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Descriptive Summary

Title	Irvin B. Fisher Papers
Date	1909-1976
Date (bulk)	1913-1941
Collection number	2021-35
Creator	Fisher, Irvin Bryant (1881-1980) Baisden, Renee Blodwin DesIslets (1928-1994)
Extent	4 boxes; 3 linear feet
Repository	History San Jose Research Library San Jose, California 95112-2599 Tel: 408.521.5026 email: research@historysanjose.org
Abstract	Small collection of personal papers and ephemera, primarily correspondence, created and collected by Irvin B. Fisher during his affiliation with the Perfect Christian Divine Way and William and Lucille Riker. Of interest are Fisher's letters to his wife as he was beginning his association with Riker, documenting his

personal beliefs and decisions. His later correspondence with the Rikers sheds light on the frictions within the community and Lucille's experience.

Fisher joined William Riker's PCDW in 1913. He helped Riker build a following in San Francisco and Los Angeles and contributed to the creation of Holy City in the 1920s in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He later endured a crisis of faith in Riker, leaving Holy City to spend most of the 1930s teaching "The Philosophy" in Los Angeles. He returned to Holy City only to be exiled two years later, in 1942, after his violent attack on two colleagues. Paroled from San Quentin in 1944, Fisher remained close to Holy City, living nearby in a Summit Road cabin until his death in 1980.

Physical location	History San Jose Collection Center
Languages	English
Access	The records are available to the public for research by appointment.
Technical Access	No special software or equipment is required.
Publication Rights	Property rights reside with History San Jose. For permissions to reproduce or to publish, please contact History San Jose Research Library.
Preferred Citation	Irvin B. Fisher Papers, 2021-35, History San Jose Research Library, San Jose, California 95112-2599
Acquisition Information	The papers were donated in 2021 to History San Jose by Dr. Shelley Bates and her husband Jeffrey. The papers had been given to Jeffrey Bates in 2016 by former Santa Clara Deputy Paul Jones, who had in turn been given them during a police call in the 1990s to the home of Renee Blodwen Desislets. Desislets had been using the papers to write a novel

about Holy City, and appears to have obtained the original material from Irvin Fisher.

Processing History

The papers were chronologically organized by the donor, Shelley Bates, who used them as part of her doctorate in creative writing, and also used them during presentations. Bates created transcripts of much of the material. After arriving at History San Jose, they were rehoused, and the photographs further organized and scanned.

Accruals

No accruals are expected.

Biographical Note

Irvin Bryant Fisher was born in the farming community of Hamilton Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on September 5, 1881.¹ He was the eldest of three children of Jesse T. Fisher (1857-1940), a Pickaway County native, and Katherine L. (Katie) Johns (1857-1945).² Fisher left school in 4th grade to help support his family. In Columbus, Ohio, he became a bench mechanic, working at the Hallwood Cash Register Company.³ Over the next decade, Fisher rose from apprentice to the skilled craft of pattern maker.⁴

In 1908, Fisher married 19-year-old Columbus-native Marie Sybilla Huber, known as Mayme (1888-unk). In early 1909, the young couple moved eastward from the German Village area of Columbus to live at 464 Oak Street.⁵ After the birth of their son Elmer (1909-1977) and daughter Margaret Katheryn (1911-1998), the family transplanted to Indianapolis, Indiana, when Fisher advanced to the position of master pattern maker for the Schebler Carburetor Company.⁶

Fisher, a self-described “Seeker of Wisdom,” spent time attending public lectures, and engaging in discussion. He “hungered for the truth,” a truth that could not be found within the walls of any church.⁷ In William E. “Ed” Riker, Fisher appears to

¹ California Death Index

² 1900 and 1910 US Census; Social Security Death Index. On Katherine, see Otterbein Cemetery, Westerville (Franklin County, Ohio) records.

³ Irvin B. Fisher to Robert Couchman, “An Account of Holy City, Its Philosophy and Activities, also His Connections with it,” February 1, 1928, Harry Plate Collection, box 1, folder 12b, History San Jose. (Hereafter IBF to RC, 1928).

⁴ IBF to RC, 1928, op cit. The 1904 Columbus City directory lists him as a mechanic for the first time, a pattern maker.

⁵ 1909 Directory, 1910 US Census (Columbus).

⁶ 1909 Columbus City Directory; 1910 Census; IBF to RC, 1928. Elmer was born January 25, 1909, and Margaret February 9, 1911 (Green Lawn Cemetery records).

⁷ “Hungering for truth,” IBF to RC, 1928, op cit. IBF to Mayme, 1914-15 correspondence, I.B. Fisher papers, box 1, folder 4 (1914). Fisher was highly suspicious of ministers, as well as of Mayme’s church-going relations, all of whom he considered hypocrites and Devil worshipers.

have found answers, as well as assurance and fellowship. On the verge of launching his own “philosophy,” Fisher met Riker, 11 years his senior, in Indianapolis in mid-1913. “It was like being born into an entirely new world,” Fisher recalled, “and I resolved right there and then that I would follow this man and his true philosophy of life to the end of the world if necessary and started out to do so.”⁸ Leaving his family, Fisher joined Riker in his preaching and faith healing in Indianapolis, and continued on to Minneapolis where he helped build a small, self-supporting commune of Perfect Christian Divine Way (PCDW) followers in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area.

Fisher followed Riker to San Francisco in 1915. After street preaching in San Francisco and Oakland as well as at PCDW headquarters at 658 Hayes Street, Fisher set off for Los Angeles around 1916, where he gradually established two schools and a local headquarters at the Merton Hotel, at 1364 Figueroa Street.⁹ Fisher described himself on his September 1918 draft card, as “self-employed as a teacher of natural science.” He was rewarded by Riker with a promotion to “Reverend Father I. B. Fisher.”

