



# Roxburghe Club of San Francisco Collection, 1928-1967.

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Founded in 1928 and still in existence today, the Roxburghe Club of San Francisco is an exclusive society of bibliophiles, printers, and book collectors that share eclectic tastes. Founded by Gustav Epstein, Samuel T. Farquhar, Karl Herman Klingspor, Harold A. Small, and Carl I. Wheat, the club originally consisted of twenty-seven members. These first *Roxburghers* (as they had come to refer to themselves) assembled for their first official meeting at the Plaza Hotel in San Francisco on April 3, 1928. The club's name is taken from the Roxburghe Club of London, an English printers' club founded on the night of June 16, 1812, 116 years prior to the founding of its San Francisco-based counterpart.

Roxburghers gathered regularly one evening per month at restaurants or society clubs to discuss a broad range of subjects, with a club member or guest speaker leading the discussion. Special events, including tours of library facilities and exhibitions related to printing at cultural centers, were often part of the Roxburghe agenda. These meetings included club elections for different administrative roles, such as master of the press and "devil's printer," among other committees. The Club appears to have eventually adopted an academic model for its annual schedule, beginning in September and concluding in June, followed by a summer recess.

The Roxburghe Club developed a special relationship with the Zamorano Club of Los Angeles, a bibliophiles' club also founded in 1928, named after the nineteenth-century Mexican printer (California's first) Don Augustin Vincente Zamorano. Beginning in the early 1950s, members of the two clubs organized to assemble every two years for a weekend of events in the September of that year. The host city—either San Francisco or Los Angeles—alternated with every biennial gathering.

The Roxburghe Club Collection is a resource for art, literature, history, and politics. A wide range of reproductions and facsimiles of articles, speeches, photographs, rare illustrations (primarily woodcuts and engravings), and other documents comprise this collection. As printers, the Roxburghers had access to various methods of printing, both modern and traditional, making the reproduction of numerous souvenirs possible. The collection contains reprints of text and images related to topics such as literature or political situations contemporaneous with the souvenir's printing. Examples of the latter include an address by Dr. Hu Shih, Ambassador of the Republic of China to the United States, which was delivered in Washington, D.C., on March 23, 1942 (printed 1943), and a catalog of anti-capitalist cartoons from the Soviet magazine *Krokodil* (*Crocodile*, 1955).

In addition to being a great repository of replicas, the Roxburghe Club collection contains five rare book-leaves (distributed as souvenirs) which span a period of four centuries. These include one leaf from a 1503 Italian vernacular edition of Jacobus de Voragine's *Lives of the Saints* with woodcuts of the martyrdoms of Saints Bartholomew and Timothy, two leaves of

*The Book of Geoffrey Chaucer* (collected works; one from the 1551 and another from the 1561 edition), and page 304 from the original 1787 Spanish edition of Francisco Palou's *Life of the Venerable Father Junipero Serra*. The latest of these leaves is an original woodblock print by the Japanese artist Hiroshige from 1858—folio no. 110 from the artist's popular *100 Views of Edo* depicts the *Kesakakematsu* by the Senzoku-no ike Pond. Two other souvenirs, while not book leaves, are authentic examples of Asian printing. A booklet compiled by Duncan Olmstead in 1958 (who was also responsible for the presentation of the sixteenth century leaves) contains specimens of handmade Japanese art paper, made of "hair-like threads which are rendered from seaweed," with ferns embedded within the paper. Additionally, the collection includes an example of Tibetan printing from Lhasa circa 1950, which was brought from Kalimpong in India by Samuel T. Farquhar. The only non-print item within the collection is a bronze hotel room key from the Fairmont Hotel before 1906. The great beaux-arts hotel (still standing), was to be completed by 1907, but was heavily damaged by the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. This particular key was given to Duncan Olmsted as a souvenir of the Roxburghe-Zamorano gathering of 1960.

