Finding Aid for the Huell Howser California's Gold Archive
2011.114.r
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Summary Information

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Preferred Citation note

[identify item and box], Huell Howser California's Gold Archive (2011.114.r), Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Chapman University, CA.
Biographical/Historical note

Huell Burnley Howser (1945-2013) was an American broadcast journalist best known for California's Gold, his travel show based in Los Angeles at KCET and aired on California public broadcast stations.

Born in Gallatin, Tennessee, Howser received a BA in history from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, served in the United States Marine Corps and began his television career at WSM-TV in Nashville.

Howser also worked in New York before moving to Los Angeles in 1981 to work as a reporter for KCBS-TV. In 1985 he joined the public broadcast system affiliate KCET as a producer for the show "Videolog."

Scope and Contents note

This majority of this collection is the raw tape footage shot by Huell Howser for the various television series that he was involved in as well as the episode research files associated with the final shows.

Also included in this collection are the professional papers of Howser covering his career in broadcast journalism, awards, photographs and gifts given to Howser by fans.

Arrangement note

This collection is organized by series and original order.

Series 1, Professional Papers
Series 2, Episode Files
Series 3, Audio/Visual Tapes
Publication Information
Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives, Leatherby Libraries 01/07/2013

Conditions Governing Access note
This collection is not currently open for research.

Conditions Governing Use note
There are restrictions on the use of this material, please contact the archivist for the details. This collection contains previously copyrighted material and it is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain all permissions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note
Gift of Huell Howser.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

• Howser, Huell, 1945-2013

Subject(s)

• California -- History.
• Television personalities--United States.
• Television programs -- United States.
### Collection Inventory

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**Scope and Contents note**

This series contains the personal papers of Huell Howser covering his broadcasting career. [Still in processing]

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Personal Name(s)**

- Howser, Huell, 1945-2013

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**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains ephemeral material collected by Huell Howser or given to him by fans.

This collection also contains 1 Sony Hi-8 video camera with carrying case used by Huell Howser, to document and collect possible footage for his television shows and specials.
Accession: 2012.077 1 Program, La Fiesta de Los Angeles 1931

1 label, Rubel Farms citrus crate 1921

1 stamp, canceled 1997

1 sheet music, "I love you California" 1913

Awards

Episode files

Scope and Contents note
This series contains the research material generated for each episode. [This series is still being processed]

California's Gold

Scope and Contents note
This series contains episode files for the California's Gold television show. The files are not complete with gaps as noted:

episodes 10.001 to 11.015
episodes 201 to 212
episodes 301 to 312
episodes 401 to 412
episodes 501 to 512
episodes 601 to 612
episodes 701 to 713
episodes 801 to 812
episodes 901 to 912
episodes 1001 to 1012
episodes 3001 to 3013
episodes 5001 to 5012 (episodes 5005 and 5006 missing)
episodes 6001 to 6012
episodes 7001 to 7012
episodes 8001 to 8012(?)
episodes 9001 to 9012
episodes 12001 to 12012
episodes 13001 to 13012
Specials

A/V Collection  193.5 Linear feet (156 cartons)

Scope and Contents note

This series contains the raw footage on misc. formats shot by Huell Howser and which was edited into the final broadcast shows. [This series is still being processed]

[5 cartons of misc. tapes that still need to be sorted]

California's Gold raw footage  73.75 Linear feet (59 cartons)

Visiting... with Huell Howser raw footage  52.5 Linear feet (42 cartons)
### Road Trip raw footage

- **Road Trip** raw footage 13.75 Linear feet (11 cartons)

### Specials raw footage

- **Specials** raw footage 11.5 Linear feet (10 cartons)

### California's Golden Parks raw footage

- **California's Golden Parks** raw footage 8.75 Linear feet (7 cartons)

### Palm Springs raw footage

- **Palm Springs** raw footage 5.0 Linear feet (4 cartons)

### Australia/ Cook Islands raw footage

- **Australia/ Cook Islands** raw footage 1.25 Linear feet (1 carton)

### Alaska raw footage

- **Alaska** raw footage 1.25 Linear feet (1 carton)

### California's Green raw footage

- **California's Green** raw footage 5.0 Linear feet (4 cartons)

### California's Water raw footage

- **California's Water** raw footage 3.75 Linear feet (3 cartons)

### California Missions raw footage

- **California Missions** raw footage 2.5 Linear feet (2 cartons)

### California's Communities raw footage

- **California's Communities** raw footage 2.5 Linear feet (2 cartons)

### Huell's Whale Adventure raw footage

- **Huell's Whale Adventure** raw footage 2.5 Linear feet (2 cartons)

### California's Golden Coast raw footage

- **California's Golden Coast** raw footage 2.5 Linear feet (2 cartons)
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