A signatory of the 1918 PCDW incorporation, Fisher at some point before 1922 moved back up from Los Angeles to Holy City, where the PCDW had established a base. Fisher was named “Superintendent of Mechanical Engineering” (variously as “chief engineer”).¹⁰ Using his skills as a master mechanic and carpenter, he worked with the other resident disciples to expand the community as well as the tourist attractions that made Holy City a stopover for the increasing number of motorists driving on the newly upgraded San Jose-Santa Cruz highway.

After supporting Holy City and Riker through several scandals, in late 1929 Fisher had a crisis of confidence—not in the PCDW but in Father Riker. Fisher gave a simplified explanation in 1971: the separation was due to the growing difference in philosophies. Fisher thought Riker’s teachings “were becoming too complicated for the common man to understand.”¹¹ By 1930, Fisher was living back in the Palms neighborhood of Los Angeles (at 3679 Motor Avenue, near Culver City), an early hive of PCDW activity. A few years later, he moved to an apartment or boarding arrangement near “Larry’s Garage,” at 5055 Santa Monica Boulevard, Hollywood.

⁸ IBF to RC, 1928, op cit. Riker’s lectures, advertised in the Indianapolis Star as early as May 10, 1913 to at least July 6, were listed under the Church notices section as “Spiritualist.”

⁹ The PCDW ran weekly announcements in the San Francisco Examiner beginning February 28, 1915. Fisher is listed in the 1916 Los Angeles City Directory, as a teacher. See also photographs of Fisher at PCDW headquarters, in the IB Fisher Collection, History San Jose. I. B. Fisher’s Draft Card, September 12, 1918, also lists his address at 1364 S. Figueroa Street.

¹⁰ Fisher was interviewed by reporters in late March 1922, as covered in the Sacramento Bee, April 1, 1922.

¹¹ J.J. Bulger to Fisher, October 9, 1929, I. B. Fisher Papers, box 1, folder 14 (1929). Fisher is listed in the 1929, but not 1930, list of Holy City residents in the Polk & Co. San Jose City and Santa Clara County Directory. Fisher speaks of his split with Riker in “Holy City Pioneer Still Preaches Religion,” Los Gatos Times, August 13, 1971.

In 1940, for unclear reasons, Fisher decided to return to Holy City, where he soon landed himself in jail. On October 13, 1942, while working with colleagues he had known for more than two decades, Fisher lost his temper in an argument with fellow disciple Joseph Witzig, over how to install fire emergency ladders. Enraged, he struck Witzig, 58, with a crowbar. He then struck down “zookeeper” Arthur Kastner, 60, who had been working with Witzig nearby. Witzig, taken to the county hospital in San Jose, died soon after; Kastner, seriously injured, recovered. Meanwhile, Fisher had escaped into the rugged mountainside. Ten hours into a search by the county sheriff’s posse, he surrendered when he got too cold.¹² In December 1942, the 61-year-old Fisher was sentenced to five years in San Quentin.¹³

Fisher, prisoner 69229, was paroled in late 1944, but was ordered not to return to Holy City. He took a job with an iron foundry in San Jose.¹⁴ In 1947, he purchased land at 21670 Summit Road, a few miles above Holy City and gradually built himself a home from materials left over from wartime construction.

Still calling himself “Father Fisher,” he continued to write philosophical treatises as a metaphysician. Although barred from Holy City, he kept in touch with others, including Winifred Allington, as he watched Holy City’s post-war demise.

In 1957, Fisher publicly challenged Riker’s right to displace the few remaining disciples by selling, without their consultation, the Holy City property. In his 80s, he participated in the PCDW’s brief renaissance, and was still teaching and giving occasional interviews until his death, at the age of 99, in 1980.

Scope and Content Summary

Holy City remains a fascinating topic for newspaper features, historical studies, and fictional works. The extroverted Father Riker and his problematic “philosophy” are usually at the heart of these treatments. However, Holy City’s tale is incomplete without acknowledging the influence of “First Disciple” Irvin B. Fisher. Fisher held his own spiritual philosophies that both dovetailed with and diverged from William Riker’s.

Fisher’s papers and photographs expand what is already known about the PCDW and Holy City’s operations and disciples. Holy City’s first decade unfolds over time in candid snapshots of disciples at work and play. Especially intriguing

¹² “Holy City Killer Held,” San Jose Mercury, October 14, 1942; “Witzig Murder,” San Jose Mercury, October 15, 1942; “Holy City’s First Disciple Admits Murder Attack,” San Jose Mercury, October 15, 1942. Witzig had joined the PCDW in Los Angeles, where he was working for the Lasky film studio and lodging with Arthur Landstrom. US Census 1920 Los Angeles.

¹³ “Holy City Slayer’s Prison Term set to 5 years with Immediate Parole,” San Jose Mercury, February 2, 1944. The trial was extensively covered in 1942.

¹⁴ “Holy City Slayer’s Prison Term set to 5 years with immediate parole,” San Jose Mercury, February 2, 1944.

is Fisher's 1913-15 correspondence with his wife, Mamyé, revealing his spiritual search and his social and familial assumptions.

The papers include original documents as well as photocopies (some of the photocopies were created by Fisher; some created by Dr. Bates after receiving the papers). Fisher appears to have given these papers to a woman named Irene "Renee" DesIslets Baisden (nee Tuthill), who died in the 1990s. She may have been a follower of Fisher's; she claimed that her mother, Edith Liljemark, was a PCDW disciple.

DesIslets pasted many of Fisher's snapshots to pages of a manuscript she was writing about Holy City, adding her own captions to the snapshots (many of the captions have incorrect names/spelling errors). She identified Liljemark in two of the photographs; however, no evidence has been found to confirm that Liljemark was ever part of PCDW or Holy City.

In addition, there is one folder of Holy City ephemera at the front of the papers, acquired by the donor separately.

The papers have been arranged chronologically, with minimal changes made to the donor's original order. Undated materials have been filed at the end of dated material. Photographs and oversize publications have been separated.