The collection, donated by Duncan Olmsted (Roxburghe Club Master of the Press 1967-68), is comprised of printed materials related to meetings, members, events, interests, publications, and activities of the Roxburghe Club and their associates (in particular, the Zamorano Club). Most of the collection's entries in Series I and II are arranged based on the Roxburghers' own usage of terms within the collection: "announcements," printed materials inviting members and guests to a particular gathering or event, and "souvenirs," printed materials to be distributed as keepsakes that were made to correspond with either the date or subject of a given meeting. Lists of members of the Roxburghe and Zamorano Clubs have been termed "roster." Auction papers refer to announcements documenting the progress and results of a particular club-hosted auction.

Names:

Adams, Ansel E.

Bender, Albert M., 1866-1941.

Farquhar, Francis P., 1887-1974.

Farquhar, Samuel T., 1890-1949.

Harding, George L.

Grabhorn, Edwin, 1889-1968.

Grabhorn, Robert.

Gunst, Morgan A., -1958.

Kennedy, Lawton R., 1900-1980.

Olmsted, Duncan H.

Wheat, Carl I., 1892-1966.

The Black Vine Press.

The Grabhorn Press.

The Grace-Hoper Press.  
Imprimerie Aucune/The Aucune Press.  
The Roxburghe Club of San Francisco.  
The San Francisco Public Library.  
The Tamalpais Press.  
The University of California.  
The Zamorano Club of Los Angeles.

Subjects:

Art and Art History.  
Books and Book Collecting.  
History.  
Printing.

Places:

San Francisco (Calif.)  
Los Angeles, (Calif.)  
Petaluma (Calif.)

Form and Genre Terms:

Ephemera  
Essays.  
Leaves.  
Pamphlets.  
Prints.  
Scrapbooks.

Occupational Terms:

Librarians.  
Printers.  
Professors.

The Roxburghe Club of San Francisco Collection is arranged in three series:

- I. Roxburghe Club Gatherings—materials related to the annual goings-on of the Roxburghe Club, including auctions and outings, arranged chronologically.
- II. Roxburghe and Zamorano Gatherings—materials related to the Roxburghe-Zamorano biennial September weekend meetings, beginning c.1952, arranged chronologically.
- III. Published Materials—publications relevant to the activities and interests of the Roxburghe Club, published either by the Club, its associations or other institutions, but not necessarily presented for or associated with any event of the Roxburghe club, arranged chronologically.

### **Series I: Roxburghe Club Gatherings**

#### **Box/**

#### **Folder**

#### **Title/Inclusive Dates**

1-1	Announcements and Roster, Apr.-July 1928
1-2	Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Nov., -1928
1-3	Auction Papers, Jan. 1929
1-4	Announcement and Souvenir, Feb. 1929
1-5	Announcements and Souvenirs, Mar.-Apr. 1929
1-6	Announcements and Souvenirs, May-Sept. 1929
1-7	Announcements, Auction Papers and Souvenirs, Oct.-Dec. 1929
1-8	Announcements, Feb.-May 1930
1-9	Announcements and Souvenirs, June 1930
1-10	Announcements and Souvenirs, Aug.-Sept. 1930
1-11	Announcements and Souvenirs, Oct.-Dec. 1930
1-12	Announcements and Souvenirs, Jan.-May 1931
1-13	Announcements and Souvenirs, June-Sept. 1931
1-14	Announcements and Souvenirs, Oct.-Dec. 1931
1-15	Announcements and Souvenirs, Jan.-Feb. 1932
1-16	Announcements and Souvenirs, Mar.-Sept. 1932
1-17	Announcements and Souvenirs, Oct.-Dec. 1932
1-18	Souvenirs, 1932
1-19	Announcement and Souvenir, Jan.1933
1-20	Announcement and Souvenir, Feb. 1933
1-21	Announcements, Mar.-May 1933
1-22	Announcement and Souvenir, June 1933
1-23	Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Dec. 1933

