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Collection Summary

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Abstract: Includes papers of Anna R. Baeck, some relating to student days at the University of California, Class of 1912; papers of her father, San Francisco Judge Timothy H. Rearden, including letters, manuscripts of writings, copies of legal decisions, etc. Contains Civil War correspondence, including letters from a cadet on the U.S.S. Constitution. Family papers also include those of Anna Baeck's uncle, Joseph D. Redding, relating to his career as a San Francisco attorney and as composer. Some papers of other members of the family also included: Benjamin D. Redding, Samuel Cowles, Anita C. Rearden, and Myra C. Redding. Correspondents include Ambrose Bierce, Ina Coolbrith, and Porter Garnett.

Languages Represented: English

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Acquisition Information

The Baeck family papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Anne C. Baeck in 1973, with additions in 1974.

Scope and Content

The Baeck family Papers consist primarily of papers of Anna R. Baeck; papers of her father, Timothy H. Rearden, and her mother, Anita C. Rearden; and papers of her uncle, Joseph D. Redding and his wife, Myra C. Redding.

Brief Family History

Anna Wooster (Rearden) Baeck was born in San Francisco in 1888, the daughter of Anita Elizabeth (Cowles) and Judge Timothy Henry Rearden. After attending public schools in California and Illinois, she entered the University of California at Berkeley where she was a member of the Prytanean Society. In 1912, the year of her graduation, she wrote the first "Partheneia" to be given there by the women students. After teaching school for several years, she was married in 1917 to John Eric Baeck and resided in Berkeley almost continuously until her death in 1970. Her papers relate mainly to her academic career at the University, literary interests and family affairs.

Her father, Timothy Rearden, was born in Wooster, Ohio in 1839. He attended high school in Cleveland and was graduated from Kenyon College in 1859. Serving briefly in the Civil War, he came to San Francisco in 1863, worked in the mint while studying law and opened an office about 1872. In 1883 he was appointed by Governor Stoneman to fill a vacancy in the Superior Court; in 1884 he was elected to succeed himself and served through 1890. He was married in 1888 to Anita Cowles, daughter of his friend Judge Samuel Cowles. Rearden was a serious student of languages and literature, a member of the Chit-Chat Club and part of the literary scene which included Ambrose Bierce, Bret Harte and Fanny Osbourne. His book *Petrarch and Other Essays* was published after his death which occurred on May 10, 1892. His papers relate to his career, life in San Francisco, and to his studies and writings.

Joseph Deighn Redding (Anna Baeck's uncle) was born in Sacramento in 1859, the son of Mary Prescott (Putnam) and Benjamin Barnard Redding. He was graduated in 1874 from the California Military Academy in Oakland, attended Harvard Law School from 1877 to 1879, was admitted to the California bar in 1879 and practiced law in San Francisco almost continuously until several years before his death in 1932. In 1882 he was married to Myra Augusta Cowles who died in 1945. He was a member of the Bohemian Club, serving as president from 1885 to 1886, and was the author of several of its "Grove" plays. He also wrote the operas *Natoma* and *Fay-Yen Fah*. Redding's papers relate mainly to his career and to his musical activities.

Scope and Content

Most of the photographs have been removed and indexed separately.

A key to arrangement describes the collection in greater detail. Separate lists of significant correspondents have been prepared for each member of the family.

Box 1

Letters written by Rearden, 1859-1892.**Scope and Content Note**

Originals, written mainly to his family in Cleveland, Ohio, relating to his education at Kenyon College, Civil War service, voyage to California in 1863 and activities in San Francisco. Arranged chronologically.

Boxes 1-2

Letters written to Rearden.**Scope and Content Note**

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows. Unlisted letters have been placed in a miscellany preceding the rest of the letters.

Bierce, Ambrose, 1842-1914?

3 letters, 1872-1884.

Scope and Content Note

Photocopies.

Chit-Chat Club

Letter, Sept. 30, 1881.

Scope and Content Note

Notification of election to active membership.