Indexing Terms

Subjects

Cults
Holy City (Calif.)
Santa Cruz Mountains (Calif.)
Spiritual leaders
Spiritual life

Names

Riker, Lucille (1874-1950)
Riker, William E., 1873-1969
Fisher, Irvin B. (1881-1980)

Genres and Forms of Materials

circulars (fliers)
correspondence
handbills
newspapers
photographic prints

Related Materials at History San José Research Library

- Harry Plate Collection on William E. Riker and Holy City, 2007-30

Container List

Box 1

Folder #	Folder Title	Contents
1	P. Bruce Collection (one folder of material that was acquired by the donor separately from the I. B. Fisher Papers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Mother,” postcard to David Capps (n.d.) • Riker, Lucille, Questions and Answers, Book No. 2 (Holy City: Holy City Press, n.d.) • Riker, William, Men of Men Organization of Holy City (n.d., signed by Amos L. Grant) • Riker, William, Men of Men Organization of Holy City (n.d., signed by Richard Widmann) • Riker, William, Its Contents (typescript of tract, n.d.) • Riker, William, The Real Purpose of this New School and College (typewritten letter, n.d.) • Riker, William, “I know that I will ask you to sell all that you have...” (handwritten letter fragment, n.d.) • Riker, William, “The most natural, original and also the wisest man on this earth. He speaks.” (Column, handwritten, n.d.) • Riker, William, This is the God Almighty’s Truth So Says The Comforter (Holy City: Holy City Press, n.d.).
2	1909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcard, The Hindu Temple (San Francisco: 1909)
3	1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayne Fisher letter to I.B. Fisher (Unknown location: June 25, 1913), typescript with portrait of Mayne Fisher, photocopy. • W.E. Riker letter to “Persey” (St. Louis: October 7, 1913), original, handwritten (transcript included) • W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Kansas City: December 15, 1913), original, typed (transcript included)
4	1914	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.E. Riker letter to the Editor (Minneapolis: August 10, 1914). • W.E. Riker letter to “My Dear Loved ones” (San Francisco: October 10, 1914), typed, photocopy.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W.E. Riker letter to “My Dear One and ALL” (San Francisco: October 26, 1914), typed, photocopy. ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (St. Paul: September 4, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (St. Paul: September 9, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (St. Paul: September 16, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Minneapolis: October 9, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (St. Paul: October 28, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Minneapolis: November 10, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Minneapolis: November 19, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Minneapolis: November 25, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Minneapolis: December 2, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Minneapolis: December 15, 1914). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (Place unknown: undated). ● I.B. Fisher letter to their children (Place unknown: February 8, 1915). ● I.B. Fisher letter to Mayme Fisher (San Francisco: February 15, 1915). ● Mrs. D. Edgar envelope to I.B. Fisher (Columbus: December 15, 1914). ● Like Human Beings Some Are KIND and..., Discoveries [?] (no city: no date).
5	1915	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Edgar telegram to Irvin Fisher (San Francisco: June 13, 1915. [2017 photocopy])

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (San Francisco: June 13, 1914 [prob.]). [2017 photocopy] ● Dad Huber letter to I.B. Fisher (Columbus: August 25, 1915). [2017 photocopy] ● Frank H. Ditto [probably] letter to I.B. Fisher (New Philadelphia: September 22, 1915), [typed, labeled "EXACT COPY", photocopy]. Prob page 1 of Frank H. Ditto letter to I.B. Fisher (New Philadelphia: undated), handwritten pp. 2–3 only. ● Envelope addressed to T.L. Spears (San Francisco: June 14, 1915). [2017 photocopy] ● I.B. Fisher permit to speak on public street (Oakland: January 7, 1915). [2017 photocopy]
6	1916	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unknown author letter to I.B. Fisher (Minneapolis: February 25, 1916). ● "Walter" letter to W.E. Riker (San Francisco: April 23, 1916), [2017 photocopy]. ● Fred Hill letter to I.B. Fisher (Minneapolis: May 15, 1916). ● Frank H. Ditto letter to I.B. Fisher (New Philadelphia: November 14, 1916), [2017 photocopy]. ● Frank H. Ditto letter to I.B. Fisher (New Philadelphia: undated), pp. 2–3 only. ● 'Two Wisest Men' Arrested at Busy Corner: Police Say Prisoners Attempted to Sell Literature on Streets Without License, unknown publication (Place unknown: —er 21, 1916). ● Postcard: The Perfect Christian Divine Way, Cult and Teachings. ● Tract: Hear the Devil Preach (he knows most about God), (Place unknown: undated). ● Typescript: Jesus the Christ said:, (Place unknown: undated).
7	1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I.B. Fisher letter to "My Dear Ones", (Los Angeles: January 31, 1917).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Envelope addressed to Mr. I.B. Fisher, 611 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, California. • Riker, Lucille (unattrib. poem), "The Nun," The Nun Book (San Francisco: The Enlightener Press, ca. 1917). • Business cards and postcards, originals. • Three images of W.E. Riker and unidentified men, photocopies.
8	1918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Wm. Jackson letter to I.B. Fisher (Westerville: August 26, 1918). • W.E. Riker letter to "My Dear Ones one and allas [sic] one" (San Francisco: May 29, 1918). • Nixon, George S., "On The Other Side of Womans [sic] Feet Is Heaven," typed, photocopy. Possibly draft for finished poem appearing in The Enlightener, Vol. 3, No. 1, p. 6 (San Francisco: May 15, 1918). • Business cards and postcards. • The P.C.D.W. Text Book, (San Francisco: undated). • Devil Worship (San Francisco: ca. 1918). • The Enlightener, Vol. 3, No. 8 (San Francisco: December 15, 1918), original.
9	1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.C.D.W. Boiled Down Wisdom, (San Francisco: ca. February 1919). Original. • J.T. Fisher letter to I.B. Fisher, (Columbus: May 22, 1919). • J.T. Fisher envelope to I.B. Fisher (Columbus: November 4, 1918).
10	1922	"Resume Love Cult Probe: Mother Lucille Garbed as Nun Visited Convent," The Evening News, Vol. 77, No. 104 (San Jose: May 2, 1922). [Photocopy; original discarded due to condition]
11	1924	Fisher, J.T., Thought, Time and Space (Columbus, Ohio: April 29, 1924).
12	1925	Chas. Beguhl letter to I.B. Fisher (Millbrae: July 9, 1925).