- 1-24 Souvenirs, 1933
- 1-25 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Feb. 1934
- 1-26 Announcements and Souvenirs, Mar.-Apr. 1934
- 1-27 Announcement and Souvenirs, June 1934
- 1-28 Souvenir, June 1934
- 1-29 Souvenir, June 1934
- 1-30 Souvenir, June 1934
- 1-31 Announcements, Sept.-Nov. 1934
- 1-32 Announcement and Souvenirs, Dec. 1934/1934
- 1-33 Announcements and Auction Papers, Jan.-Apr. 1935
- 1-34 Announcements and Souvenirs, May-Sept. 1935
- 1-35 Souvenir, Nov. 1935
- 1-36 Announcements and Souvenir, 1936, 38
- 1-37 Announcement and Souvenirs, Mar.-Sept. 1939
- 2-1 Announcements and Souvenirs, Oct. 1939
- 2-2 Announcement and Greeting, Dec. 1939
- 2-3 Announcements and Souvenirs, Jan.-Apr. 1940
- 2-4 Announcements and Souvenir, May-Sept. 1940
- 2-5 Announcement and Souvenir, Oct. 1940
- 2-6 Announcement and Souvenir, Oct. 1940
- 2-7 Announcements and Souvenir, Nov.-Dec. 1940
- 2-8 Announcements and Souvenirs, Jan.-Mar. 1941
- 2-9 Announcements, Apr.-Dec. 1941
- 2-10 Announcements and Auction Papers, Feb.-June 1942
- 2-11 Souvenir, July 1942  
 Includes "An Address by His Excellency, Dr. Hu Shih, to the  
 United States of America, delivered at Washington, D.C., March  
 23, 1942
- 2-12 Announcements and Souvenirs, July-Dec. 1942
- 2-13 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Feb. 1943
- 2-14 Announcement and Souvenir, Mar. 1943
- 2-15 Announcements, Apr.-Sept. 1943
- 2-16 Announcements and Souvenir, Oct.—1943
- 2-17 Announcements, Jan.-June, 1944  
 Scrapbook containing Announcements and Souvenirs, June 1944-June 1945  
 See: Oversized Box 7  
 Announcement/Roster, Sept. 1945  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-1
- 2-18 Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Nov. 1945

- Announcement, Dec. 1945  
oversized, removed to Box 8-2
- 2-19 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Mar. 1946
- 2-20 Souvenirs, Mar. 1946
- 2-21 Announcements, Apr.-Sept. 1946
- 2-22 Announcements and Souvenir, Oct.-Dec. 1946
- 2-23 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Apr. 147
- 2-24 Announcements, May-Dec. 1947
- 2-25 Announcements and Roster, Jan.-May 1948  
[roster lists original members, not updated 1948 roster]
- 2-26 Announcements, June-Dec. 1948
- 2-27 Announcements, Jan.-Mar. 1949
- 2-28 Announcement and Souvenir, Jun. 1949
- 2-29 Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Dec. 1949
- 2-30 Announcements, Feb.-May 1950
- 2-31 Announcements, June-Nov. 1950
- 3-1 Announcement and Souvenir, Jan. to Apr. 1951
- 3-2 Announcements and Souvenir, May 1951
- 3-3 Announcements and Souvenir, Aug.-Nov. 1951  
Includes Enclosing of a Specimen of Printing done at Lhasa,  
in Tibet, brought from Kalimpong, India
- 3-4 Announcement and Souvenir, Dec.—1951
- 3-5 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Feb. 1952
- 3-6 Announcements, Mar.-Dec. 1952
- 3-7 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-May 1953
- 3-8 Announcements, Sept.-Nov. 1953
- 3-9 Announcements, Jan.-Nov. 1954  
Souvenir, —1954  
oversized, removed to Box 8-3
- 3-10 Announcements, Souvenir and Auction Papers, Jan.-Mar. 1955
- 3-11 Announcements and Souvenir, Apr.-May 1955  
Includes A Crocodile Snarls, Squawks and Chuckles! Cartoons  
About the U.S. from the Russian Soviet Magazine KROKODIL
- 3-12 Announcement and Souvenir, Sept. 1955
- 3-13 Announcements, Oct.-Dec. 1955
- 3-14 Announcement and Souvenir, Jan. 1956  
Souvenir, Jan. 1956  
oversized, removed to Box 8-4
- 3-15 Announcements and Souvenir, Feb.-Mar. 1956
- 3-16 Announcement and Souvenir, Apr. 1956

