Welcome to California Revealed (CA-R)! CA-R is a State Library initiative to help California’s public libraries and other local heritage groups, digitize, preserve, and provide online access to archival materials, as well as provide free access and preservation services for existing digital collections. We are delighted that you are a partner in this statewide effort to digitally serve and preserve the history of our Golden State.

As a partner, your responsibilities include: identifying and nominating records to be digitized, ensuring records have not been preserved elsewhere, choosing the highest quality, original or closest-to-original, source for digitization, prepping materials for digitization, delivering materials to the CA-R home at the California State Library in Sacramento, and providing metadata essential to facilitate online discovery. Additionally, you are responsible for reviewing and following the Metadata Guidelines and Shipping Guidelines provided by California Revealed.

The CA-R team will: receive your materials, confirm materials are prepped for digitization, ship materials to digitization service providers (unless you have nominated digital files), create uncompressed masters according to accepted archival standards as stated in our Statement of Work, perform quality control of the digital objects, provide online access for educational and general public interest, package digital objects for ingest in our digital repository, and provide offline preservation storage. Preservation masters will be saved offline on two sets of LTO data tape, with each set stored in two different geographic locations, and access copies will be uploaded to both the CA-R Repository and the Internet Archive. Digital objects and their metadata will be updated and maintained for perpetual access, creating a permanent online archive of California's history with ongoing support from the California State Library.

If shipments include items that were not awarded, or are in poor physical condition, we may return them to you without digitization.

Public access is a requirement of the project. The partner should have knowledge of the copyright status of the content, and if your organization does not hold copyright, follow the CA-R Permissions Guidelines and do due diligence to seek permission to preserve and make the content publicly available. CA-R may request signed grants of permission to digitize and make the content publicly available.

CA-R does not have intellectual property rights, or any other proprietary rights, over the content in the CA-R collection. The CA-R collection is licensed under a Creative Commons’ Attribution 4.0 International license (CC BY-ND 4.0), which allows the work to be available for non-commercial use and can be shared and copied if you have permission to make the files downloadable; otherwise files will be streamed by default and not available for download by users. Objects for which the copyright holder cannot be identified can be digitized with the understanding that a person coming forward with a reasonable claim to the intellectual property will result in taking down the digital objects in question if the owner requests it.

Please see our Take Down Policy for more information. Requests for transmission or reproduction of works protected by copyright, beyond what is allowed by the fair use doctrine, require the permission of the partner and/or copyright holder(s).

The project makes metadata available for discovery and repurposing under a Creative Commons’ Public Domain Dedication (CC0). CA-R directly harvests CA-R records from the CA-R digital assets management system, Archipelago, for WorldCat, the Home Movie Registry, and Voices of the Golden State. The California Digital Library (CDL) directly harvests CA-R records from Archipelago for Calisphere and DPLA. By signing this Agreement, you are consenting to the CDL’s Terms of Service.

CA-R will handle your materials with the greatest possible care. However, neither the digitization service provider nor CA-R can be held responsible for unavoidable damage or loss of any kind, whether direct or indirect, arising from or related to project services, including, but not limited to: age, physical deterioration or damage, theft, improper handling, loss of data, inability to use or access the services, third-party conduct on the services, or any other actions associated with the use of the services.
When your collection arrives at the digitization service provider’s facilities, each individual object is visually inspected for biological contamination and/or visible physical damage. Following check-in, experienced technicians perform a complete reinspection of each physical object to decide on the best handling method for the item. The digitization service provider will prepare and digitize materials carefully to avoid or minimize damage, using non-destructive measures. For print materials, special treatment may include hand placement and manual page turning. In order to achieve the best possible image, items will need to be capable of being unfolded, handled, and flattened with glass without breaking. For audio and video materials, special treatment may include baking, hand cleaning, reshelling or rehousing; for film materials, this may include hand cleaning, splice repair or rehousing. If additional preparation to stabilize, repair, or apply other irreversible treatments is needed, CA-R will contact you to request permission to proceed, and your organization may be responsible for covering additional handling costs if necessary.

The original material will be captured accurately with no information loss or degradation. No image processing or enhancement will be introduced at any point in the creation of the preservation masters or access copies.

California Revealed will assist in renaming and/or trimming that would otherwise cause problems for access and preservation. For instance, if related content is distributed across separate objects, we will assist in renaming the files as part of one object, or if there are privacy concerns, we will assist in trimming or redacting the information access files.

If the partner wants enhancements or editing beyond a straight transfer, partners will be asked to cover the cost. Partners will be asked to cover the cost of renaming issues like flipped sides, deleting a part and renaming remaining files, or aesthetic trimming (five minutes or less of unrelated content). If the partner chooses not to cover the costs of making these changes, CA-R will leave the file as-is and add a note in the online record to notify the user of the issue.

Partners will not change or delete access files hosted by CA-R at the Internet Archive.

The partner must include an acknowledgement of California Revealed in all products, publications, and websites developed with California Revealed support. The acknowledgement should include the following credit line and where space permits, CA-R’s logo:

“This project [is/was] supported by California Revealed and administered in California by the State Librarian. The program is made possible by funding from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.”

After digitization, your original materials will be returned to you directly from the digitization service provider to avoid unnecessary handling. Copies of the digital objects are available upon request.

If you would like to receive copies of your files, please check this box: ☐

For any questions or concerns regarding these documents, please email team@californiarevealed.org.

This agreement is effective on the date of the last signature affixed to it below.

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Date: ___________________________________________