13	1928	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Holy City Leader Plans to Fight Woman's Charges, Santa Cruz Evening News (Santa Cruz: January 2, 1928).● Holy City Cult Head Faces \$500,000 L.A. Suit: 'Dance Nearest Heaven', Los Angeles Evening Herald (Los Angeles: January 11, 1928).● Alienists in Battle as Fox Dodges Sanity Test: Killer Faces Court as Juvenile Judge Ends Jurisdiction, Los Angeles Evening Herald (Los Angeles: January 11, 1928).● Holy City Zoo And Radio Attached, San Jose Evening News (San Jose: January 24, 1928).● Cult Has Framed Me,' Cries She, San Jose News (San Jose: February 9, 1928).● Holy City Couple Deny Charges of Woman Prisoner, San Jose News (San Jose: February 10, 1928).● Holy City is Seeking New Radio Permit, San Jose Evening News (San Jose: February 10, 1928).● Woman Plans Ocean Hop in Jail Cell, Oakland Tribune (Oakland: March 5, 1928).● Riker, W.E., Crime: Hickman and His Kind Discovered to Be Perfectly Innocent if Society is Innocent. (Holy City: October 28, 1928).● Harry H. Blee letter to W. E. Riker (Washington, D.C.: October 31, 1928).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ [Enclosure]: Construction of Airports. Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, Washington, D.C., Aeronautics Bulletin No. 2. (Washington: April 1928). Booklet, 16 pages.● Frank McKee letter to I.B. Fisher (San Francisco: December 10, 1928).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ [Enclosure]: Airport Rating Regulations, Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, Washington, D.C., Aeronautics Bulletin
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		No. 16 (Washington: August 1, 1928). Typescript, 20 pages.
14	1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riker Crash Victim Dies, The San Francisco Examiner (San Francisco: March 9, 1929). • J.J. Bulger letter on Filipino-American Institute letterhead to I.B. Fisher (San Francisco: October 9, 1929).
15	1930	W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: September 3, 1930).
16	1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Stauss letter to I.B. Fisher (San Mateo: November 6, 1931). • Margaret Stauss letter to I.B. Fisher (San Mateo: November 9, 1931). • A.J. Durler letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: November 10, 1931). • Fill-the-Hole Club: Big Time at Holy City (Holy City: November 22, 1931), brochure. • "Newspaper Men All Ready for Holy City Meet" (unknown publication: ca. 1931), article. • Margaret Stauss letter to I.B. Fisher (San Mateo: November 23, 1931). • Lecture (Holy City: November 23, 1931), typescript. • Hurrah, Vol.1, No.7. (Holy City: November 1931), excerpts. • Margaret Stauss letter to I.B. Fisher (San Mateo: December 4, 1931).
17	1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.W. Allington (Santa Cruz Mountains Fire Protective Association) letter to the Land Owners and Friends of the Los Gatos Creek Watershed (Holy City: July 28, 1932), photocopy. • Rev. M.J. Divine letter to "Friend" (Sayville, NY: May 12, 1932), copy, typed
18	1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenore Nadanes letter to W.E. Riker (Los Angeles: February 4, 1933), original, handwritten.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winifred Allington letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: June 3, 1933), original, typed. ● Lucille Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: undated, envelope postmarked October 10, 1933), original, typed. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: December 1, 1933), original on letterhead, typed. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: December 6, 1933), original on letterhead, typed. ● W.E. Riker letter to “My dear One” (Holy City: December 9, 1933), original on letterhead, typed. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: December 24, 1933), original on letterhead, typed. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: December 26, 1933), original, typed.
19	1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: January 16, 1934), typed original, ephemera. ● W.E. Riker (“Father”) to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: February 3, 1934), typed original. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: February 19, 1934), typed original. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: undated, envelope postmarked March 1, 1934), typed original. ● Lucille Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: undated, envelope postmarked April 17, 1934), typed original. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: April 18, 1934), typed original. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: April 22, 1934), typed original. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: May 21, 1934), typed original.
20	1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: January 29, 1935), typed original.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tract, “Only from Holy City, California comes the Whole Truth with True Solutions to All Problems and nowhere else can it be had,” (Holy City: undated).
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Box 2

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1	1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typed transcript, no title, San Francisco Chronicle (San Francisco: May 8, 1938), below photograph of Holy City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Familiar to south-driving San Franciscans is Holy City, the earthly paradise of Father Riker in Santa Clara County. “The Wise Man of the Far West” insists he has devised the world’s most perfect plan of government; he says it solves all economic, racial and social problems ... and he offers \$25,000 reward to anyone who can prove him wrong. By controlling all industry he can guarantee jobs and security ... paradise! • Photocopy of photograph of peep shows, labelled “This is a common scene of tourists in Holy City, California 1938.”
2	1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Gate International Exposition postage stamp, 1939 • W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: May 11, 1939), original, typed. • Envelopes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o W.E. Riker to I.B. Fisher postmarked May 26, 1939. o Unknown to I.B. Fisher postmarked 1939. o Unknown to I.B. Fisher postmarked November 6, 1939, bearing

		<p>handwritten note in pencil on reverse: “Yours for the Great Perfect System. Dear Mr. Cody I have just been informed that Father Riker will be in the city sometime after election day at which time he expects to call on you.”</p>
3	1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julia Faulkner letter to I.B. Fisher (Los Angeles: October 31, 1940), original, handwritten. ● Stapled to Faulkner letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Riker, W.E., “All People Are in Want to Know the Following,” (Holy City: undated), original, typed draft, original. ○ Riker, W.E., “This is the Truth That Will Make You Free (Guaranteeingly)!, (no city: undated), typed draft, original. ● Radio broadcast, “Powerhouse in the Sky,” University of California Radio Service (San Francisco: May 31, 1940), photocopy, typed transcript.
4	1941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Riker, Lucille, House of Worship (Holy City: Holy City Press, April 1941), photocopy. ● Postcard, “Attention! This present World’s War is sure shot developing into a real racial war...” (Holy City: undated), original. ● Postcard, “Copy of Telegram sent to Hon. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England” (Holy City: December 27, 1941), original. ● Cap’n Wag magazine, Vol. 1, No. V (Chicago: October 15, 1941), original.
5	1943	<p>Thomas A. Blakely letter to Warden Clinton T. Duffy (Kentfield: October 20, 1943), typed, photocopy.</p>
6	1945	<p>Riker, Lucille. “Please Don’t Leave Me Daddy,” (Holy City: 1945). Sheet music.</p>