- 3-17 Announcements and Souvenir, May-Nov. 1956
- 3-18 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Apr. 1957
- 3-19 Announcements and Souvenir, May-Sept. 1957
- 3-20 Announcements and Souvenirs, Sept.-Nov. 1957
- 3-21 Souvenirs, 1957
- 3-22 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Mar. 1958
- 3-23 Announcements and Souvenirs, Apr.-May 1958
- 3-24 Announcements, Jul.-Nov. 1958
- 3-25 Announcements, Jan.-Apr. 1959
- 3-26 Announcement and Souvenir, May 1959
- 3-27 Announcements and Souvenir, June 1959  
Includes "An Original Hiroshige Wood Block Print from the '120 Views of Yedo' 1858," folio no. 110, *The Kesakakematsu Pine by the Senzoku-no ike Pond*
- 3-28 Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Nov. 1959
- 3-29 Souvenirs, Dec. 1959
- 3-30 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Mar. 1960
- 3-31 Announcements and Souvenir, Apr.-Dec. 1960
- 3-32 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Mar. 1961
- 3-33 Announcements and Souvenir, Mar.-Apr. 1961
- 4-1 Announcement and Souvenirs, Apr.-May 1961
- 4-2 Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Dec. 1961
- 4-3 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Mar. 1962  
Includes "Bartolomeus Zanni: Printer of Venice 1485-1518 and at Portese 1489-90: A monograph compiled from various sources by Duncan H. Olmsted together with a leaf from Jacobus de Voragine's *Legendarium de Sancti* printed by Zanni at Venice, 1503" with woodcuts depicting martyrdoms of saints Timothy and Bartholomew
- 4-4 Announcements, Apr.-Oct. 1962
- 4-5 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-May 1963
- 4-6 Announcements and Souvenir, Sept.-Dec. 1963
- 4-7 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-May 1964
- 4-8 Announcements and Souvenir, Aug.-Dec. 1964
- 4-9 Announcements, Jan.-Feb., Apr. 1965  
Announcement, Mar. 1965  
oversized, removed to Box 8-5
- 4-10 Announcements and Souvenir, May 1965



- 4-11 Announcements and Souvenir, Oct.-Dec. 1965  
Includes "Two Chaucer Leaves," one from the undated edition of *The Book of Geoffrey Chaucer*, circa 1551, and one leaf from the 1561 edition
- 4-12 Announcements, Jan.-Apr. 1966
- 4-13 Souvenirs, Apr. 1966
- 4-14 Announcements and Souvenirs, May-Dec. 1966
- 4-15 Announcements and Souvenir, Jan.-Apr. 1967
- 4-16 Announcement and Souvenirs, May 1967  
Souvenir, May 1967  
oversized, removed to Box 8-6
- 4-17 Announcements and Souvenir, 1967
- 4-18 Souvenirs, 1967

## **Series II: Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings**

<b><u>Box/ Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Inclusive Dates</u></b>
4-19	Souvenirs, Oct. 1952, Sept. 1953
4-20	Souvenirs, Sept. 1953 Souvenir, Sept. 1953 oversized, removed to Box 8-7
4-21	Souvenirs, Sept. 1953
4-22	Souvenirs, Sept. 1954
4-23	Souvenirs, Sept. 1954
4-24	Souvenirs, Sept. 1954
4-25	Roster, Sept. 1955
4-26	Announcements and Souvenirs, Jun.-Sept. 1956 Souvenir, Sept. 1956 oversized, removed to Box 8-8
4-27	Souvenirs, Sept. 1956
4-28	Souvenir, Sept. 1956
4-29	Souvenir, Sept. 1956
4-30	Souvenirs, Sept. 1956
4-31	Announcements and Souvenirs, Aug.-Sept. 1961
4-32	Souvenirs, Sept. 1958
5-1	Souvenirs, Sept. 1958
5-2	Souvenirs, Sept. 1958
5-3	Souvenir, Sept. 1958

