Police radio logs
 - Patrol activity during riots by zone
 - Riot in Santa Barbara
 - Report of Director, Calif. Disaster Office
 - Memorandum from Commissioner outlining chronology of CHP involvement
 - CHP manpower schedule

- Schedule of ordinance shipped to area
 - Police bulletins covering developing events
 - Newspaper clippings
 - Events following Riot
 - Hearings
 - Discussion of Black Muslim influence
 - Arrests
 - Chief Parker & Mayor Yorty blame CHP for Riot
 - Jesse M. Unruh. "Proposals for State action: A response to the Los Angeles Riots," n.d.
 - Memoranda on police-community relations, var. cities: Auburn, Bridgeport, Grass Valley, Jackson, Modesto, Oroville, Sacramento, San Andreas, Sonora, Stockton, Ukiah, Williams, Willows, Woodland, Yuba City, Fresno, Bakersfield, Bishop, Hanford, Hollister/Gilroy, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Visalia, San Diego, Banning, Barstow, El Centro, Indio, Oceanside, Riverside, San Bernardino
 - Map southern area Metropolitan LA
 - Governor's Commission on the Los Angeles Riots. *Violence in the City--an End or a Beginning ?*, 1965.
 - *Watts Riot Arrests, LA, August 1965: Final Disposition*, 1966.
- Other Watts material, 1965-66
- Chief William Parker KNX-TV interview re LA Riots, 8-14-65.
 - Report: Civil Disturbances Observation Tour, Cities of Chicago & Cleveland, 8-1-66.
 - Arrest experience report--East LA, 8-31-65
 - Report of unusual occurrence: use of shotgun, 3-1-65
 - Editorial from *LA Times*, 8-31-65
 - Radio station log explanation of 8-11-65
 - "CHP strikes back on Riot," *LA Times* (8-31-65).
 - Editorial from *LA Times* re Yorty flap, 9-1-65
 - Evelle J. Younger, LA DA, to BMC, 8-28-65. [re Yorty flap; incl. envelope]
 - LA Riots: Mutual Aid Assistance--LAPD, 9-1-65
 - Memorandum: Unusual occurrence--Civil disturbance, 8-12-65
 - "Can riots be stopped?: The next move," *US News* (8-8-66).
 - Jim Alexander, Cabinet Secty. "Accomplishments in the Watts area since the Riots in 1965," 5-26-66.
 - 2 newspaper photos of Watts area [photocopy]
 - "Attitude of negroes toward law enforcement in the Watts and contiguous areas," n.d.
 - E.L. Greer, Capt. Memorandum on Area Training, Mob, and Riot Control, 9-3-65.
 - A.E. Allen, Lieutenant. Memorandum: Supplemental information requested by phone this date on area training, 9-8-65.
 - M.B. Jackson. "The Second Civil War," n.d. [commentary broadcast on KTLA Ch. 5]
 - "Resume, CHP activity during Watts Riots," n.d.

Series Three: Director/U.S. Dept. Of Transportation, Hwy. Safety Program, 1967-70; Regional Admin. Region IX, National Hwy. Traffic Safety Admin., 1970-77

- Box Box 1, Folder 1 **Bob Bradford, Exec. Dir. Redevelopment Agency, City of Sacramento to Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, 3-1-67. [photocopy] [solicits Pat Brown's recommendation for BMC for post in new Federal Highway Safety Program] Bob Bradford to Alan S. Boyd, Secty., Dept. of Transportation, 3-1-67. [photocopy] [letter of recommendation for BMC]**
- Box Box 1, Folder 2 **BMC. "Remarks at the 1967 District of Columbia Metropolitan Area Military-Civilian Traffic Safety Conference, Bolling Air Force Base, July 19, 1967." [incl. note from secty.]
BMC. "Remarks at the testimonial banquet, Safety First Club of Maryland, in Baltimore, Maryland, October 2, 1967."
BMC. "Highway safety today," c1968.**
- Folder Box 1,
Folder 3 **Materials pertaining to meeting betw. Secty., Dept. Transportation, Dr. Robert Brenner, and BMC staff to clarify objectives of Natl. Hwy. Safety Bureau, 2-17-68**
 - Dr. Robt. Brenner to BMC, 1-30-68.
 - " 1968 Goals & priorities/Highway Safety Programs Service" [2 pgs.; photocopy]
 - "National Highway Safety Bureau" [8 pgs.; photocopy] [outline of organization & functions]
 - Drafts of mission, goals, activities statements, 2-3-68 [13 pgs.]
 - BMC to Directors & Div. Chiefs, 2-7-68. [photocopy; requests for questions for Dr. Brenner for meeting, 2-17-68]
 - Var. responses to previous memo [27 items]
 - 3 memos re handling of questions for Brenner meeting [incl. routing slip]
 - "Meeting w/ Dr. Robert Brenner & HSPS Staff on February 17, 1968." [21 pgs.; photocopy] [incl. transcript of questions w/ edited responses]
 - Joseph P. Grillo, Act. Special Asst. to Director, to Robert Brenner, Deputy Director, 4-6-68. [photocopy; request for permission to disseminate previous item]
 - W.Y. Howell to Executive Comm., 12-3-68. [re previous item]
- Box Box 1, Folder 4 **Other HSPS matters, 1968-70**
 - Jim Wilson to BMC, 4-29-69. [5 pgs.; re proposed activities of agency for 1969]
 - Jim Wilson to BMC, 5-8-69.
 - BMC to Office Directors, HSPS, 5-13-69.
 - Materials relating to various projects for 1969 [10 pgs.]

