

Finding Aid for the Carroll Dewilton Scott Collection, 1909-1964

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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Origination/Creator: Scott, Carroll Dewilton
Title of Collection: Carroll Dewilton Scott Collection
Date of Collection: 1909-1964
Physical Description: 2 boxes (2 linear feet)
Accession Number: LA 2010.800
Repository: **San Diego Natural History Museum Research Library,
San Diego, CA**
Abstract: The Carroll Dewilton Scott Collection, 1909-1964, consists primarily of unpublished nature writings of Scott, including diaries, poetry, children's stories and music, reflections, and descriptive prose. The majority of the writings are typescript collections prepared by the author, with manuscript notations. A smaller part of the collection includes articles, clippings, and illustrations collected by Scott.

RIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS

Access Restrictions: **Collection is open for research.**
Copyright: **The copyright interests in this collection remain with the creator. For more information, call 619-255-0225.**

Acquisition Method: This collection was donated by Robert S. Scott in November 2003.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORY NOTE

Carroll Dewilton Scott (1874-1970) was a naturalist, educator, and prolific writer of poetry, stories, reflections, and articles about the natural world. He was born in Texas in 1874 and graduated from Stanford University in 1902. Scott was deeply committed to sharing his appreciation for nature, particularly with children. He worked in the San Diego County public school system from 1914 to 1934, first as a teacher and later as Supervisor of Nature Study. Scott also served as the first Director of Education for the San Diego Natural History Museum from 1920-1921. During this time, he created a program to bring nature-study materials to local schools and initiated a popular series of museum-sponsored nature walks. For many years, Scott wrote weekly California Nature articles for the *San Diego Sun* and *San Diego Union* newspapers. His publications include *Manual of Nature Education for San Diego Elementary Schools* (1927), *Finding Real Fairies* (1945), *Looking for California Condors* (1945), *Story of Southern California Wildflowers* (1955), *Here's Don Coyote* (1956), and *California Nature Poems* (1957).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Carroll Dewilton Scott Collection, ca. 1900-1964, consists primarily of nature writings of Scott, including diaries, poetry, children's stories and music, reflections, and descriptive prose. A smaller part of the collection includes articles, clippings, and illustrations collected by Scott.

Series I (approximately one-quarter of the collection) contains six volumes of nature diaries written by Scott from 1909 to 1949. The diaries are primarily manuscript. They record detailed personal observations of nature, including species lists and descriptive prose. The diaries also contain reflections on topics such as the future of humanity, historical information, and miscellaneous personal records on topics such as finances and progress on writing projects. A separate volume contains a cumulative typescript index prepared by the author. The series also includes manuscript and typescript lists of wildflowers in bloom and seeds collected at Scott's home in Pacific Beach, CA, from 1955 to 1957.

Approximately half of the collection (Series II) consists of various collections of poetry, children's stories and songs, reflections, and descriptive prose written by Scott. The documents are primarily typescript with manuscript notations by Scott. The collections were prepared, bound, and indexed by the author. This series also includes looseleaf typescript writings (e.g., "Summary of Mankind," 1945-1953), copies of publications that contain a poem or story written by Scott, lists covering topics such as Scott's literary output, and collections of source articles with notations by Scott.

Series III contains other materials collected by Scott, including miscellaneous nature articles, illustrations, and newspaper clippings. A letter of donation by his son, Robert S. (Bob) Scott, with autobiographical and biographical material, is included with this series.

CONTAINER LIST

Box Contents

Series I: Nature Diaries

- 363 Nature Diary, written by Carroll Dewilton Scott, Pacific Beach, CA.
 Index: Nov. 1909 to Nov. 1949
 v. I: Spring 1914 - Autumn 1926
 v. II: Autumn 1926 - Summer 1932
 v. III: Autumn 1932 - Winter 1937
 v. IV: Winter 1937 - Autumn 1943
 v. V: Winter 1942 - Autumn 1949
 v. VI: Supplement to Volumes I-V
- 363 Wildflower lists, compiled by Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1955-1957.

