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Collection Summary
Collection Title: George Bradley McFarland family papers
Date (inclusive): circa 1862-1964,
Date (bulk): bulk 1880-1951
Collection Number: BANC MSS 2007/104
Creators: McFarland, George Bradley, 1866-1942
McFarland, Bertha Blount
Extent: Number of containers: 7 boxes and 2 volumesLinear feet: 3.25
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Abstract: Contains correspondence, notebooks, scrapbooks, writings, photographs, and books relating to missionaries in Siam (now Thailand) and Cambodia. Photographs include pictures of life in Thailand and Cambodia, including Angkor Wat; of the royal family, including the coronations of King Vajiravudh and King Bhumibol Adulyadej and the funeral of King Chulalongkorn; and of missions in Thailand. Also includes the American Civil War diary of James Gooding Blount.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English, Thai and Cambodian

Physical Location: Many of the Bancroft Library collections are stored offsite and advance notice may be required for use. For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

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Preferred Citation
Alternate Forms Available
There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Additional Notes on Collection:
Collection transferred from the South/Southeast Asian Library in 2003.

Separated Material
Photographs of the Blount family in the United States, relatives of Bertha Blount McFarland, have been transferred to the Pictorial Collection of The Bancroft Library (BANC PIC 2007.015--PIC). Other photographs have been retained in the McFarland papers.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
- McFarland, George Bradley, 1866-1942--Archives
- McFarland, Bertha Blount--Archives
- Vajiravudh, King of Siam, 1881-1925--Coronation
- Vajiravudh, King of Siam, 1881-1925--Pictorial works
- Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand, 1927--Pictorial works
- Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand, 1927--Coronation
- Chulalongkorn, King of Siam, 1853-1910--Pictorial works
- Chulalongkorn, King of Siam, 1853-1910--Death and burial
- Blount, James Gooding, 1843-1862--Diaries
- Angkor Wat (Angkor)--Pictorial works
- Missionaries--Thailand
- Missionaries--Thailand--Pictorial works
- Thailand--History--19th century
- Thailand--Pictorial works
- Cambodia--Pictorial works
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives
- Photographs

Acquisition Information
The George Bradley McFarland family papers, were given to the South/Southeast Asia Library by Bertha Blount Hallquist, niece of Bertha Blount McFarland, in 1976. The collection was transferred to The Bancroft Library in 2003.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

Processing Information
Processed by Alison E. Bridger in 2007.

Biographical Information
George Bradley McFarland was born in 1866 to Rev. Samuel Gamble McFarland and Jane Hays McFarland while they were serving as missionaries in Siam (now Thailand). Except for a few years spent in the United States to obtain medical and dental degrees, George McFarland lived most of his life in Siam. After his first wife Mary Root McFarland died in 1923, he married missionary Bertha Blount in 1925.

The McFarland family contributed many things to their adopted land of Siam. Samuel Gamble McFarland not only worked as a missionary but also published one of the first Siamese-English dictionaries, which his son George revised after his father's death. Jane Hays McFarland ran one of the first schools for girls in Thailand and later had a school named in her honor. William Hays McFarland, George's brother, served as Siam's Ministry of War and introduced Western military methods to Siam. Edwin McFarland, another brother, also served in the Siamese government and developed the first Siamese typewriter. George McFarland not only expanded on the work of his parents and siblings after their deaths, but also taught at the Royal Medical College and translated many medical texts into Siamese.

George McFarland died in 1942. At some point his wife Bertha returned to the United States, where she continued contact with the Missions in Thailand.

**System of Arrangement**
Arranged to the folder level.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
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### Series 1 Manuscripts 1862-1964

**Physical Description:** Box 1; volumes 1-2

**Arrangement**
Arranged by type of document.

**Scope and Content Note**
Contains correspondence, mostly to and from Bertha Blount McFarland, relating to missionary work and life in Thailand, Java, and Cambodia; notebooks on Thailand and Cambodia by various westerners; an oral history on Rev. S.J. Smith's life in Thailand; writings on the customs of and missionary work in Thailand; clippings and greeting cards from Thailand. Also includes a small amount of family papers for the Blount family, including the American Civil War diary of James Gooding Blount. Photographs of the Blount family have been transferred to the Pictorial collection.