Travel vouchers folder, 1970. [costs for move from Washington DC back to Calif.]
Congressional Record 116:113 (7-7-70). [BMC's views on highway safety mentioned in speech by Rep. Don H. Clausen of California, pp. E6356-7]
Louisiana drunk driving law evaluated, 1970
Outline autobiography folder, c1975

Series Four: Personal Papers, chiefly 1945-77

Box Box 1

Southern Pacific Railroad deeds to James D. Byrnes, 1892. [14 deeds, all Fresno area; in env. marked "John Kennedy/CHP"]
Edith MacChesney Crittenden Tracy Property Leases Folder

Additional Note

Mrs. Crittenden owned three properties east of Tracy on Kasson Road that had been left to her by her father. She leased the land during her lifetime to dairymen and row crop farmers. In her will, Mrs. Crittenden gave the land to her two children to hold jointly.

- BMC memorandum on history of leases on property, 9-16-54.
- Lease, Manuel Brazil, 262 ac. on MacChesney Ave., 9 mo., 1-44. [7 pgs.]
- Lease, Manuel P. & John Rocha, 262 ac. on MacChesney Ave., 5 yrs., 1 mo., 1-44. [7 pgs.]
- Do. rev. to exclude John Rocha, 1-45. [7 pgs.]
- Lease, Manuel P. Rocha, 262 ac. on MacChesney Ave., 5 yrs., 2 mo., 2-28-45. [7 pgs.]
- Lease, John Rocha, 80 ac. E of Banta-Carbona Ditch, 8 yrs., 1-46. [7 pgs.]
- Do. w/ pencil corrections. [pgs. 2, 3, 7 only]
- Lease draft, Sebastian, Frank, Manuel, Joe Rocha, "land leased to Frank Hoyt until 1954." [15 pgs.]

Edith MacChesney Crittenden Estate, Rocha Bros. Debt Folder

- BMC to Manuel Rocha, 5-28-53. [request for meeting]
- BMC memorandum on history of Rocha leases, 10-19-53. [2 pgs.]
- BMC to Al Souza, Atty., 1-21-54. [re preparation of Rocha lease]
- Check for \$800 from Manuel Rocha, 3-30-54. [inscribed "No good, included in judgement"]
- BMC to Manuel Rocha, 4-23-54. [re rents owed]
- Fred M. Bollinger, Atty. to BMC, 9-22-54. [2 pgs.; re Rocha's debts]
- List & description of Rocha holdings & debts, incl. debt to BMC & EEC totalling over \$6000, 9-10-54. [4 pgs.]
- Notes and figures on Rocha lease, n.d. [c1954] [4 pgs.]
- Manuel Rocha to BMC, 1955. [re 1955 water taxes check]
- BMC to Manuel Rocha, 7-16-56. [notice that monies owed are paid]
- BMC to Fred Bollinger, 9-5-56. [re pmt. for services in breaking Rocha lease]

Edith MacChesney Crittenden Estate Papers Folder, 1952-54

- T.W. Thomas, Insuror: bean insurance on Tracy property, 1952. [2 items]
- "Petition for probate of will." [5 pgs.]
- "Petition for Letters..."
- IRS requests
- U.S. Estate Tax Return, 1952.
- Recpts. for Deeds copied [2], 10-9-53.
- U.S. Fiduciary Income Tax Return, 1953.
- California Fiduciary Income Tax Return, 1953.
- SJ Co. Tax Statements, 1953-54. [3 items]
- Decree of Distribution of Estate, 3-1-54. [4 pgs.]
- Recpt. for Decree of Distribution, 3-3-54.
- "Final discharge of decree," 3-54.
- Recpt. for copy of decree, 5-21-54.
- "Amounts Received; Business Accounts: Stockton Savings & Loan Bank," 7-6-54.
- Rue & Snell, Attys. to Wm. H. Beck, Estate & Gift Tax Examiner, 10-8-54.
- C.W. Nielsen, B of A, to BMC, 11-17-54.
- Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland corresp., 1954. [2 items]
- Statement of income & expenses, 1952-54.