7	1946	Thomas A. Blakely letter to I.B. Fisher (Providence: January 7, 1946), typed, photocopy.
8	1948	“Freddie Francisco Observes: ‘Father’ Riker Promulgates a ‘New Viewpoint’ From His Deserted Village,” San Francisco Examiner (San Francisco: April 22, 1948), clipping, photocopy.
9	1956	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hunt, Carol Sweet, “I Was One of Father Divine’s Angels,” Confidential, May 1956, pp. 34–35. Article torn from magazine. ● The Holy City Re-Construction Covenant of 1956, annotated draft signed by W.E. Riker, with handwritten note “38th typing as of May 28th, 1956, copy for IBF —JMW” ● Unknown to Bob C (Robert Clogher?) (Holy City: December 2, 1956), handwritten, marked CONFIDENTIAL. ● W.E. Riker letter to whom it may concern (San Jose: December 20, 1956), typed, photocopy. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (no city: undated), handwritten, photocopy. ● Photograph of Winifred Allington, clipped from San Jose Mercury News (San Jose: December 28, 1956), photocopy. ● Photograph of four men, clipped from San Jose Mercury News (San Jose: December 28, 1956), photocopy.
10	1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maurice R. Kline and W.E. Riker letter to Jim Wood (Holy City: January 1, 1957), photocopy, initialed “JW” ● “Holy City Blaze is Battled,” San Jose Mercury News (San Jose: June 18, 1957), photocopy of newspaper clipping. ● Statement of Maurice Kline (no city, no date), photocopy, handwritten. ● Release of Maurice Kline (no city: July 22, 1957), photocopy, typed. Signature lines for W.E. Riker, Art Landstrom, Winifred

		<p>Allington, David Capps, Emil Rechsteiner, Stephen Rozum, Fred Rommel, and Joseph Albert.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I.B. Fisher v. Riker et al, Complaint for Declaratory Relief and For an Accounting, case no. 106366, filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court by Bean and Bergna, (Santa Clara: undated, possibly July 22, 1957), photocopy, typed. ● “Disciple Takes Holy City’s Real Estate Row to Court,” Oakland Tribune, p. 16 (Oakland: July 23, 1957), online clipping downloaded 6 JUN 2019. ● “New Court Fight Looms over ‘Father’ Riker,” San Jose Evening News (San Jose: August 14, 1957), photocopy of newspaper clipping.
11	1958	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Card, illustration bearing the words “I will come again” and on the back the Lord’s Prayer. ● “Holy City sold to Kline: disciples to get \$64,000,” newspaper unknown (no city: undated). Handwritten note attached: “Everything belongs to the disciples, including me (W.E.R.) as long as they are associated with me (W.E.R.) (said by W.E.R.) Feb 11-59 (as long as they remain in the Phil [Philosophy] & H.C. [Holy City])”, photocopy. ● Attorney’s Retainer Agreement signed by Sanford N. Diller, attorney (San Jose: January 8, 1958), photocopy ● Sanford N. Diller letter to I.B. Fisher (San Jose: April 1, 1958), Fisher v. Kline et al, photocopy, certified envelope and enclosures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notice of Motion for Order Allowing Withdrawal of Attorney (San Jose:

		<p>April 1, 1958), case no. 106366, Fisher v. Kline et al, photocopy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Affidavit (San Jose: April 1, 1958), case no. 106366, Fisher v. Kline et al, photocopy ● Sanford N. Diller letter to I.B. Fisher (San Jose: April 11, 1958), photocopy and enclosure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Order (San Jose: April 11, 1958), case no. 106366, Fisher v. Kline et al, photocopy
12	1959	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clogher & Wood statement (Holy City: January 28, 1959), photocopy, typed. ● “Spooks Join Holy City Title Recovery Fight,” San Jose Reporter (San Jose: February 26, 1959), original, newspaper clipping. ● “Holy City Blaze Outdistances Firemen,” San Jose Mercury (San Jose: August 31, 1959), photocopy
13	1963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Perfect Christian Divine Way Teachings: The Fruit of All Other Religions, 657 Hayes Street, San Francisco, Cal., blank letterhead ca 1918. ● Fisher, I.B., Lesson One (Los Gatos: October 17, 1963), article, photocopy with handwritten note: “Irvin B. Fisher, now 94, 1975.” ● Twenty posters illustrating the teachings of the P.C.D.W. Brotherhood.
14	1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “‘Father’ Riker—He ‘Solved The Mona Lisa Smile’,” San Francisco Examiner (San Francisco: January 24, 1965), pp. 1, 7, original newspaper clipping. ● “Sufferings of Church Blamed on Past Sins,” Spokane Daily Chronicle (Spokane:

