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Finding Aid to the Harvey Monroe Hall Papers, 1859-1991, bulk 1896-1932

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Harvey Monroe Hall papers

Date (inclusive): 1859-1991,

Date (bulk): bulk 1896-1932

Collection Number: BANC MSS C-B 908

Creators: Hall, Harvey Monroe, 1874-1932
Hall, Carlotta Case, b. 1880
Niccolls, Martha Hall.

Extent: Number of containers: 6 boxes and 1 oversize folder
Linear feet: 2.45

Repository: The Bancroft Library
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Abstract: Consists of the papers of Harvey Monroe Hall, his wife Carlotta Case Hall and their daughter Martha Hall Niccolls. The papers of Harvey Monroe Hall contain correspondence, notes, reprints and newspapers clippings relating to his family life and his career in botany including specimen collecting, research and teaching. The papers of Carlotta Case Hall contain correspondence, writings and diaries, papers relating to her families genealogy, and papers relating to her husbands illness and death. The papers of Martha Hall Niccolls contain correspondence, writings, diaries and scrapbooks. A list of correspondents can be found in the indexing terms.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

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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:
- Hall, Harvey Monroe, 1874-1932--Archives
- Hall, Carlotta Case, b. 1880--Archives
- Niccolls, Martha Hall--Archives
- University of California, Berkeley. Dept. of Botany
- Botany--Research
- Curry, David A. d. 1917
- Eastwood, Alice, 1859-1953
- Hall, Ansel Franklin, 1894-
- Hoffmann, Ralph, 1870-1932
- Nelson, Aven, 1859-1952
- Storer, Tracy Irwin, 1889-
- Abrams, Le Roy, 1874-1956
- Babcock, E. B. (Ernest Brown), b. 1877
- Brandegee, Katharine Layne, 1844-1920
- Clausen, Jens Christian, 1891-
- Davidson, Anstruther, 1860-1932
- Dudley, William Russel, 1846-1911
- Hall, Carlotta Case, b. 1880
- Holland, W. J. (William Jacob), 1848-1932
- Jepson, Willis Linn, 1867-1946
- Keck, David Daniels, 1903-
- Parish, S. B. (Samuel Bonsall), 1838-1928
- Spoehr, Herman Augustus, 1885-1954
- Trelease, William, 1857-1945
- Niccolls, Martha Hall
- Paul Elder and Company
- Carnegie Museum
- History of science and technology collection

Acquisition Information
The Harvey Monroe Hall Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Martha Hall Niccolls in 1964.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

Processing Information
Processed by Bancroft Library staff.

Biographical Information
Harvey Monroe Hall was born in Illinois on March 29, 1874 and brought up near Riverside, California. An early interest in nature led him to a career in botany. After graduation from the University of California in 1901, Hall received his Master of Science degree there in 1902 and Ph.D. in 1906.

In 1910 Hall married Carlotta Case, a 1905 graduate of the University of California and a collector of western ferns. Together they wrote A Yosemite Flora.

He was associated with the University of California from 1902-1919, serving successively as Assistant Botanist, University of California Agricultural Experiment states, 1902-1903; Instructor in Botany, Agricultural Experiment Station, 1903-1908; Assistant Professor of Economic Botany, Agricultural Experiment Station, 1908-1915; Associate Professor, 1915-1919.

In 1919 he became a staff member of the Carnegie Institution, Division of Plant Biology, at Stanford University, serving also as Professor of Botany, and as Honorary Curator of the Herbarium, University of California. These posts he retained until his death in Washington, D.C. in 1932.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Harvey Monroe Hall Papers consists of the papers of Harvey Monroe Hall, his wife Carlotta Case Hall and their daughter Martha Hall Niccolls. The papers of Harvey Monroe Hall contain correspondence, notes, reprints and newspapers clippings relating to his family life and his career in botany including specimen collecting, research and teaching. The papers of Carlotta Case Hall contain correspondence, writings and diaries, papers relating to her families genealogy, and papers relating to her husbands illness and death. The papers of Martha Hall Niccolls contain correspondence, writings, diaries and scrapbooks. A list of correspondents can be found in the indexing terms.

Series 1 Harvey Monroe Hall Papers 1874-1936
Physical Description: Boxes 1-2
Arrangement
Arranged into two subseries: Correspondence and Other papers.
Scope and Content Note
Contains papers relating to his family and to his career.

Subseries 1.1 Correspondence 1896-1932, undated
Physical Description: Box 1; Box 2, folders 1-13
Arrangement
Arranged into incoming and outgoing; incoming is arranged alphabetically, outgoing is chronological.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence with colleagues and family.