Davis, Murray, d. 1877

4 letters, 1863-1870 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Relate mainly to experiences as a cavalry officer in the Civil War & the West. With this: 2 letters written by his wife, n.d.

Douglas, William Wallace, 1863-

Letter, Mar. 11, 1889.

Scope and Content Note

Written while Executive Secretary to Gov. R. W. Waterman.

Dwight, Theodore F.

Letter, June 28, 1873.

Scope and Content Note

Mentions Charles Warren Stoddard.

Gregg, V. A., 1844-1899

Letter, Mar. 15, 1889

Heller, Moses

Letter, May 22, 1880

Raebel, Herman C., d. 1869

7 letters, 1861-1865.

Scope and Content Note

Written while a cadet aboard the U.S.S. Constitution.

Spalding, Zepharin Swift

3 letters, 1869-1870.

Scope and Content Note

Re proposed visit to Hawaii by Rearden & Ambrose Bierce.

Stebbins, Alfred, 1834-1901

4 letters, 1873-1874.

Scope and Content Note

With this: 3 letters written by his wife, 1873-1884.

Stevenson, Fanny (Van de Grift) Osbourne, 1840-1914

59 letters, 1874-1879 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Transcripts. Some written for her by Belle Osbourne & others. With this: Several sets of variant transcripts; one set annotated by Anna (Rearden) Baeck, (3 folders).

Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894

Letter (incomplete copy), [Apr. 1881?].

Scope and Content Note

In handwriting of Rearden's sister.

Taussig, Rudolph Julius, 1861-1922

Letter, Feb. 2, 1891.

Scope and Content Note

Requesting Rearden to secure the services of a Superior Court Judge for his wedding.

Williams, Dora Norton [Mrs. Virgil Macey Williams]

Letter, Feb. 17, 1891.

Williams, Virgil Macey

Letter, n.d.

Wills, M. A.

35 letters, 1871-1889 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Some letters relate to social life in San Francisco.

Box 3

Letters written by Anita (Cowles) Rearden (later Mrs. James V. Lavery).

Scope and Content Note

Originals, arranged chronologically.

Letters written to Mrs. Rearden.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of person. Unlisted letters are in a miscellany preceding listed letters.

Bierce, Ambrose, 1842-1914?

2 letters, 1912.

Coolbrith, Ina Donna, 1842-1928

Letter, Oct. 4, 1914.

Cowles, Alfred Hutchinson, 1858-1929

Letter, Sept. 6, 1906.

Cowles, Edwin, 1825-1890

Letter, Dec. 17, 1883.

Cowles, William Hutchinson, 1866-1946

4 letters, 1925-1938 & n.d.

Field, Isobel (Osbourne)

Letter, Aug. 4, 1912.

Garnett, Edna (Foote)

Letter, Apr. 9, 1912.

Hotaling, Anson Parsons

Letter, Jan. 13, 1887.

Hotaling, Lavinia J.

2 letters, 1897-1906.

Hotaling, Richard M., 1868-1925

3 letters, 1912 & n.d.

Lyons, Timothy J., 1860-1916

2 letters, 1900-1902.

Morrison, Alexander Francis, 1856-1921

Letter, Aug. 25, 1898.

Osbourne, Lloyd, 1868-1947

Letter, Nov. 30, 1899.

Scope and Content Note

Photocopy.

Redding, Joseph Deighn, 1859-1962

8 letters, 1900-1925.

Redding, Myra Augusta (Cowles), 1857-1945

100 letters, 1883-1943 & n.d.

Rowell, Joseph Cummings, 1853-1938

Letter, Dec. 19, 1924.

Stevenson, Fanny (Van de Grift) Osbourne, 1840-1914

3 letters, n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Photocopies.

Wills, M. A.

5 letters, 1895-1924.

Worcester, Joseph

8 letters, 1893-1901 & n.d.

Box 4

Letters written by Anna Wooster (Rearden) Baeck, 1902-1939 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Mainly drafts, arranged chronologically.