#### Box 1, Folder 1
**Correspondence 1919-1923**

#### Box 1, Folder 2
**Correspondence 1945-1951**

#### Box 1, Folder 3
**Notebook, entries by Laura J. Olmstead (Eakin), John A. Eakin and Mrs. MacLaren circa 1885**

#### Box 1, Folder 4
**David P. Barrons field notes 1903**

#### Box 1, Folder 5
**Bertha Blount McFarland notebook circa 1912-1914**

#### Box 1, Folder 6
**Bertha Blount McFarland journal of trip to Angkor Wat 1924**

#### Oversize Volume 1
**Bertha Blount McFarland scrapbook 1925-1927**

#### Box 1, Folders 7-8
**The Olden Days of Bangkok, related by Rev. S.J. Smith to Dr. George Bradley McFarland 1906**

#### Box 1, Folder 9
**Writings on Thailand undated**

#### Box 1, Folder 10
**Letters and writings on death and burial in Thailand undated**

#### Box 1, Folder 11
**Missionary reports on Thailand, by Bertha Blount McFarland 1932-1935**

#### Box 1, Folder 12
**Cambodian manuscript circa 1963-1964**

**Scope and Content Note**
in Cambodian

#### Box 1, Folder 13
**Clippings circa 1896-1951**

#### Box 1, Folder 14
**Greeting cards, Thailand undated**

#### Box 1, Folder 15
**Miscellaneous family papers undated**

#### Box 1, Folder 16
**Blount family papers undated**

**James Gooding Blount diary 1862**

### Series 2 Photographs circa 1870-1950

**Physical Description:** Box 2-3

**Arrangement**
Arranged by subject.

**Scope and Content Note**
Contains photographs of life in Thailand and Cambodia, the Thai royal family, Thai Missions, and the McFarland family.
Series 2 Photographs circa 1870-1950

Life in Thailand
- Box 2, Folder 1: Families, occupations circa 1870-1900
- Box 2, Folder 2: Urban life circa 1870-1900
- Box 2, Folder 3: Rural Life circa 1870-1900
- Box 2, Folder 4: Life in Bangkok 1870-1900
- Box 2, Folder 5: Life in Bangkok 1901-1950
- Box 2, Folder 6: NaiKawn and family circa 1870-1900

Thai Royal Family
- Box 2, Folders 7-8: Portraits undated
- Box 2, Folder 9: Queen Saovabha's funeral undated
- Box 2, Folder 10: King Vajiravudh's coronation circa 1910
- Box 2, Folders 11-12: King Chulalongkorn's cremation circa 1911
- Box 2, Folder 13: Coronation of Rama IX (Bhumibol Adulyadej) circa 1946
- Box 2, Folder 14: "Plowing" ceremony undated
- Box 2, Folder 15: General undated
- Box 2, Folder 16: Prince Damrong's library undated

Miscellaneous Thai photographs undated

Cambodia
- Box 3, Folder 1: Angkor Wat 1878
- Box 3, Folder 2: Phimai 1878
- Box 3, Folder 3: General 1928
- Box 3, Folder 4: Rubbings 1928

Missions
- Box 3, Folder 5: Early photographs circa 1870-1900
- Box 3, Folder 6: Travels to Ayutthaya, Borobudur (Java), Sukothai and Phimai undated
- Box 3, Folder 7: Buildings undated
- Box 3, Folder 8: Household staff undated
- Box 3, Folder 9: Students and faculty undated
- Box 3, Folder 10: Guests and travels undated
- Box 3, Folder 11: Various celebrations and luncheons undated
- Box 3, Folder 12: S. R. House circa 1870-1900

McFarland family
- Box 3, Folder 13: General undated
- Box 3, Folder 14: Remington typewriter store, Bangkok undated
- Box 3, Folder 15: Miscellaneous undated
- Box 3, Folders 16-17: Holyrood album and negatives circa 1940

Series 3 Printed materials 1865-1950

Physical Description: Boxes 4-7

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains books in George B. McFarland's library including volumes written by him and his family members that relate to Thailand.

- Box 4, Folder 1: *The Modern Buddhist*, translated by Henry Alabaster 1870
- Box 4, Folder 3: *King Mong Kut*, by Dr. O. Frankfurter circa 1904
- Box 4, Folder 4: *Postal Progress in Siam: 1885-1925* 1925
- Box 4, Folder 5: *Reminiscences of Twelve Decades of Services to Siam, 1860-1936*, by George B. McFarland 1936
- Box 4, Folders 6-7: *Siam Today* 1936
- Box 4, Folder 8: *Siam* undated
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