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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Bolton Family papers
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Abstract: Contains correspondence, Bolton family history, materials by and about Herbert Eugene Bolton and Frederick Elmer Bolton, and personal papers of Frances Appleton, and Jane Adams. Correspondents include Herbert E. Bolton, Frederick E. Bolton, Frances Appleton, and Jane Adams as well as other members of the Bolton family. Letters discuss education, finances, career, family, and genealogical history. Included with Bolton family history are biographies of Bolton family women, many written by Meredith Bolton Smith. Herbert E. Bolton materials include galleys and a Spanish translation of his Padre on Horseback, and other publications, speeches and biographical material. Frederick E. Bolton materials include his unpublished manuscript of the History of the University of Washington, 1855-1961.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Related Collections
Herbert Eugene Bolton papers, 1890-1953. BANC MSS C-B 840

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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Bolton family
Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953
Bolton, Frederick Elmer, 1866
Appleton, Frances, 1897-1978
Adams, Jane, 1909-1993
University of California, Berkeley. Dept. of History--Faculty
Bancroft Library. Director
University of Washington--History
Education--Texas
Education--California--Berkeley
Texas--Social life and customs
California--Social life and customs
Clippings.
Genealogies.
Galley proofs (Printing)
Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953
Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953. Padre on horseback
Bolton, Frederick Elmer, 1866
Appleton, Frances, 1897-1978
Adams, Jane, 1909-1993
Smith, Meredith Bolton

Acquisition Information
The Bolton Family Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by the family of Herbert Eugene Bolton between the years of 1959 and 1963. Additions were made in 2000 by Gale B. Johnson and Bob Brower and in 2003 by Russ Magnaghi of letters given to him by Jane Bolton Adams. Further additions came in 2009 from the Herbert Eugene Bolton Papers after the processing of that collection.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information
Processed by Alison E. Bridger in 2003-2004; revised by Anastasia Karel in 2009.

Edwin Bolton
Edwin Bolton emigrated from England to the United States around 1850 with his parents John and Harriet Latham Bolton, eventually settling as farmers near Wilton, Wisconsin in 1856. In the early 1860's Edwin Bolton married Rosaline Cady, the daughter of James Cady, a Methodist pastor in Tomah, Wisconsin and Mary Dolbear. The Cady family can trace their ancestors to the Mayflower family of Richard Warren. In 1863 after his first son was born, Edwin Latham joined a Wisconsin regiment in the Civil War. After the war, in 1866 a second son, Frederick Elmer was born. Herbert Eugene, the fourth son was born July 20, 1870. After a short time in Nebraska in 1873, the Edwin Bolton family settled on La Grange Farm near Tomah, Wisconsin. On March 30, 1885, while Rosaline Bolton was pregnant with their last child, Edwin Bolton died
suddenly.

**Herbert Eugene Bolton**

At the time of his father’s death, Herbert was ready to enter high school in Tomah. This is where he met Gertrude Janes, his future wife. During the years that followed the death of their father, Frederick and Herbert helped to put each other through school, taking turns teaching and studying. In 1895 Herbert Eugene Bolton received a Bachelor of Letters from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he studied under Frederick Jackson Turner. In that same year Herbert married Gertrude Janes. Their first child, Frances Latham Bolton, was born in Jan. 1897, during Herbert’s first year in graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin. He finished his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania in 1899. The family returned to Wisconsin where Herbert taught and where the next two Bolton daughters were born. Herbert Bolton landed a position at the University of Texas in 1901.

While in Texas, Herbert began his study of Spanish America, spending summers researching in Mexican archives. His first book, *With the Makers of Texas*, was published in 1904. In 1909 he accepted a position at Stanford, and the following year accepted a professorship at the University of California, Berkeley to begin in 1911. By 1913 Herbert and Gertrude Bolton had their first son, their seventh and last child.

Herbert E. Bolton spent the rest of his career at Berkeley, becoming the head of the Department of History in 1919. He would serve as department head until 1940, with the exception of a 2-year hiatus. Bolton was the Director of The Bancroft Library from 1920 until his retirement in 1940. He came out of retirement for two years to lecture in History and to be Director of The Bancroft Library. After a series of strokes, Herbert Eugene Bolton passed away in Berkeley, California on January 30, 1953.

**Frederick Elmer Bolton**

Frederick E. Bolton became interested in teaching early on in his education. Many of his writings involved education and he worked towards establishing more junior colleges in Washington State. He was dean of the College of Education at the University of Iowa and then at the University of Washington. He spent ten years researching and writing a history on the University of Washington in anticipation of their centennial celebration. Frederick E. Bolton died on March 10, 1963 in Seattle, Washington.