Boxes 4-5

Letters written to Mrs. Baeck

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. Listed letters (see below) are preceded by a miscellany of unlisted letters.

Bates, Katharine Lee, 1859-1929

see Garnett, Porter

Bierce, Ambrose, 1842-1914?

2 letters, 1912.

Scope and Content Note

Letter dated Aug. 25 is a photocopy.

Boalt, Elisabeth Joselyn

2 letters, 1906-1912.

Scope and Content Note

Letter, dated May 4, 1906 states that Ina Coolbrith is staying with her.

Booth, Bradford A.

Letter, Dec. 5, 1954.

California. University, Berkeley. Library

2 letters, 1942.

Scope and Content Note

Written by Harold L. Leupp, Librarian.

California. University, Berkeley. Prytanean Society

Letter, Apr. 15, 1912.

Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage

2 letters, 1915.

Cornelius Fidelis, Brother, 1877-1962

Postcard, May 5, 1942.

Cowles, William Hutchinson, 1866-1946

59 letters, 1915-1945.

Scope and Content Note

Relate mainly to family finances, including those of Myra (Cowles) Redding. Included also: Letter (n.d.) from Mrs. Cowles.

Drury, Ella L. (Bishop) [Mrs. Wells Drury]

Letter, Mar. 18, 1931.

Field, Isobel (Osbourne)

Letter, Apr. 1, 1912.

Garnett, Edna (Foote) [Mrs. Porter Garnett]

19 letters, 1913-1951 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Includes also: 3 letters, 1917-1919 & n.d., written by Ellie [sister ?].

Garnett, Porter, 1871-1951

20 letters, 1912-1950 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Letter, Sept. 3, 1912, transmits letter from Katharine Lee Bates.

Letter (copy), Nov. 15, 1915.

Additional Note

Written to Mrs. William Kent.

See also Fred Yates

Hotaling, Richard M., 1868-1925

2 letters, 1912.

Howe, Will David, 1873-1946

3 letters, 1929.

Issler, Anne Roller, 1892-

Letter, Mar. 10, 1969.

Kent, Elizabeth (Thacher), 1868-1952

2 letters, 1915.

Scope and Content Note

See also Garnett, Porter

Lavery, Anita Elizabeth (Cowles) Rearden, 1861-1944

77 letters, 1910-1942 & n.d.

Leupp, Harold Lewis, 1877-1952

see California. University, Berkeley. Library

Lyons, Timothy J., 1860-1916

2 letters, 1906.

Mitchell, Lucy (Sprague), 1878-1967

Letter, May 1, 1912.

Scope and Content Note

Inviting her to attend her wedding.

Neuhaus, Eugen, 1879-1963

Letter, Sept. 2, 1942.

Noyes, George Rapall, 1873-1952

Letter, Mar. 20, 1942.

Occident

Letter, July 10, 1912.

Scope and Content Note

Requesting her to submit a manuscript for publication.

Poulson, Edna Snell

Letter, Apr. 10, 1912.

Redding, Joseph Deighn, 1859-1932

2 letters, 1917-1925.

Redding, Myra Augusta (Cowles), 1857-1945

100 letters, 1900-1938 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

A few letters are written to John Baeck & the children.

Sanchez, Nellie (Van de Grift), 1856-1935

2 letters, 1916.

Stebbins, Lucy Ward, 1880-1955

2 letters, 1934-1936.

Stricklen, Edward G., d. 1950

Letter, Aug. 10.

Strouse, Norman Hulbert, 1906-

see Vailima Foundation

U.S. Library of Congress

2 letters, 1949.

Vailima Foundation

12 letters, 1969-1972.

Scope and Content Note

Written mainly by Norman H. Strouse. A few letters are written to Anne C. Baeck.

Wheeler, Charles Stetson, 1889-

4 letters, 1939-1944.

Scope and Content Note

Relate to Myra (Cowles) Redding's financial affairs.

White, Ralston L.

5 letters, 1918-1919 & n.d.

Wills, M. A.

7 letters, 1902-1914.

