

The Hill Collection of Pacific Voyages has been given to UC San Diego

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The Hill Collection of Pacific Voyages, one of the most important collections of books on early voyages in all parts of the Pacific, has been given outright to the University of California, San Diego by its collector, Kenneth E. Hill.

Hill and his wife, Dorothy, placed the collection on permanent loan at UCSD in the spring of 1971. Under the terms of the deposit, the collection has been housed and maintained in the UCSD Library's Mandeville Department of Special Collections where it is available to students and scholars.

The collection covers the important explorations and discoveries made in the Pacific area and in western North and South America up to 1855. When Hill placed the collection with UCSD it consisted of some 550 volumes. Since then UCSD has added the appropriate volumes already in the university collections plus others purchased for the collection through a fund donated by Hill for that purpose.

A bibliography of the Hill Collection, published by the UCSD University Library last April, listed more than 950 titles. The volume, representing more than two years of concentrated research, was edited by Ronald L. Silveira de Braganza, head of the UCSD Special Collections Department, and Charlotte Oakes, special collections cataloger. They were assisted in their work by Jonathan A. Hill, the donor's son.

In addition to the gift of his collection, Hill very recently established the "Kenneth and Dorothy Hill Fellowship in Pacific Studies" at UCSD. The fellowship is used to support one or more graduate students writing dissertations for which the research primarily entails work in the Hill Collection.

Hill, a resident of both Pauma Valley, California, and Westfield, New Jersey, spent many years building the collection to its current importance. According to Silveira, the collection has attracted great attention among scholars and researchers throughout the United States and its use by scholars is growing steadily.

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