- Souvenir, Sept. 1958  
 Includes "An Original Leaf from Palou's Life of the Venerable  
 Father Junipero Serra, 1787," page 304  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-9
- 5-4 Souvenirs, Sept. 1958
- 5-5 Souvenirs, Sept. 1958  
 Souvenir, Oct. 1958  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-10
- 5-6 Announcements, Apr.-Sept. 1960
- 5-7 Souvenirs, Sept. 1960
- 5-8 Souvenir, Sept. 1960
- 5-9 Souvenir, Sept. 1960
- 5-10 Souvenir, Sept. 1960 (Includes Fairmont Hotel Key, pre-1906)
- 5-11 Souvenirs, Sept. 1960
- 5-12 Souvenir, Sept. 1960
- 5-13 Souvenirs, Sept. 1960
- 5-14 Souvenir, Sept. 1960
- 5-15 Souvenir, Sept. 1960
- 5-16 Souvenirs, Sept. 1960
- 5-17 Announcements, Sept. 1962
- 5-18 Souvenirs, Sept. 1962
- 5-19 Souvenirs, Sept. 1962
- 5-20 Souvenir, Sept. 1962
- 5-21 Souvenir, Sept. 1962
- 5-22 Souvenirs and Photograph, Sept. 1962
- 5-23 Announcements and Souvenir, Sept. 1964
- 6-1 Souvenirs, Sept. 1964
- 6-2 Souvenirs, Sept. 1964  
 Souvenir, Sept. 1964  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-11  
 Souvenir, Sept. 1964  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-12
- 6-3 Souvenir, Sept. 1964
- 6-4 Souvenirs, Sept. 1964  
 Souvenir, Sept. 1964  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-13
- 6-5 Souvenirs, Sept. 1964
- 6-6 Souvenir, Feb. 1965, and Souvenir, c.1954-1966  
 Souvenir, c.1954-1966  
 oversized, removed to Box 8-14

### Series III: Published Materials

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title/Inclusive Dates</u>
6-7	Distinguished Title Pages, 1927
6-8	The Sponge by George D. Lyman, reprinted from Annals of Medical History Vol. X, No.4, Pages 460-479, 1928
6-9	The Book Catalogue and How it should be Printed, c. 1930, and This Book-Collecting Racket, 1934
6-10	A Catalog of Rare Books & Manuscripts, No. 1, 1946
6-11	French Art of the Book, 1949
6-12	7 Pioneer San Francisco Libraries, 1958
6-13	Anecdota Scowah No. 1, 1956
6-14	Anecdota Scowah No. 2, 1957
6-15	Anecdota Scowah No. 3, 1958
6-16	Anecdota Scowah No. 4, 1960
6-17	Anecdota Scowah No. 5, 1962
6-18	Hoja Volante, No. 46, No. 62, and No. 69, Nov. 1956, Aug. 1960, Aug. 1962
6-19	Essays in Memory of Morgan A. Gunst, 1962 In Memoriam Louis E. Goodman 1892-1961, 1963 oversized, removed to Box 8-15

### Oversized material

<u>Box 7</u>	<u>Title/Inclusive Dates</u>
	Scrapbook containing Announcements and Souvenirs, June 1944-June 1945

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title/Inclusive Dates</u>
8-1	Roxburghe Club Gatherings, Announcement / Roster, Sep. 1945
8-2	Roxburghe Club Gatherings, Announcement, Dec. 1945
8-3	Roxburghe Club Gatherings, Souvenir, 1954
8-4	Roxburghe Club Gatherings, Souvenir, Jan. 1956
8-5	Roxburghe Club Gatherings, Announcement, Mar. 1965
8-6	Roxburghe Club Gatherings, Souvenir, May 1967
8-7	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Sep. 1963
8-8	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Sep. 1956

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<b><u>Box/ Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Inclusive Dates</u></b>
8-9	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Sep. 1958. Includes "An Original Leaf from Palou's Life of the Venerable Father Junipero Serra, 1787," page 304
8-10	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Oct. 1958
8-11	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Sep. 1964
8-12	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Sep. 1964
8-13	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, Sep. 1964
8-14	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, Souvenir, c.1954-1966
8-15	Roxburghe-Zamorano Gatherings, In Memoriam Louis E. Goodman 1892-1961, 1963