Finding aid to the Laura F. Kimball Papers, 1886-1914 LA.1993.1220.002

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Abstract: The Laura F. Kimball Papers consist of correspondence among botanists and collectors of ferns, mostly in the period 1889 to 1914. Includes a small number of plant lists (earliest 1886).
Content Description
Four folders of correspondence regarding ferns between Kimball, botanists, and other collectors. Includes additional folder of material by fern collector F. M. Cota.
Biographical / Historical
Laura Frances Kimball was a fern collector in San Diego County, California. She was born on April 30, 1856 in New Hampshire and moved with her family to National City before 1870, where the family took up farming. National City was then a township in San Diego County, founded in 1868 by her uncles, Frank and Warren C. Kimball. Kimball collected ferns of San Diego County for the Biltmore Herbarium and supplied material to other collectors and institutions. She was known for her extensive fern collection which included 60 varieties from 14 states and the Hawaiian Islands. Kimball died on January 3, 1942 in National City.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Ferns
Ferns -- California -- San Diego County
Plant collectors
Beadle, Chauncey D. (Chauncey Delos), 1866-1950
Chrysler, Mintin Asbury, 1871-1963
Cota, F. M. (Florence Moisa), 1899-1951
Dukes, W. C.
Eaton, A. A. (Alvah Augustus), 1865-1908
Eaton, Daniel Cady, 1834-1895
Eaton, Lillian O., 1864-1936
Kimball, Laura Frances, 1856-1942
Maxon, William R. (William Ralph), 1877-1948
Tracy, H. Harwood (Hiram Harwood), 1883-1978

Box 361, Folder 1
Dukes, W. C. correspondence 1904-1909
Scope and Contents
Mostly letters from W. C. Dukes to Kimball (1904-1909); includes one response from Kimball to Dukes (1904).
Box 361, Folder 2  **Maxon, W. R. correspondence 1899-1914**

**Scope and Contents**
Mostly letters from W. R. Maxon to Kimball (1899-1914); includes six responses from Kimball 1908. Includes 1914 gift acknowledgement to Kimball from Smithsonian Institution National Museum for receipt of three ferns.

Box 361, Folder 3  **Smith, R. J. correspondence 1904-1909**

**Scope and Contents**

Box 361, Folder 4  **Other correspondence 1899-1914**

**Scope and Contents**

Box 361, Folder 5  **Cota material ca. 1908**

**Physical Description:** 5 Leaves 16 in. x 11 in.

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Five ledger sheets of plant list, entitled "Ferns, now belonging to Mr. F. M. Cota, 3846 Cherokee, San Diego, Calif." Collection information includes dates from 1879 to 1908. Includes reprint of "Further Notes on the Pteridophytes of San Diego County, California." F. M. Cota, American Fern Journal, Vo. 23, No. 3, July-September, 1933. Also includes biographical note about Florencio M. Cota (1899-1951).