

## **Contribution of collection to UCSD Library by Mrs. G. L. Fleming**

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An historian-photographer's collection of notes and photographs of the old adobe buildings of California and Baja California as they appeared in the 1920s and '30s has been presented by Mrs. Guy L. Fleming, La Jolla, to the Library of the University of California, San Diego, through the Friends of the UCSD Library.

The collection is the work of the late Lewis J. Geddes, at one time a staff member of the University's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Mr. and Mrs. Geddes made their San Diego home in one of the old adobes, the Casa Machado in Old San Diego.

Mr. Geddes visited many of the missions and residences, took photographs, copied old charts and diagrams, and conducted research on their history in published and unpublished sources. He published none of his material, but filed it in notebooks. These were eventually given to the late Guy Fleming by Mrs. Myles H. Raffey of Victoria, British Columbia, Mr. Geddes' sister-in-law.

"The collection will be of importance in historical studies of Baja California and California," says Melvin J. Voigt, University Librarian.

A number of the notebooks are currently on display in the Library's exhibit cases, along with other books and valuable materials in several fields which have come to the Library through the generosity of the Friends, anxious to see a major research library develop in the San Diego area. The exhibit has been selected and arranged by Mrs. Richard Sean and Mrs. James Abbott.