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Scope and Content

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Scope and Content

The Earle E. Williams Papers, 1881-1983, contain correspondence, writings, and research materials, chiefly relating to the history of Tracy and San Joaquin County, Calif. The bulk of the collection dates from 1952 to 1983, and includes Williams' research materials and drafts of his many books, articles, and stories about the Corral Hollow area, and its ghost towns, including San Joaquin City, Carnegie, and Tesla, along with historic El Camino Viejo, Rancho El Pescadero, and the people and places of the West Side region of San Joaquin County and the city of Tracy. Unless otherwise noted, all books and articles included in the collection were written by Earle E. Williams.

Earle E. Williams was born on January 1, 1898 to George and Frances Belknap Williams of Woodside in San Mateo County, Calif. In 1910, he came to Tracy, where he founded and built the Kerlinger Plant of Pacific Cement and Aggregates, Inc. on the alluvial fan of Corral Hollow Creek. Williams was active in a variety of social and civic organizations, and through his extensive research, became known as "the historian" of southern San Joaquin County. Williams died on July 4, 1983, exactly 73 years to the day after he arrived in Tracy.

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