		September 20, 1965), p. 18, original newspaper clipping.
15	1966	“‘Father’ William E. Riker, 93, who for 48 years led a white supremacist religious cult in Holy City in the Santa Cruz mountains between Santa Cruz and Los Gatos, kisses the hand of the Rev. Henry Tomel. Riker yesterday was baptized a Roman Catholic in Los Gatos. He says Roman Catholicism is the ‘most Christian’ church. Godfather Mike Steffani looks on. (AP Wirephoto).” San Jose Mercury (San Jose: July 29, 1966), newspaper clipping, photocopy.
16	1967	“This is a photo of Holy City as it existed in the late 20s or early 30s. Fire destroyed most of Father William E. Riker’s little empire and the rest of the businesses faded away. It was located off Highway 17 near Los Gatos. This was the queenbee center of Father Riker’s Holy City. He gave lectures here, extolling his theories on the perfect world.” Santa Cruz Sentinel (Santa Cruz: November 8, 1967), newspaper clipping, photocopy.
17	1968	I.B. Fisher letter to Larry Auzene and family (Los Gatos: November 6, 1968). Typed, “Copy” in ink written on p. 1. Typed note attached: “My dear Reader: You may be interested and please [sic] to read a letter written by me at Christmas Time, to my good friend Mr. Larry Auzene. A copy of same is enclosed herewith. I will be very pleased to receive any comment or criticism you may see fit to make. Thank you.”
18	1970	“Once-Colorful Holy City Fades Into Ghost Town,” Ventura County Star-Free Press (Camarillo: April 5, 1970).
19	1971	“Holy City Pioneer Still Preaches Religion,” Los Gatos Times–Saratoga Observer (Los Gatos: August 13, 1971), p. 8, photocopy, signed by I.B. Fisher under his photograph.
20	1972	“The Old Mill, Los Gatos, Cal.; Forbes Mill about 1850,” (no city: October 10, 1972), photocopy of photograph.
21	1974	Will of I.B. Fisher (Los Gatos: October 25, 1974), photocopy, signed and witnessed.
22	1975	Interview with Irvin Fisher by unknown individual (Los Gatos: July 16, 1975), typed original.

