RLG’s Archival Resources

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Archival Resources
Service Design Principles

• Provide a union catalog of distributed collection guides
• Index full text
• Reliably deliver the complete collection guide

Locating the Collection Guides

• Initially: used a commercial spider application for assembling content

• Now: using a registry of guide contributors and a “collector” application

• Future: promote consistent internal representation of guides at contributor sites
Collection Guide Content

• Initially: included SGML EAD content only
• Expanded the service to include XML, and accept both beta and version 1 EAD
• Expanded the service to include HTML and ASCII guides
• Enhanced the service by including access to RLIN AMC file bibliographic records
• Future: encourage consistent coding of title and other descriptive metadata in non-EAD guides

Collection Guide Indexing

- Initially and now: indexed full text from EAD guides
- Initially: planned to make substantial use of EAD regions for advanced searching
- Now: to account for variations in EAD practice, have made more selective use of EAD regions in advanced searching
- Now: limited full text indexing of non-EAD guides
- Future: more integration with related resources
Collection Guide Viewing

• Initially: planned to link to EAD guides stored on contributors’ systems, and rely on SGML plug-in software for viewing

• Now: developed an HTML surrogate stored on an RLG server, enhanced to provide efficient network transfers and search term highlighting

• Future: expect to provide for viewing of XML guides on contributors’ servers, as XML support within web browsers becomes more widely available
EAD and non-EAD guides in search results

Collection guides for any of these words: swenson
42 guides sorted by relevancy
Collection scope notes and abstracts in some guides provide brief descriptions.
To view an entire guide, select it from the list.

Go to page: 1 2 3 4 5 or view 87 collection

1. Catalina Island Views, California, ca. 1900-1909
   The Bancroft Library. University of California, Berkeley.
   Berkeley, California 94720-6000
   29 photographic prints in 1 album; black and white; 18 x 26 cm.
   Collection scope / Abstract
   SAVE

2. Walter Lowrie
   Web site provided by Princeton University
   SAVE

3. USM de Grummond Collection - R. R. KNUDSON
EAD guide viewed as HTML

Catalina Island Views, California, ca. 1900-1909

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View Administrative Information

Scope and Content

This album contains 29 black and white photographs likely taken in the first decade of the 20th century by the photographers Schattman, Swenson and other unidentified photographers. One photograph is dated 1900. The views are of Santa Catalina Island located 27 miles offshore southwest of Wilmington, near Los Angeles, California. The island is one of four Catalina Islands and is part of Los Angeles County. The island is 21 miles long and varies in width up to 8 miles with mountains as high as 2, 100 feet. The town of Avalon was developed for tourists by William Wrigley Jr. and his son, two of several private owners of Santa Catalina.

Introduction

The Walter Lowrie Papers consist of autobiographical material and other works such as manuscripts of books, sermon outlines, prayers, articles and essays; correspondence with family during the time Lowrie was in Europe (especially letters to his mother), but also correspondence with friends and colleagues, particularly Howard A. Johnson, a long-time friend and colleague who was also Lowrie’s successor at the University of Chicago.
For More Information

• Archival Resources service
  http://www.rlg.org/arr/index.html

• Contributing finding aids to Archival Resources
  http://www.rlg.org/rlgead/contribute.html

• RLG’s EAD Support Site
  http://www.rlg.org/rlgead/

• Apex EAD conversion service
  http://www.rlg.org/rlgead/conversion.html