**Frances Appleton**

Frances Latham Bolton was the eldest daughter of Herbert and Gertrude Bolton, born in Madison, Wisconsin on January 21, 1897. While attending the University of California, Berkeley, Frances met Ted Appleton, who was in Army training at the campus for World War I. They married in April 1920 and moved to Boston, Mass. to live with his parents. They lived in different locations throughout the United States settling in southern California. Frances worked principally in the medical social service field. During World War II, she worked two years at the Tule Lake Relocation Center, a Japanese internment camp. Before her death on August 27, 1978, she moved in with her youngest sister Jane Adams. A bequest was made by Frances, leaving a redwood grove dedicated to her parents at Portola State Park, in La Honda, California.

**Jane Adams**

Jane Gale Bolton was born December 5, 1909 in Palo Alto, California while her father was a professor at Stanford. Jane went to college at UC Berkeley, as did most of her siblings, majoring in History with minors in English and Spanish, graduating in 1931. While working in the UC Berkeley alumni office she met Francis Adams, whom she eventually married. After their son David was old enough Jane returned to teaching. Jane Bolton Adams died in January 1993.

Please refer to the paper copy of the finding aid for the Bolton family genealogy.

**Scope and Content of Collection**


The correspondence between brothers Herbert and Frederick Bolton consist of letters from Herbert with a few copies of replies from Frederick. These letters start in 1885 while Frederick was schoolmaster in Glendale, Wisconsin and Herbert was beginning High School. The letters continue until 1947, discussing their education, finances, careers and families. These papers were saved by Frederick Bolton and donated to The Bancroft Library after his brother’s death, along with a copy of Frederick Bolton’s manuscript on the History of the University of Washington. These letters were used in the research of Father John Francis Bannon in his biography *Herbert Eugene Bolton: The Historian and the Man, 1870-1953.* Frederick’s letters to Herbert can be found in the Herbert Eugene Bolton Papers, Part II (BANC MSS C-B 840).

Remaining correspondence covers family activities, family history, and current events, from the American Civil War to the Kennedy assassination. H.E. Bolton wrote many letters to his wife and family while he traveled for research. Also includes letters written around the time of Herbert and Gertrude Bolton’s deaths. Some correspondence may have been lost in
several fires the family suffered through including the Great Fire of 1923 in Berkeley, California when the Bolton family home was burned to the ground and all of Herbert E. Bolton’s manuscripts were destroyed.

The Bolton family history includes genealogical tables, some going back to the American Revolution and the Mayflower, biographies written by younger generations about the generations before them, including Herbert E. Bolton’s children. Biographical material on Herbert E. Bolton, written by family and colleagues, can be found in Series 3. Material also included with Herbert E. Bolton’s papers are a galley of Padre on Horseback, and a speech given while receiving an Honorary Diploma from the University of Wisconsin--Madison.

The Bolton family designated the Bancroft Library as the repository for their family papers and both Frances Appleton and Jane Adams donated their personal papers, which include correspondence, professional activities, as well as their continuing interest in California History.

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<td>Contains letters from Herbert E. Bolton to his brother Frederick E. Bolton with a few responses over a fifty year period, discussing education, finances, career, and family; letters between Herbert E. Bolton and his wife and family while on research trips including to Mexico. Also includes some business correspondence as well as correspondence concerning H.E. Bolton’s death, memorial, and book royalties.</td>
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**Bolton, Frederick Elmer**

- **1885-1895**
- **1896-1904**
- **1905-1947**

**Bolton, Gertrude Janes and family**

**Outgoing**

- **1926-1927**
- **1929-1932**
- **1934-1935**
- **1938**
- **1941-1950**

**Postcards 1911, undated**

**Note**

from Herbert Eugene Bolton papers

**Incoming**

- **1906-1909**
- **1919, 1931, 1945**

**Bolton, Herbert Eugene, [Jr.] and daughters 1922-1953**

**Business 1943-1944, undated**

**About death and memorial 1953**

**About book royalties 1978, 1987**
Subseries 1.2 Bolton family 1850-2000

Physical Description: Box 3, folders 15-24 and Carton 1, folders 1-7

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence between various family members including Laura Bell, Gertrude Bolton, Grace Bolton, Olive Bolton, Rosaline Abigail Bolton, Robert "Bob" Weldon Brower, Genie Bolton Johnson, Dorothy Morrison, and Winnie Nafus. Also includes correspondence between the Bolton family and the University of California, Berkeley.