23	1976	Fisher, I.B., "In this picture you see a large dog..." (no city: January 2, 1976). Handwritten original, note, and illustration.
24	Undated Publications 1914-1941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy City Restaurant menu (Holy City: undated), original ● Riker, Lucille (?), "A Divine Man" (publication unknown: undated), photocopy ● Riker, W.E., Eternal World Peace Now Fully Revealed and Explained (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, original ● Riker, W.E., Mankind Must Unite as One Human Being (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract ● Riker, W.E., Spirit World Explained (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, photocopy. (Incl. "A Real Tribute to a Most Wonderful Man Arthur Kastner and a Most Wonderful Woman Mother Lucille Riker.") ● Riker, W.E., The Perfect Government (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, photocopy. ● Riker, W.E., The Philosophy of the Nerves Revealed (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, original. ● Riker, W.E., This Is ... The Book of Books That Surely Sizzles with the Final Wisdom of GOD (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, original. ● Riker, W.E., World Peace and How to Have It (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, photocopy. ● Riker, W.E., untitled (cover missing, text begins "A Great Light is Now in the World") (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), tract, photocopy.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Riker, W.E., fragments of various tracts and booklets (Holy City: Holy City Press, undated), photocopies<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “Do Not Get Mad, Get Wisdom...” 10 pages, subjects include capitalism vs. socialism, and rebuttal to Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy○ “No. 9. If it could be possible for the Socialists to reign...” 4 pages.○ Holy City Discipleship Book, front and back cover○ A Million Dollar Information Book, front and back cover○ “Taken from book—The White Race is Superior in position, while all living things are Divinely and essentially equal. Besure and read this book on Race Crime. —Price 25¢” 1 page○ “The Two Great Men of God Who Surely Know How to Openly Speak the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth,” pp. 3, 22.○ “For the First Time in All History Father Wm. E. Riker Lets the Cat Out of the Bag,” p. 2○ “This particular picture or symbol explains the different position of each Race of People—The Head [labelled Hebrew] symbolizes The Father, The Trunk [labelled Gentile]—The Mother and the Arms [right labelled Chinese, left Japanese] and Limbs [labelled Negro], their Devoted and Obedient Children,” p. 8○ “This Picture Fully Explains How Negroes and Orientals Beccome [sic] LOST SOULS and Also Mental Half-breeds,” p. 16
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o “This is the Final Key of GOD—Symbolized,” p. 19 o “The Devil,” unnumbered o “The P.C.D.W. Teachings Have Come to Purify the World,” unnumbered o “One word in regard to Oriental teachings, such as Theosophy and others,” unnumbered o “All headed for the Rock-Pile,” unnumbered
25	Undated Correspondence General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unknown author to unknown recipient (probably I.B. Fisher) (no city: no date), photocopy of handwritten fragment. ● David Aaron (aka David the Jew) to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: May 9, no year), handwritten original. ● David Aaron (aka David the Jew) to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: May 26, no year), handwritten original. ● Winifred Allington to unknown recipient (probably I.B. Fisher) (no city: no date), photocopy of handwritten fragment. ● Fred Hill letter to “Brother” (Minneapolis: undated), typed transcript, photocopy. ● Esther Phillips letter to “Brothers” (Omaha: undated), typed transcript, photocopy.
26	Undated Correspondence Riker, Lucille	Lucille Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (Holy City: no date, ca. 1928–1931), typewritten original.
27	Undated Correspondence Riker, W.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (Holy City: no date), original letter handwritten in pencil. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (no city: no date), original letter handwritten in pencil. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (Los Angeles: no date), photocopy of typed letter.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (Los Angeles: no date), photocopy of typed letter. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (no city: no date), photocopy of handwritten letter. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (Holy City: no date), photocopy of handwritten letter. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (no city: no date), photocopy of typescript with handwritten note. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (no city: no date), photocopy of handwritten letter. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher, (Holy City: no date), photocopy of typed Clogher transcript. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: no date), original announcement with handwritten note in pencil. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: no date), handwritten in pencil. ● W.E. Riker letter to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: no date), handwritten in pencil.
28	Undated Ephemera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bishop, Z. Grace, "Heroism" (Long Beach: undated), poem on postcard, original. ● Fisher, I.B. (?), "Heat/Cold, Light/Dark" (no city: undated), photocopy of handwritten list of qualities, positive and negative. ● Hassell, Elizabeth, "The Cigarette Speaks," (no city: ca. 1942), poem, original. ● Kidder, T., "The Servant," (no city: undated), poem, photocopy. ● Leslie, J.D., "Future Destiny" (Pasadena: Free Tract Society Print, undated), 10th edition, original. ● Palmer, Harold F., D.D., "Man, the Creator!" (no city: undated), postcard, original.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Palmer, Walter, "By-Products," (no city: undated), clipping, photocopy.● Riker, W.E., "Holy City, The Home of the Messiah and His Disciples: Come All Yea [sic] who are Heavy Laden and with Sorrow and Desire to Know The Truth of All Problems and I Will See that You are Well Pleased." (Holy City: undated), postcard, photocopy.● Riker, W.E., "Holy City Speaks the Truth: It is only the White Race Women - of all nationalities of the White Race People who mystically reflect and demonstrate the true spirit of Christ and Christianity and not any Church ... or any preacher" (Holy City: undated), photocopy, postcard with handwritten notes in margins.● Riker, W.E., "My Message to You and You! If I am by You in Wisdom and great spirit, as you want me to be, and if you will be in great spirit as I want you to be, then the end of Mortality is here. Allow your Soul to be mine, that I may be you Soul. No greater love can exist." (Holy City: undated), postcard, photocopy.● Riker, W.E., "The Door to the Millennium is now open for the first time through me," (Los Angeles: undated), invitation, original.● Riker, W.E., "The entire solar system is everyone's country and nothing short of it," (Holy City: undated), broadsheet, photocopy.● Riker, W.E., "The Home of the Comforter and His Disciples: This Is The Only Real HOLY CITY on Earth and Soon It is Going to be Newly Reconstructed MOST BEAUTIFUL" (Holy City: undated), tract, original.● Thiel, Al., "The Sayings of One of Our Wise Men," (no city: undated), clipping, original.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● “Father Divine Praise Services” (San Francisco: undated), invitation card, typed original.● “Holy City Woodyard” (Holy City: undated), clipping, original.● Combination (undated): “Four turns to right, stop at 48; two turns to left, stop at 81-1/2; 1 complete turn to right to 81-1/2 continue on to 85-1/2. Left to line right to 100. Open.” Photocopy of index card.● “Faithful Carry On,” San Jose Mercury (San Jose: ca. 1957), photocopy of newspaper clipping.● “A Queer Love Letter,” publication unknown, (no city: undated), photocopy.● “Nostalgia: Non-Electric Third Rail,” publication unknown, (no city: undated), original.● Unknown author, “A Serious Mistake,” (no city, undated), clipping, photocopy.● Unknown author, “Christian (?) Science Versus Common Sense” (Los Angeles: Free Tract Society Interdenominational, undated), original.● Unknown author, “Let thyself, Divine Soul, unfold,” (no city: undated), poem, photocopy.● Unknown author, “Spirituality is the transformation of life, not the satisfaction of intellectual curiosity,” (no city: undated), typed original.● Unknown author, “In the same pamphlet from which these statements are quoted, Riker claimed that the Japanese in America taught their children to hate and subvert the White Man, and he tells ‘Mr. Japanese’ that the White Man is the ‘Race King of this
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		<p>world.’,” (no city: undated), excerpts, photocopy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Unknown author, “...residents added a broadcasting station, auditorium, ballroom, lecture hall, and butcher shop. Also in operation were two refreshment stands, two restaurants, a general store, and ‘an observatory’ with ‘three giant telescopes.’ Holy City also boasted a small animal zoo with an elderly, toothless bear as its chief attraction. In a letter written to Robert Couchman in 1928, Irvin Fisher also mentions a home bakery, barber shop, printing shop, shoe repair shop, two ice and storage plants, a spring water supply pumping station, a United States Post Office, a radio sales room, and a notary public.²⁹” (no city: undated), excerpt of p. 17 of unknown work, photocopy with handwritten notation: “1919.”● Unknown author, “Your Birthday,” (no city: undated), photocopy of typed poem.● Literature envelope addressed to I.B. Fisher (Holy City: date indiscernible), original.● Holy City Radio Shop blank multi-part invoice form (Holy City: undated), original.● P.C.D.W. Transfer Company, 657 Hayes Street, San Francisco, letterhead, original.● Perfect Christian Divine Way, 525 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose, Calif. 95112, letterhead, original.● Sketch of Holy City town site, artist unknown (no city, undated), original.● “Ask About: Evelyn Rosencrantz, Emil Rechstiner (barber), Mrs. Nottingham (cook), Strouse Family (farmers), Fred Rommel (electrician), Joe Albert (Business
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		<p>manager),” author unknown (no city, undated), typed, original.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Safety and Courtesy with your Ticket,” (Minneapolis: undated), train ticket, photocopy. ● “Questions: The following are a few questions we would be pleased to have the speaker answer in accordance with the teachings of the Mazdaznan Philosophy” (San Francisco: ca 1914), P.C.D.W. School of Mastery, photocopy.
29	Posters and Broadsheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The Church and its Steeple simbolizes [sic] Women, – pointing to God, Purity and Virtue. He who bears the cross which typifies women can bear the presence of GOD.” ● “Vague Understanding of God, Does Not Count,” with handwritten note by unknown author: “This is for a new slide [indecipherable] it well” ● Posters (Holy City: undated), photocopies, clipped together: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “The Broadway is the Way Outside of Yourself” 2. “Christ is now speaking to you.” 3. “This Symbolizes the P.C.D.W. Method of Purifying You” 4. “Revealing the Four Dimensions of Charity.” 5. “It is Man’s Privelege [sic] to Defend Himself and Not the Tree.” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “If You Will But Eat of the Fruit of This Tree, You Shall Not Hunger, Neither Will you Thirst. Eat and Go Free is the Command of Today.” 6. “Life-Line”

