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Abstract: The Peter Wild Correspondence with Germaine Moon is a collection of correspondence from Wild to Moon during the course of his research in support of his several publications on the history of the Mojave Desert and especially, the Van Dyke family. The collection is comprised of Peter Wild’s correspondence and enclosures he shared with Germaine Moon.
Scope and Contents
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Biographical / Historical
Peter Wild is a noted writer of poetry and nonfiction prose. Wild is well-known for his literary works such as *Cochise* and *Easy Victory*. His poems have been published in numerous magazines, which include Ironwood, Chicago Review, and The American Poetry Review. Wild has become the foremost authority on John C. Van Dyke and the Mojave Desert. His contributions to this field include *Daggett: Life in a Mojave Frontier Town; The White Heart of Mojave: an Adventure with the Outdoors of the Desert; and John C. Van Dyke: The Desert*. Peter Wild was been a professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Arizona, Tucson, from 1971 until his death in 2009.
Germaine Moon was a local historian and author based in Barstow, California, who performed research for over 30 years for the Mojave River Valley Museum, western universities and colleges, and authors such as Peter Wild. She authored the book *Barstow Depots and Harvey Houses* and collaborated in the writing of *Once Upon A Desert*. Moon died in 2003.
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Bibliography

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Frontier and pioneer life
Mojave Desert--History, Local.
Wild, Peter T., 1940-2009
Moon, Germaine L. Ramounachou (Germaine Louise Ramounachou), 1933-2003
Van Dyke family

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Box 1, Folder 1  Correspondence to Germaine Moon 1996-09-01-1999-11-06
Physical Description: 12 Envelope(s)
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Daggett (Calif.)
Beal, Mary Alberta, 1878-1964
Ryerse family

Box 1, Folder 2  Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2000-04-17-2000-06-26
Physical Description: 8 Envelope(s)
Separated Materials
Unidentified enclosures have been removed from one or more envelopes.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952
Van Dyke, John, 1807-1878
Portola, Gaspar de

Box 1, Folder 3  Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2000-07-02-2000-08-31
Physical Description: 7 Envelope(s)
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Van Dyke, John, 1807-1878
Van Dyke, John Charles, 1856-1932
Van Dyke, Marcia, 1924-
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
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**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2000-09-18-2000-11-29**

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Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952
Van Dyke, John Charles, 1856-1932
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
Beal, Mary Alberta, 1878-1964
Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943
Perkins, Edna Brush

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**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2000-11-30-2000-12-30**

Physical Description: 5 Envelope(s)
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952
Cadiz Land Co.
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923

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**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-01-02-2001-02-28**

Physical Description: 7 Envelope(s)
Material Specific Details: Includes two response letters from Moon to Wild dated 2001-01-02 and 2001-01-07.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Van Dyke, Marcia, 1924-
Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952

Box 2, Folder 2  
**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-03-05-2001-03-19**

Physical Description: 5 Envelope(s)
Subjects and Indexing Terms
San Diego River (Calif.)
Fallbrook (Calif.)
Ludlow & Southern Railway
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923

Box 2, Folder 3  
**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-03-29-2001-04-10**

Physical Description: 7 Envelope(s)
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Randsburg (Calif.)
Water rights
San Diego (Calif.)
Lightburn, John
Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
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**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-04-12-2001-04-30**

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Irrigation
Land grants United States
Randsburg (Calif.)
Monorail railroads
Magnesium sulfate
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
Lightburn, John

Box 3, Folder 1  
**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-05-01-2001-05-14**

Physical Description: 5 Envelope(s)


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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Atolia (Calif.)
Tungsten
Mining
Hensher, Alan
Japenga, Ann
Lightburn, John
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923

Box 3, Folder 2  
**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-05-29-2001-07-03**

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Festivals
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Obituaries
Desert Magazine (1937-1985) (Palm Desert, Calif.)
Duffield-Stoll, Anne Q.
Golden, Alan
Japenga, Ann
Lightburn, John
Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952
Box 3, Folder 3  Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-07-05-2001-07-23
Physical Description: 7 Envelope(s)
Material Specific Details: Enclosure of an excerpt from; Bixby Smith, Sarah. 1931. Adobe days: being the truthful narrative of the events in the life of a California girl... Los Angeles, Calif: J. Zeitlin.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Festivals
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Imperial Valley (Calif. and Mexico)
Fallbrook (Calif.)
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923

Box 3, Folder 4  Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-07-24-2001-07-31
Physical Description: 6 Envelope(s)
Material Specific Details: Enclosure of an excerpt from; Bixby Smith, Sarah. 1931. Adobe days: being the truthful narrative of the events in the life of a California girl on a sheep ranch and in El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles while it was yet a small and humble town. . Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
Separated Materials
Unidentified enclosure(s) have been removed from one or more envelopes.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Fallbrook (Calif.)
Obituaries
Wills
Court records
Lightburn, John
Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943

Box 4, Folder 1  Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-08-06-2001-08-29
Physical Description: 6 Envelope(s)
Material Specific Details: Enclosure of an excerpt from; Rush, Philip S. 1965. Some old ranchos and adobes.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Daggett (Calif.)
Cemeteries
Irrigation
Agriculture
Fallbrook (Calif.)
Obituaries
Lightburn, John
Mulholland, Catherine, 1923-
Myrick, Francis Marion "Shady", 1850-1926
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943
Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-09-10-2001-10-12

Physical Description: 7 Envelope(s)

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Court records
Probate records
Transcripts
Hemet (Calif.)
Myrick, Francis Marion "Shady", 1850-1926
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943

Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2001-10-15-2001-11-29

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Biographies
Japenga, Ann
Oatman, Olive Ann
Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943

Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2002-01-02-2002-05-28

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Daggett (Calif.)
Goffs, CA
Mojave Desert--Maps.
Cemeteries
Daggett Museum
Funk-Muir House
Biographies
genealogies (histories)
Beal, Mary Alberta, 1878-1964
Casebier, Dennis G.
Fiss, Walter
Muir, Walter, 1916-
Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952
Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943
Box 5, Folder 1  
**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2002-06-08-2002-10-31**

Physical Description: 9 Envelope(s)


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Subjects and Indexing Terms
- Atolia (Calif.)
- Fallbrook (Calif.)
- Fort Irwin (Calif.)
- Mojave Desert--Maps.
- Red Mountain (Calif.)
- Shady Myrick Mining and Mineral Museum
- Lightburn, John
- Seaman, Richard Huddleston, 1905-2007
- Van Dyke, Theodore S. (Theodore Strong), 1842-1923
- Van Dyke, Dix, 1879-1952

Box 5, Folder 2  
**Correspondence to Germaine Moon 2002-11-26-2002-12-14**

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
- Census data
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Cattle brands
- Daggett Ranch
- Van Dyke family
- Van Dyke, W. S. (Woodbridge Strong), 1889-1943