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Subseries 1.3 Frances Appleton 1937-1978

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 8-22

Arrangement
Divided into incoming and outgoing, then arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence between Frances and her mother Gertrude Bolton concerning a coat and her father Herbert E. Bolton, between Frances and her husband Ted Appleton, mostly during Ted's time in Virginia in 1954, and with sister Gertrude Coleman concerning their parent's estate.

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Subseries 1.4 **Jane Adams 1924-1993**

**Physical Description:** Carton 1, folders 23-51

**Arrangement**
Divided into incoming and outgoing, then arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**
Contains correspondence with sister Frances Appleton concerning family matters including their father's works, letters written to her family as a young woman while away from home, including a trip to the Midwest to visit relatives, and correspondence with various family members discussing family issues.

**Incoming**

- **Carton 1, Folder 23-27**
  - Appleton, Frances 1960-1978

- **Carton 1, Folder 28**
  - Bolton, Gertrude Janes 1940, 1947
  - Note
  - includes photograph

- **Carton 1, Folder 29-30**
  - Bolton, Frederick Elmer 1942-1962

- **Carton 1, Folder 31**
  - Bolton, Harold 1964-1976

- **Carton 1, Folder 32**
  - Bolton, Maude 1964

- **Carton 1, Folder 33**
  - Coleman, Gertrude 1954

- **Carton 1, Folder 34-36**
  - Finn, Margaret 1954-1974

- **Carton 1, Folder 37**
  - Treutlein, Charlotte 1939-1941

- **Carton 1, Folder 38**
  - Miscellaneous 1938-1989

**Outgoing**

- **Carton 1, Folder 39**
  - Adams, Francis "Fran" 1945, undated

- **Carton 1, Folder 40-41**
  - Appleton, Frances 1954, 1971
  - About Frances Appleton 1978-1979

- **Carton 1, Folder 42**
  - Bolton, Herbert Eugene family 1924-1929

- **Carton 1, Folder 43-48**
  - Brower, Robert Weldon 1987, 1993

- **Carton 1, Folder 49**
  - Finn, Margaret 1960

- **Carton 1, Folder 50**
  - Miscellaneous 1964, undated

- **Carton 1, Folder 51**
Subseries 1.5 Janes family 1828-1978

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 52-56
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and then chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence between the Herbert Eugene Bolton family and his wife's family especially her sister Lula Janes Abercrombie, an opera singer, and niece Gertrude Abercrombie. Also includes early family correspondence dating from 1828 between various Janes family members.

Carton 1, Folder 52
Early family correspondence 1828-1917

Carton 1, Folder 53
Bolton family 1909-1963

Carton 1, Folder 54
Abercrombie, Lula Janes with Jane Adams 1952-1960

Carton 1, Folder 54a
Abercrombie, Lula Janes 1909-1954, undated
Note
from Herbert Eugene Bolton papers

Carton 1, Folder 55-56
Abercrombie, Gertrude to Jane Adams 1961-1978

Series 2 Bolton Family History 1934-1997

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 57-73
Scope and Content Note
Divided into 3 subseries containing genealogies of Bolton and Janes families, biographies of Bolton family members, writings of various family members and clippings.

Subseries 2.1 Genealogies undated

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 57-60
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains genealogical information on the Bolton, Latham, Cady, and Janes families, some submitted as forms to the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Bolton-Latham-Cady papers include transcripts of correspondence from the 19th century with relatives still living in England and during the American Civil War.

Carton 1, Folder 57
Bolton family histories undated

Carton 1, Folder 58-59
Bolton-Latham-Cady papers undated

Oversize Drawer A, Folder 1
Cady family tree undated

Carton 1, Folder 60
Janes family undated
Subseries 2.2 Biographies 1934-1997

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 61-68
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically
Scope and Content Note
Contains Bolton family biographies gathered or written by Meredith Bolton Smith.

Carton 1, Folder 61
Appleton, Frances 1977-1978

Carton 1, Folder 62
Adams, Jane 1983, undated

Carton 1, Folder 63
"Night Vigil" by Eugenie Bolton 1934

Carton 1, Folder 64-66
"Oh Womankind" by Meredith Bolton Smith 1997

Carton 1, Folder 67
Miscellaneous Biographies by Meredith Bolton Smith 1997

Carton 1, Folder 68
"Los Gatos of Bygone Days" by Nancy Sawyer Taylor and Meredith Bolton Smith 1997

Subseries 2.3 Miscellaneous 1930-1972

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 69-73
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains family writings, including a small book of poetry by Martha Gertrude Bolton published after her death, and clippings about family members.