		<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. "The Scheme of God"8. "P.C.D.W. Brotherhood"2. "Mans [sic] Gift is of Use to Woman the Same as Woman is of Use to Man. Indirect Love is the Secret"9. "Revealing the Immaculate Conception and the Different Kingdoms"10. "Vague Understanding of God Does Not Count"11. "A Symbol of the Final Key. The Absolute"12. "Male Cycle, Female Cycle"13. "The P.C.D.W. Teachings are Only for the Mated People"14. "The P.C.D.W. Teachings Will Qualify You to Play Your Sacred Tune."15. "Appreciation is the Secret"16. "At Last We Have Come Out of the Dirt"17. "No. 3. Preparation"3. "The Law: That which you see and vibrate with in spite of yourself, is sacred, therefore worship it and go free."18. "When in Ignorance Sorrow and Bondage Grows"19. "Everything is Nature"20. "Find Your Element and Therein is Your Success"21. "It is Impossible to Escape God, Matter and Intelligence."22. "This Explains What God Spirit Etc. Is"23. "Absolute Consciousness"
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		<p>24. "Three distinct degrees of Consciousness. Which are you expressing?"</p> <p>25. "A Symbol of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost"</p> <p>26. "No. 1. Being influenced."</p> <p>BROADSHEETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Riker, W.E., "I am the Phantom Spokesman of all wise Christians, a real and true Spokesman of the Great White Race, God's chosen of all chosen people of this World," p. 1, "The Lone Star," p. 2, (Holy City: undated), photocopy● Riker, W.E., "He Guarantees! To Stop! To Stop!" (Holy City: undated), photocopy● Riker, W.E., "It Is True! It Is True! It Is True!" (Holy City: undated), photocopy, 2 pages● Riker, W.E., "Show me the person that can successfully deny any of these statements, and I will show you a gold nugget, as big as your head!" (Holy City: undated), photocopy, 4 pages● Riker, W.E., "The entire solar system is everyone's country and nothing short of it. The world is yours, Mr. Jew and Mr. Gentile to rule and to wisely care for." (Holy City: undated), photocopy● Riker, W.E., "The New Messiah Is Now With Us" p. 1, "Mogendavid is Now Explained and is Commencing to Glow ... All Because of the Presence of the New Messiah," p. 2 (Holy City: undated), photocopy● Riker, W.E., "The Suffocating Cat is Now Out of The Bag Regarding This Racial Problem and Just What to Do About It," (Holy City: undated), photocopy
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30	Riker Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Wm. E. Riker: Your Next Governor," undated bumper sticker ● Riker, W.E., "California State Party: William E. Riker for Governor" (Holy City: undated), flyer, photocopy, including His Biography, Platform and Fundamentals, and His Message of Good News. ● Riker, W.E., "William E. Riker Has Come to Cure The Curse of California" (Holy City: undated), flyer, photocopy.
31	Undated Drafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fisher, I.B., "The Truth, the What, The When, The Where, The Why, and The How's, About Mortals, The Unborn, The Devilish, The UnGodly, The Would-Be People" (no city: undated), typed original. ● Fisher, I.B. (?), "Mercury...The First Material," (no city, undated), typed, original. ● Riker, W.E., "The National Peace Preparedness Campaign," (Soquel: undated), typed single spaced, photocopy. ● Riker, W.E., "The National Peace Preparedness Campaign," (no city: undated), typed double spaced, photocopy, with notation: "(The following document is given here, exactly as written in an aged ledger)". ● Riker, W.E., "Handbill Published at Holy City, California," (Holy City: undated), typed, photocopy. ● Riker, W.E., "The All-Pleasing Face and Winning Hand of God, is Now Showing Up

		<p>for the First Time in All History by William E. Riker (The Comforter): Free Public Meetings, Holy City, California,” (Holy City: undated), typed, photocopy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Riker, W.E., “The God Almighty Truth About a Certain Kind of People—And Also About the True Solutions to All of Man’s Thus Far Unsolved Great and Puzzling Problems—Are Herein Explained,” (Holy City: undated), typed, original.• Riker, W.E., “The Comforter Speaks to Those Who Have Ears That Can Hear,” (ca. 1952), typed original.• Riker, W.E., “P.C.D.W. Some revelations, to study, take into account and preach. P.C.D.W.” (San Francisco: ca. 1918), typed on reverse of 674 Hayes Street letterhead, original.• Riker, W.E. (?), “A few more revelations...For all,” (no city, undated), typed, original on graph paper.
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Box 3: Newspapers/Broadsheets

- Broadsheet, “\$1,000 Reward if You Can Find a Flaw in W.E. Riker’s Perfect Pension Plan,” undated.
- Broadsheet, “You Are Invited,” (Holy City: November 26, 1939), original.
- Riker, W.E., “Insulting the Spirit of California” (Holy City: undated, ca. 1934), broadsheet, original.
- Riker, W.E., “The Citizen’s Will will be done” (Holy City: undated), broadsheet, original.
- Riker, W.E., “William E. Riker for Governor: He says, Once You Understand This True Principle You Will Know what is Required of a Good Governor - Your Home-City and State are all one principle” (Holy City: undated, ca. 1938), broadsheet, original.
- Riker, W.E., “I Will Run Again on Both Tickets: Once You Understand This True Principle You Will Know what is Required, of a Good Governor

- Your Home-City and State are all one principle” (Holy City: undated), broadsheet, original.

- *Hurrah: 6 Editions of the Holy City Wisdom* (Holy City: November 15, 1931 to April 15, 1932).
 - o *Hurrah*, Vol.1, No.7. (Holy City: November 1931)
 - o *Hurrah*, Vol.1, No.8. (Holy City: December 1931)
 - o *Hurrah*, Vol.1, No.9. (Holy City: January 1932)
 - o *Hurrah*, Vol.1, No.10. (Holy City: February 1932)
 - o *Hurrah*, Vol.1, No.11. (Holy City: March 1932)
 - o *Hurrah*, Vol.1, No.12. (Holy City: April 1932)

Box 4: Photographic Prints (individually cataloged in History San Jose’s collections management database)

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1	Early P.C.D.W. activities in Los Angeles and San Francisco (Catalog Nos. 2021-35-1 through 8, 31)
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