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Thomas J. Mooney papers

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Summary

Creator: Mooney, Thomas J., 1882-1942

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Size: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Key Terms

Subjects

Bombings -- California -- San Francisco

Trials (Political crimes and offenses) -- California -- San Francisco

Working class -- Political activity -- United States

Occupations

Labor leaders

Names

Mooney, Thomas J., 1882-1942

Billings, Warren K., 1893-1972

Walsh, Frank P.