Box 1, Folder 1-33
Incoming 1897-1932
Box 1, Folder 34-44
Outgoing 1896-1917
Box 2, Folder 1-13
Outgoing 1918-1932, undated

Subseries 1.2 Other papers 1874-1936
Physical Description: Box 2, folder 14-25; Oversize folder 1A
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains notes, reprints, writings and other personal and professional information.

Box 2, Folder 14
Plant lists 1897-1899, undated
Box 2, Folder 15
A Yosemite Flora 1912
Box 2, Folder 16
Writings 1915-1932, undated
Box 2, Folder 17
Travel diary 1913-1914
Box 2, Folder 18
School papers 1897-1901, undated
Box 2, Folder 19
Certificates 1874, 1929
Box 2, Folder 20
Autograph book, book plates and calling cards 1880, undated
Box 2, Folder 21
Biographical information 1950-1986
Box 2, Folder 22
Property records 1880-1911
Box 2, Folder 23
Obituaries 1932-1935, undated
Box 2, Folder 24
News clippings 1900-1921, undated
Box 2, Folder 25
Miscellany 1896-1936, undated
Oversize Folder 1A
Certificate of membership undated
Series 2 Carlotta Case Hall circa 1859-1967

Physical Description: Boxes 3-4

Arrangement
Arranged into three subseries: Correspondence, Other papers and Genealogy.

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence with family and friends, relating to her interest in botany and to her families genealogy.

Subseries 2.1 Correspondence 1911-1949, undated

Physical Description: Box 3, folders 1-59

Arrangement
Arranged into incoming and outgoing then alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence with family and friends.

Box 3, Folder 1-56
Incoming 1918-1947, undated
Box 3, Folder 57-59
Outgoing 1911-1949, undated

Subseries 2.2 Other papers 1899-1967

Physical Description: Box 3, folders 60-61; Box 4, folder 1-5

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains writings, diaries and other personal papers.

Box 3, Folder 60
Publications 1904-1967
Box 3, Folder 61
Writings 1900, undated
Box 4, Folder 1-4
Diaries 1899-1949
Box 4, Folder 5
Miscellany 1905-1910, undated

Subseries 2.3 Genealogy circa 1859-1936

Physical Description: Box 4, folders 6-19

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by family name.

Scope and Content Note
Contains genealogically information on Carlotta Case Hall's family including diaries, legal documents, genealogies and correspondence. Dates on folders are for how far back the genealogical information goes, not necessarily the dates the documents were created.

Box 4, Folder 6-7
Barrett family legal documents 1880-1911
Box 4, Folder 8-11
Case family 1804-1857, undated
Box 4, Folder 12
Cook family diaries 1859-1862, 1866
Box 4, Folder 13
Davidson family 1868
Box 4, Folder 14
Gibson family 1720, circa 1800's, undated
Box 4, Folder 15
Hardy family 1834, 1904, undated
Box 4, Folder 16
Parish family 1838, 1936
Box 4, Folder 17
Southard family 1790-1913, undated
Box 4, Folder 18
White family 1612-1911
Box 4, Folder 19
Unidentified family correspondence 1886-1915, undated
Series 3 Martha Hall Niccolls 1913-1991

Subseries 3.1 Correspondence 1916-1991

Physical Description: Boxes 5-6
Arrangement
Arranged into two subseries: Correspondence and Other papers.

Scope and Content Note
Contains personal papers.

Subseries 3.1 Correspondence 1916-1991

Physical Description: Box 5, folders 1-6.
Arrangement
Arranged into incoming and outgoing and then alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence with family and friends.

Box 5, Folder 1-3
Incoming 1916-1991, undated
Box 5, Folder 4-6
Outgoing 1930-1932, undated

Subseries 3.2 Other papers 1913-1984

Physical Description: Box 5, folders 7-16; Box 6.
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains writings, diaries, scrapbooks and other personal papers.

Box 5, Folder 7
Writings 1925-1932, undated
Box 5, Folder 8-10
Diaries 1928-1938, undated
Box 5, Folder 11
Poem copy book undated
Box 5, Folder 12-13
School papers 1927-1938, undated
Box 5, Folder 14
Birth certificate 1916
Box 5, Folder 15
Autographs 1913-1931
Box 5, Folder 16
Clippings 1930, undated
Box 6, Folder 1-2
Yearbooks 1932, 1934
Box 6, Folder 3-5
Scrapbooks 1934-1938
Box 6, Folder 6
50th high school reunion 1984