Edith MacChesney Crittenden Union Oil Company Lease Folder

- Corresp., 1951. [3 items]
- Lease, 5-17-51. [5 pgs.]
- Do. [6 pgs.; photostat; note difference in acreage cited pg. 2]
- Do. Bradford S. Crittenden, widower. [5 pgs.; dates not changed]

Box Box 1

Gustine Property, Merced Co., N 1/2 Sect. 8, T9SR9E (222.12 ac.)**Additional Note**

This land was the residue of Bradford S. Crittenden's parents' family farm. He willed the N 1/2 of the N 1/2 to BMC and the S 1/2 of the N 1/2 to EEC on his death in 1952. The property was probably leased to dairy farmers from as early as the 1920s. The lessees also grew alfalfa for the use of their herds. The first lessee of record, August Santos, had leased the land from Senator B.S. Crittenden, BMC's father, for some years before BMC took over the property on his father's death in 1952. Santos subleased portions of the property until 1965.

The correspondence provides considerable information about landlord/tenant relations in Valley agriculture during the years represented. Subjects discussed include: rent, taxes, cost sharing, equipment repair, water use, sanitation, dwellings & outbuildings, crops, insurance, etc.

-Leases

- August Santos, 1954, 5 yrs. [6 pgs.]
- altered portions of above [3 pgs.]
- August Santos, 1-16-55, 5 yrs. [7 pgs.]
- 1/3 Sublease to Evo Cardoza, 1-16-55, 5 yrs. [2 pgs.]
- August Santos, extension, 4-1-60, 5 yrs. [2 pgs.]
- Horacio Pereira, 1-16-65, 5 yrs. [7 pgs.]
- Tax Materials Folder, 1955-65. [23 items]
- Central California Irrigation District Folder, 1954-69. [31 items; incl. Rules & regulations booklet]
- Correspondence w/ tenants
 - August Santos, 1953-1965. [66 items; incl. 5 photos]
 - Horacio Pereira, 1959-70. [33 items]
- Correspondence w/ insurance co., 1954-68 [24 items]
- Correspondence w/ repairmen, etc., 1954-70 [40 items]
- Correspondence w/ PG & E, 1953-56. [24 items; incl. *Guide to PG & E Gas & Electric Service*]
- Other Correspondence
 - Merced Co. Dept. Public Works, 1969. [2 items]
 - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1955. [1 item, 3 pgs.]
 - California Bureau of Dairy Inspection, 1956-58. [7 items]
 - Clarence Stewart, 3-31-69. [re a loan on property]
 - Tom Crittenden, 4-16-69. [re ranch repairs]
 - Oil Companies, 1962-65. [10 items; re oil rights]

Box Box 1

Edith Eudora Crittenden Gustine Property, S 1/2 Sect. 8, T9SR9E**Additional Note**

This property is the southern half of a larger piece willed to BMC and his sister, Edith, by their father, Senator B.S. Crittenden. From time to time, BMC seems to have taken care of certain details of this dairy operation for his sister.

- Lease to Joe Alves, 1-17-65, 5 years. [7 pgs.]
- Correspondence, Joe Alves, 1954-70 [10 items, 12 pgs.]
- Other Correspondence
 - Edith E. Crittenden, 1956-65. [2 items, 3 pgs.]
 - Robt. N. Osburn, 1956. [re house repairs]
- Notes, bills for improvements [4 items]

Box Box 1

Tracy Property, San Joaquin County, Sect. 33, T2SR6E**Additional Note**

This property belonged to BMC's mother, Edith MacChesney Crittenden. She willed it to her two children jointly. Several tenants farmed portions of it at different times. Crops included tomatoes, beans, sugar beats, milo, hay, and barley. Parcel I consists of 262 ac. on MacChesney Ave. Parcel II consists of 80 ac. on the E of the Banta-Carbona Ditch containing a house and barn. Parcel III consists of approx. 120 ac. opposite Parcel II on the W side of the Ditch. [See property maps in Maps Folder.]

- Leases Folder, 1952-64
 - Description of "Parcel II" [III] leased by Merrill West, 1954. [2 pgs.]