Series II. Nature Poetry, Stories, Songs, and Prose

362 Bird Rhythms. Collected poems and other writings by Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1894-1951. Typescript, compiled by the author in 1954. Two copies.

362 Trailing Furry Folk. Poems and stories by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Typescript, compiled by the author, n.d..

362 Story of the Wild Flowers of Southern California. Writings of Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1944-1955. Includes studies, observations, plant lists, photographs, and poetry. Typescript, compiled by the author, with manuscript notes, n.d.

362 Visiting Feathered Friends. Cover title: Bird Stories. Stories and poems by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Typescript, compiled by the author, with a preface, in 1937.

362 400 Best Poems in 2 Vols: Vol II, Human Nature. Poems by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Typescript, compiled by the author, n.d.

362 Songs with Melodies, v. VIII. Songs and sheet music, lyrics and tunes by Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1914-1927; lyrics by Carroll Dewilton Scott set to popular tunes, 1898-1947. Manuscript and typescript, compiled by the author, n.d.

362 Animalogues. A collection of poems and stories by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Typescript, compiled by the author, n.d.

362 Poems for Children. A collection of poems by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Typescript, compiled by the author in 1954.

362 Animal Rhythms. Collection of poems and other writings by Carroll Dewilton Scott; a companion to Bird Rhythms. Typescript, compiled by the author, n.d.

362 Ballads and Ballades. Collection of poems by Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1903-1951. Typescript, compiled by the author in 1951.

362 Finding Real Fairies. A story by Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1934. Typescript with manuscript revisions and preface by the author, 1945.

362 California Nature Poems. Collection of poems by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Typescript, compiled by the author in 1954.

363 Representative Poems. Collection of poems by Carroll Dewilton Scott. Cover title: Poems. Typescript, compiled by the author in 1947 for Herbert C. Kelly. Includes inserts: copies of two letters from the author to Kelly.

- 363 Looking for California Condors. Unpublished typescript containing stories and poems about and natural history of the California condor, by Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1935-1945, with introduction and preface by the author.
- 363 Publications. Collection of periodicals containing published writings of Carroll Dewilton Scott, 1921-1927.
- 363 Summary of Mankind. Commentary by Carroll Dewilton Scott, with supporting materials, n.d.
- 363 The California Condor: Research Report No. 4 of the National Audubon Society, by Carl B. Koford, 1953. Includes insert: copy of 1959 letter from Carroll Dewilton Scott to the author containing information about Scott's book Don Coyote.
- 363 Manual of Nature Education for San Diego Elementary Schools, by Carroll Dewilton Scott, c1927.

Series III. Photographs, Collected Materials, Lists, and Donation Letter

- 363 Wildflower photographs, taken by Carroll Dewilton Scott.
4 photographs, col.
11 negatives, col.
1 photograph and 3 negatives, b/w
17 negatives, b/w
5 negatives, b/w - April 4, 1937, Ocean Beach
- 363 Collected bird illustrations: scrapbooks and calendar. Compiled by Carroll Dewilton Scott.
v. I: Audubon plates and other images, with index
v. II: Audubon plates and other images, with index
Audubon Calendar of Birds, 1940
- 363 Writings. List prepared by Carroll Dewilton Scott tracking and analyzing his poems written between 1894-1951, n.d.
- 363 My Poems (Not Publications). Lists prepared by Carroll Dewilton Scott tracking his poems, songs, books given away, and feedback by the recipients, n.d.
- 363 Geographics About Us Humans. Collection of articles published in National Geographic, 1925-1959. Compiled and bound by Carroll Dewilton Scott, n.d.
- 363 Miscellaneous Clippings and Lists. Miscellaneous newspaper clippings collected by Carroll Dewilton Scott and lists prepared by Carroll Dewilton Scott, n.d.
- 363 Donation letter with biographical information, by Robert S. Scott