Carton 1, Folder 69
Bolton, Gertrude Janes 1936, 1954

Carton 1, Folder 70
Johnson, Eugenie Bolton Circa 1930-1953

Carton 1, Folder 71
Bolton, Martha Gertrude "Bambi" 1959

Carton 1, Folder 72
Bolton family clippings 1936-1972

Carton 1, Folder 73
Janes-Abercrombie clippings undated

Series 3 Herbert Eugene Bolton 1909-1987

Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 1-31; Oversize folder 2
Scope and Content Note
Divided into 4 subseries: biographical, publications, speeches and miscellaneous items.

Subseries 3.1 Biographical 1909-1987

Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 1-14
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and then chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains biographies written by family members including Frederick E. Bolton, Herbert E. Bolton, Jr. and Martha Bolton, and by colleagues, articles, and clippings. Also includes material concerning his death and a bibliography of essays written about Herbert E. Bolton.
Carton 2, Folder 1 by Frederick E. Bolton 1953, 1962
Carton 2, Folder 2-4 by Herbert E. Bolton Jr. 1953, 1969
Carton 2, Folder 5 by Martha Bolton [Smith] 1958
Carton 2, Folder 6 by Helene Bolton Herbert undated
Carton 2, Folder 7 by unknown Bolton relatives undated
Carton 2, Folder 8 In Memoriam 1953
Carton 2, Folder 9-11 Articles 1928-1969
Carton 2, Folder 12 Clippings-general 1909-1987
Carton 2, Folder 13 Clippings-about death 1953
Carton 2, Folder 14 Bibliography of essays about Herbert Eugene Bolton 1953

Subseries 3.2 Publications 1932-1933
Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 15-21
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically
Scope and Content Note
Contains article "The Epic of Greater America," and galley proofs of Padre on Horseback, published by son-in-law Ted Brower, as well as a Spanish translation. Also includes bibliographies of Herbert E. Bolton’s published works.

Carton 2, Folder 15 The Epic of Greater America 1933
Carton 2, Folder 16-19 Padre on Horseback
Galley proofs 1932
Carton 2, Folder 20 Spanish translation undated
Carton 2, Folder 21 Bibliographies 1932, undated

Subseries 3.3 Speeches 1925-1939
Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 22-24
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically
Scope and Content Note

Carton 2, Folder 22 The Mission as a Frontier Institution in the Spanish-American Colonies undated
Carton 2, Folder 23 The Mormons in the Opening of the Great West 1925
Carton 2, Folder 24 Some Cultural Assets of Latin America 1939
Subseries 3.4 Miscellaneous 1880s-1977

Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 25-31; Oversize folder 2
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains honors, awards and degrees, a scrapbook and clippings

Box 4, Folder 15

Autograph book 1880s

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from Herbert Eugene Bolton papers

Carton 2, Folder 25

Honors, Awards, Degrees 1945-1974

California Historical Survey Commission 1916

Scrapbook undated

Clippings 1937-1977

Ephemera undated

Series 4 Frederick Elmer Bolton 1958-1963

Physical Description: Carton 3, folders 1-34
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically

Scope and Content Note
Contains a bibliography of Frederick E. Bolton's works, clippings and a copy of his manuscript, History of the University of Washington, 1855-1961.

Carton 3, Folder 1

Bibliography undated

Clippings 1958-1963

History of the University of Washington, 1855-1961 1961

Series 5 Frances Appleton 1897-1979

Physical Description: Carton 3, folders 35-45, and 1 oversize folder
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and then chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains employment history in social work, degrees and awards, estate issues and miscellaneous material of husband Francis "Ted" Appleton.

Carton 3, Folder 35

Degrees and Awards 1919-1962

University of California, Berkeley diploma 1920

Employment history 1935-1971

Social work essay undated

Estate 1978-1979


Ted and Frances Appleton miscellaneous 1897-1972
Series 6 Jane Adams 1916-1985

Physical Description: Carton3, folders 46-49

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically

Scope and Content Note
Contains information concerning Portola Expedition Bicentennial Foundation and other miscellaneous papers.

Portola Expedition Bicentennial Foundation 1975-1984

Personal business correspondence 1960-circa1985

Miscellaneous 1929-1982

School-age work 1916-1917

Note
from Herbert Eugene Bolton papers