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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Charles Albert Storke Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1856-1936

Collection Number: BANC MSS 73/71 c

Creator: Storke, C. A. (Charles Albert), 1847-1936

Extent: Number of containers: 4 boxes, 3 cartons, 4 volumes and 1 oversize folder
Linear feet: 6

Repository: The Bancroft Library
Berkeley, California 94720-6000

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Abstract: Correspondence; manuscripts of his writings, including his memoirs; personalia; papers relating to his legal career; financial records; papers relating to the operation of the Storke ranches in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; personal papers of other members of the More family, including those relating to the settlement of the Thomas Wallace More and Alexander Peter More estates, 1856-1910. Included also are papers relating to the settlement of Storke's estate, primarily by his son, Thomas More Storke.

Languages Represented: English

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Scope and Content

The papers of Charles Albert Storke were removed from the Thomas More Storke Collection which came to The Bancroft Library in 1972 as a gift of the Thomas More Storke Estate. The collection comprises 4 boxes, 3 cartons and one oversize portfolio and is a fragmentary portion of his personal papers. The collection includes letters addressed to Storke together with copies of his replies; MSS of his writings, including his memoirs; personalia; legal and financial material; papers relating to the title and operation of the Storke Ranches in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; personal papers of other members of the More family; and papers relating to the settlement of Storke's Estate, primarily by his son, Thomas More Storke. Portraits of C. A. Storke have been removed for separate cataloging in the portrait collection.

The papers as a whole are described in greater detail in the Key to Arrangement which follows.

Biography

Charles Albert Storke was born on November 19, 1847 at Branchport, Yates County, New York. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the Wilderness Campaign of the Civil War and spent six months in seven prison camps following his capture by Confederate forces. In June 1870, Storke graduated summa cum laude from Cornell University and two years later he moved to California as a teacher of mathematics and Latin at the new Santa Barbara College. He established the *Los Angeles Herald* newspaper on October 7, 1873 and later was admitted to the California Bar where he actively practiced until 1913. During this period he became recognized as a leading authority on early California land grants.

Storke served in the California Legislature during 1883-1884 and 1889-1890 where he vigorously fought the Southern Pacific Railroad and its political machine. He became District Attorney of Santa Barbara in 1898, the town's first Mayor in 1900, and was editorial manager of the *Santa Barbara Daily News*, 1913-1925. In 1923 he was appointed to the California State Board of Education by Governor Friend W. Richardson.

On September 10, 1873, Storke married Martha More, the daughter of Thomas Wallace More and Susanna Hill; their marriage ended in divorce. On July 26, 1917 he subsequently married Mary Emeline (Gregory) Webb, the eldest daughter of Reverend John M. Gregory, the first President of the University of Illinois. Storke compiled a family genealogy in 1925, *The Genealogy of the Descendants of Moses Stork Scarborough, Yorkshire, Old England* and a revised and larger work appeared in 1935 as *The English Storkes in America*.

C. A. Storke died on December 6, 1936 at the age of 89.

Box 1	Correspondence - See also Vols. 12 and 37. Letters written to Storke and copies of his replies. Arranged alphabetically. A partial list of significant correspondents follows the Key to Arrangement. Letterpress copy books May 24, 1889-Nov. 15, 1904. 492 p. July 26, 1896-Nov. 29, 1900. 697 p. Oct. 7, 1897-Feb. 18, 1905. 368 p. Nov. 7, 1900-Mar. 1, 1910. 273 p.
volume Vol. 1	
volume Vol. 2	
volume Vol. 3	
Box 2, volume Vol. 4	
	Fragments and unidentified letters.
	Writings
	Editorials, speeches, rough drafts and notes
	"After the Bugles--The West." Unpublished recollections of C. A. Storke with Michael J Phillips. Typescript. 1922
	"After the Bugles--The West!" Unarranged notes and rough drafts
	Memoirs Boyhood recollections, biographical sketches, etc.