- Manuel F. Rocha, Parcels I & II, 6 yrs., 4 mos., 1-54. [13 pgs.; marked "not used"]
- Robert F. & Frank L. Hoyt, Parcels I & II, 10 yrs., 1955. [7 pgs.]
- Merrill F. West, Parcel III, 5 yrs., 1956. [6 pgs.]
- Cancellation of Lease w/ Robt. F. & Frank L. Hoyt, 2-64. [3 pgs.]
- K.C. Lovegreen & R.L. Wilson, Parcels I & II, 10 yrs., 1962. [10 pgs.]
- Do., 1964. [7 pgs.]
- Do., 1964. [11 pgs.; pencil corrections: Lovegreen's name crossed out; incl. map]
- Correspondence w/ Edith Eudora Crittenden Folder, 1955-69. [8 items]
- Correspondence w/ Tenants Folder, 1955-70
 - B.F. Hoyt, 1955-64. [3 items, 4 pgs.]
 - Merrill West, 1963-70. [9 items; incl. crop map & obituary of MW]
 - Ronald L. Wilson, 1962-70. [13 items; 17 pgs.]
- Correspondence w/ Oil Companies Folder, 1954-65. [6 items, 10 pgs.]
- Correspondence w/ PG&E Folder, 1962-65. [6 items]
- Correspondence w/ Insurance Companies Folder, 1954-67. [9 items, 10 pgs.]
- Correspondence w/ Governmental Agencies Folder, 1955-69.
 - Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, 1955-64. [5 items]
 - California State Reclamation Board, 1960-69. [8 items, 10 pgs.]
 - San Joaquin County Counsel, 1959-65. [3 items, 5 pgs.]
 - San Joaquin Mosquito Abatement District, 1959. [2 items]
 - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1957. [1 item]
- Correspondence w/ San Joaquin Valley Hay Growers Assn. Folder, 1953-55. [16 items]
- Correspondence w/ Spreckels Sugar Co. Folder, 1958. [5 items]
- Correspondence w/ Other Businesses Folder, 1954-63.
 - Rhodes Warehouse & Supply, 1963. [3 items]
 - Carnation Co., 1-54. [2 items, 3 pgs.]
- 1963 Farm Income Itemization Folder
- Property Maps Folder
 - Tracy Properties, n.d. [neg. photostat]
 - Vernalis Gas Field Area, NE 1/4 Sect. 28, T3SR6E, n.d. [blueprint]
 - "Map of proposed area of levee construction & maintenance, San Joaquin River & Paradise Cut," 12-30-58. [blueprint; incl. Tracy Properties]
 - Tracy Properties, n.d. [pencil sketch map; shows location of bldgs., private rd., etc.]

Box Box 1

Miscellaneous Insurance Papers

- Thomas B. Crittenden Wrongful Death Law Suit Folder, 1968. [20 items, 22 pgs.]
- Life, automobile, crop insurance Folder, 1953-68. [13 items, 37 pgs.]
- San Joaquin County, CHP, State of California Retirement Pay Schedules Folder [10 items]
- Business Account at Stockton Savings & Loan Bank Folder, 1954-56 [16 items]
- Miscellaneous Correspondence, Notes, and Other Papers Folder, 1953-69 [23 items, 31 pgs.]
- Bank of Stockton Statements & Checks, March-June 1972 Folder [incl. env.]
- Ledgers & Tax Forms Folder, 1961-69
 - Ledgers, 1961-69 [title varies, usu. "{date} accounts - ranch income"; pgs. unbound]
 - U.S. IRS Tax Forms, 1966, 1968, 1969.
 - California State Retirement Benefits Materials [11 pgs.]
 - Thomas B. Crittenden U.S. IRS Tax Forms, 1966.

Concerned Citizens' Committee of San Joaquin County Folder, 1979

Additional Note

This Committee was formed to lead a drive for a State Constitutional Convention the purpose of which was to address the supposed need for forensic and judicial reform of the State Constitution. Special targets of Committee enmity were Governor Jerry Brown and Chief Justice Rose Bird. BMC was Co-Chairman.

- Misc. clippings [34] on law enforcement in California.
- Press Releases & Correspondence of the Committee [5 items, 11 pgs.]
- "State Constitutional Convention/Raise the hue & cry" [flyer]
- People vs. Robert Sosa, et al., 1979 [25 pgs.; a Nuestra Familia murder case]
- People vs. Norman Arno, et al., 1979 [18 pgs.; a porno case].
- Check stubs, unidentified bank, 1971-72, 1976. [in red spiral binding, black covers]