Yates, Fred

Letter, May 2, 1912.

Scope and Content Note

Written to Porter Garnett.

Box 6

Letters written by Joseph Deighn Redding, 1906-1932 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Mainly typed carbons, arranged chronologically.

See also carton 1 for miscellaneous letters relating to his operas.

Letters written to Redding.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. Listed letters are preceded by a miscellany of unlisted letters.

American Prospecting Club, Incorporated

see Ralston, William Chapman, 1863-

Arkatov, Alexander

Letter, Oct. 31, 1930.

Arliss, George, 1868-1946

Letter, July 13, 1929.

Cloman, Sydney Amos, d. 1923

Letter (copy), Feb. 25, 1915.

Cowles, William Hutchinson, 1866-1946

Letter, May 15, 1925.

Hughes, Rupert

Letter (copy), July 22, 1926.
Newlin, Gurney Elwood, 1880-1955
Letter, June 24, 1925.
Price, Walter Winston, 1866-1943
Letter, Jan. 11, 1932.
Ralston, William Chapman, 1863-
Letter, Apr. 3, 1920.

Scope and Content Note

Concerns his membership in the American Prospecting Club, Inc., Tonopah, Nevada.

Redding, Benjamin Barnard, 1824-1882
Letter, Apr. 9, 1879.
Redding, Myra Augusta (Cowles), 1857-1945
36 letters, 1905-1926 & n.d.
Redding, Myra Cowles, 1882-1897
26 letters, 1892-1896 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Mainly typed transcripts, some written to her grandmother.

Royal Arch Masons. San Francisco, Calif. California Chapter No. 5
Letter, Oct. 6, 1896.

Scope and Content Note

Transmitting demit.

Shasta (Calif.) Historical Society
see Southern, May H.
Southern, May H.
4 letters, 1930-1932.

Scope and Content Note

Writing mainly as president, Shasta (Calif.) Historical Society.

Stephens, Henry Morse, 1857-1919
Letter (copy) Aug. 27, 1913.
Steuer, Max D., 1871-
4 letters, 1929-1931.
Woodruff, Henry Mygatt, 1869-1916
Letter, Dec. 29, 1908.

Scope and Content Note

Written to Josephine Redding [daughter].

Letters written by Myra Augusta (Cowles) Redding, 1870-1944 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Originals & typed carbons, arranged chronologically. See also: Letters written to Joseph D. Redding, Anita Rearden Lavery and Anna (Rearden) Baeck.

Boxes 6-7

Letters written to Myra Redding.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. Listed letters are preceded by a miscellany of unlisted letters.

Bohemian Club, San Francisco
Letter, July 26, 1932.
Chapin, William Wallace, 1874-1957
Letter, May 9, 1933.
Cowles, William Hutchinson, 1866-1946

34 letters, 1931-1943 & n.d.

Scope and Content Note

Relate mainly to her financial affairs.

Crocker, Templeton, 1884-1948

4 letters, 1925.

See also Correspondence in material relating to *Fay-Yen-Fah*, Carton 1.

Scope and Content Note

Hotaling, Richard M, 1868-1925

Letter, Sept. 3, 1919.

Lavery, Anita Elizabeth (Cowles) Rearden, 1861-1944

3 letters, 1909-1921 & n.d.

Redding, Joseph Deighn, 1859-1932

19 letters, 1899-1926 & n.d.

Sproul, Robert Gordon, 1891-

Letter, May 9, 1940.

Letters written by Josephine Redding, 1900-1915 & n.d. [Daughter of Joseph & Myra Redding].

Scope and Content Note

Mainly typed transcripts arranged chronologically. Written mainly to her father & grandmother.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

Scope and Content Note

Written to other members of the Rearden & Cowles families.

Ctn. 1

Papers of Timothy Henry Rearden

Scope and Content Note

Printed transcripts of legal decisions, annotated by Anna (Rearden) Baeck.

Manuscripts of writings

Scope and Content Note

Drafts of poems, typed transcript of *Life of Alcaeus* & *Life of Sappho*.