	Personalia
Box 3, volume Vol. 5	Civil War material, including "Record of Albert [C. A. Storke] in the Civil War" Certificates, memberships, etc. - See also Oversize Folio Datebook, 1896
volume Vol. 6	Datebook, 1900
volume Vol. 7	Legal material
	Lawyer's brief and common place book, 1881-1927.
	Case citations and legal notes, District Attorney's Office, County of Santa Barbara, Calif. 400 p. Indexed.
	Mattie More Storke vs. Charles Albert Storke, 1889-1917.
	Divorce proceedings
	Legal miscellany
	Indentures, abstracts of title, mortgages, notes, etc., for which Storke was attorney or notary public.
	Legal miscellany
	Deeds, abstracts of title, notes, deed of reconveyance, indentures, agreements, easement, etc. in which Storke or his wife are named as parties.
	Physical Description: (Two folders)
Box 4	Financial material
volume Vol. 8	Invoices, bills, receipts, tax forms, insurance certificates, etc. (One folder)
volume Vol. 9	Cash book, Feb. 1907-Mar. 1908
volume Vol. 10	Account book, 1926-1930
volume Vol. 11	Check book, Feb. 1931-June 1932
Ctn. 1	Check book, Nov. 1934-June 1935
	Storke Ranches
	Papers regarding the title, maintenance and operation of the Storke Ranches in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, as follows:
volume Vol. 12	Scrapbook, 1873-1924
	Includes correspondence, invoices, bills and receipts
	Land grants, breeding certificates and maps
	Abstracts of Title
volume Vol. 13	Sespe Rancho, Dec. 1887
volume Vol. 14	Sespe Rancho, July 1889
volume Vol. 15	Sespe Rancho, Dec. 1906
volume Vol. 16	Dos Pueblos Rancho, Jan. 1916
volume Vol. 17	La Goleta Rancho, Dec. 1916
volume Vol. 18	Account book, 1905-1929
volume Vol. 19	Ledger, 1918-1921 - See also Oversize Vol. 38
	Miscellany
	Printed material (One folder)
	Clippings - See also Oversize Vols. 39 and 40
	Physical Description: (Two folders)
volume Vol. 20	Scrapbook
volume Vol. 21	Scrapbook
	Miscellaneous photographs - transferred to Pictorial Collection
	Knox, S. B. P., M.D., Santa Barbara, Calif.
volume Vol. 22	Physicians visiting book, 1876
volume Vol. 23	Physicians visiting book, 1877
Ctn. 2	More family papers, 1856-1910
	Personal papers of members of the More family of Santa Barbara including Thomas Wallace More (1826-1877) and his brother Alexander Peter More (d. 1893), and papers relating to the settlement of their estates by C. A. Storke as attorney and trustee.
	More, Thomas Wallace

volume Vol. 24	Daily account book, May 1860-Dec. 1869
volume Vol. 25	Account book: Estate of T. W. More Miscellany Includes correspondence, funeral notice, deed, and "An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of T. W. More."
volume Vol. 26	More, Alexander Peter, Estate John F. More vs. the Estate of A. P. More, deceased, June 1895-June 1896. Vol. 1, evidence and arguments.
volume Vol. 27	John F. More vs. the Estate of A. P. More, deceased, June-July 1894. Vol. 2, depositions.
volume Vol. 28	Cash book, June 1896-June 1900.
volume Vol. 29	Cash book, June 1896-May 1910.
volume Vol. 30	Daily account book, Apr. -May 1897 Santa Rosa Island Company.
volume Vol. 31	Account book, Apr.-Dec. 1897.
volume Vol. 32	Transcript on appeal, California Supreme Court, July 6, 1903. Miscellany Includes indenture, inventory and appraisement of the Estate, etc.
volume Vol. 33	More, Eleanor H., Estate "Estate of Eleanor H. More," Apr. 1900-Dec. 1901. Miscellany Fragmentary and unidentified correspondence, copies of early family letters and diaries, notes, etc.
Ctn. 3	Storke, Charles Albert, Estate, 1936-1960 Papers relating to the settlement of the Estate of C. A. Storke, primarily by Thomas More Storke and Charles Albert Storke II, as executors and trustees. Legal material, including correspondence, declaration of trust and deeds. Monthly reports to beneficiaries, Oct. 1956-June 1959 Monthly statement of rents and expenses, July 1956-Nov. 1959 Monthly bank reconciliation statements, Jan. 1945-Mar. 1947 Supporting vouchers filed in Santa Barbara Superior Court in support of the expenditures by executors of the Estate, Dec. 1936-Dec. 1946. (Five folders) Bank deposit books Apr. 1939-July 1941 July 1941-July 1943 Check stub book, Dec. 1944-Mar. 1947 Miscellany Includes bills, notes, maps, petitions, etc.
volume Vol. 34	
volume Vol. 35	
volume Vol. 36	
volume Vol. 37 (oversize)	Scrapbook Correspondence and clippings
volume Vol. 38 (oversize)	Storke Ranch account book, 1874-1877.
volume Vol. 39 (oversize)	Clippings
volume Vol. 40 (oversize)	Clippings
portfolio Portfolio	Diplomas, degrees and certificates Barnes, Harry Elmer, 1889- Letter, Apr. 25, 1936. Written while with Scripps-Howard Newspapers, acknowledging a copy of <i>The English Storkes in America</i> . California. Board of Education 2 letters, 1923. By Ernest Perley Clark, President. Chambers, John Sheerer, 1867-1923. Letter, July 20, 1923. Congratulatory letter written while Vice-President of Bank of America upon Storke's appointment to the California State Board of Education.

Clark, Ernest Perley, 1859-1933.

See California. Board of Education

Freeman, Douglas Southall, 1886-

Letter, Dec. 9, 1924. Addressed to Mrs. C. G. Blakey regarding Civil War battlefield markers.

Graham, Stephen, 1884-

Letter, June 4, 1923.

Haas, Charles E.

Letter, Dec. 24, 1917.

Lane, Franklin Knight, 1864-1921.

See U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

McNary, Charles Linza, 1874-1944.

Letter, Aug. 13, 1918. Written while U.S. Senator.

Phillips, Michael J.

2 letters, 1930. Includes one letter addressed to Fred Jackson.

Richardson, Friend William, 1865-1943

1 letter, Sept. 16, 1926.

Storke, Thomas More, 1876-1971.

4 letters, 1923-1936.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior

Letter, Jan. 8, 1917. By Franklin Knight Lane, addressed to Edwin F. Smith.