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- Charles Luckman Papers, 1908-2000 (CSLA-34)
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- Wreather Investment Corporation Incorporation Records, 1961 (CSLA-28)
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- Joseph Scott Collection, 1909-1951 (CSLA-10)
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- Workman Family Papers, 1881-1997 (CSLA-9)
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- The Citizen and Cheviot Chatter, 1927-1960 (CSLA-5)
- Documents for the History of Nineteenth-Century Los Angeles, 1846-1908 (CSLA-22)

- KCET-TV Collection of "Life and Times" video recordings (CSLA-37)
- KCET-TV Collection of "Life and Times" production files (CSLA-38)
- KCET-TV Collection of "California Connected" video recordings (CSLA-39)
- KCET-TV Collection of "California Connected" production files (CSLA-40)

- Pardee Dam Construction Photograph Album (CSLA-42)
- Carroll and Lorrin Morrison Photographic Collection, 1889-1964 (CSLA-26)
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