Album re marriage of Rearden & Anita E. Cowles

Scope and Content Note

Concerning announcement, newspaper article, letters of congratulations.

Personalia

Scope and Content Note

Certificate of service in Civil War, 3 biographies, program for D.A.R. memorial services.

Miscellany

Scope and Content Note

Notes, high school reunion program, list of books selected by Mrs. Crocker from his library after his death.

Papers of Anna Wooster (Rearden) Baeck

Scope and Content Note

Items relating to the University of California at Berkeley. Includes material compiled for a history of the Partheneias (never written), Prytanean Society Initiation Program, records of courses taken & grades, reunion invitations, library card, etc.

Presentation copy of *The Green Knight* by Porter Garnett & Edward G. Stricklen, annotated by Anna Baeck.

Personalia

Scope and Content Note

Biographical data, notes re tombstone.

Miscellany

Scope and Content Note

High school publications & report cards, miscellaneous notes, etc.

Papers of Anita Elizabeth (Cowles) Rearden Lavery

Scope and Content Note

Miscellaneous papers including photocopy of letter of introduction written by Abraham Lincoln for Alpheus Shreve Badger, Oct. 4, 1861. [her sister's father-in-law].

Papers of Samuel Cowles [Anna Rearden Baeck's grandfather]

Scope and Content Note

Personalia, including letter of recommendation, will, memorial tribute.

Papers of Joseph Deighn Redding

Manuscripts of writings

Scope and Content Note

Typed transcripts of poems & musical dramas, mimeograph copy of song "*My Sweetheart Long Ago*."

Miscellaneous correspondence, accounts, notes, etc.

Scope and Content Note

Re his operas *Fay-Yen-Fah* and *Natoma*.

Personalia

Scope and Content Note

Biographical data, membership cards, copy of affidavit of admission to practice law in New York.

Miscellany

Scope and Content Note

Bohemian Club programs & menus

Ctn. 2

Papers of Myra Augusta (Cowles) Redding

Manuscripts of writings

Scope and Content Note

Typed transcripts of short stories

Diary, 1914-1915

Personalia

Scope and Content Note

Will, passports

Papers of Myra Cowles Redding [daughter]

Personalia

Scope and Content Note

Including memorial tribute

Papers of Josephine Redding [daughter]

Diaries, 1906-1915

Personalia

Scope and Content Note

Biography written by her mother, poem written in her memory, sketch of tombstone.

Genealogy for the Cowles family

Legal papers of J. D. & Myra Redding & Anita Lavery

Scope and Content Note

Include copies of deeds, etc. re property in Ohio, San Francisco, Alameda County & Kern County; papers re estate of Clara Huntington Hatzfeldt (J. D. Redding was named in her will).

Accounts

Scope and Content Note

Miscellaneous invoices & receipts

Invitations, announcements, calling cards

Photographs

Scope and Content Note

Most of the photographs have been removed and indexed separately. J. D. Redding, T. H. Rearden, other family members.

Published writing of T. H. Rearden

Scope and Content Note

Life of Sappho; *Life of Alcaeus*; *Alfred Tennyson, Poet Laureate*; poem & address; illustrations for his writings, some by Virgil Williams.

Newspaper clippings

Arrangement

Arranged roughly by family.

Scope and Content Note

Includes also clippings about Redding's opera *Fay-Yen-Fah* and miscellaneous clippings. See also v. 3 in oversize.

Miscellany

Scope and Content Note

Unidentified notes

oversize Oversize,
volume v. 1

volume v. 2

volume v. 3

Joseph D. Redding's certificates to practice law in California, 1879; and in New York, 1896, and his certificate of appointments as Fish Commissioner, 1887, 1889 & 1891; Benjamin B. Redding's certificates of appointment as Fish Commissioner, 1870 & 1874.

Illustrated poem written to T. H. Rearden

Scrapbook of clippings, programs, etc.

Scope and Content Note

Relating mainly to *Fay-Yen-Fah*.