Henry Meade Bland Photographs

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Henry Meade Bland Photographs
Dates: 1905-1915
Collection Number: 1997-969
Creator/Collector: Bland, Henry Meade, 1863-1931
Extent: Approximately 428 negatives and photographic prints
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Abstract: Collection of black and white negatives apparently taken by Henry Meade Bland while teaching at the State Normal School at San Jose, likely dating between 1905-1915.
Language of Material: English
Access
The original negatives are not available to researchers; all have been scanned and can be viewed online. Digital images are available on request.
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Acquisition Information
The provenance of these negatives is not known. They were found in collection, and may have been given to the San Jose Historical Museum as part of the Roland Eberhart Collection.
Biography/Administrative History
Dr. Bland was born on April 21, 1863 in Fairfield in Solano County, CA. He earned in MA degree from Stanford in 1895 and a Ph.D. (1890) and undergraduate degrees from the University of the Pacific. He worked as a teacher and principal for 15 years at schools in Los Gatos, Santa Clara and San Jose before coming to the Normal School. Dr. Bland died on April 30, 1931. (See http://www.sjsu.edu/people/annette.nellen/website/bland.htm)
Scope and Content of Collection
The majority of images in the collection are casual shots, taken by an amateur photographer. They were found grouped inside brown photography shop envelopes, with pencil notations on the outside, most addressed to Professor Bland. The images include groups of students on campus and at outdoor locations such as Joaquin Miller's cabin, as well as other authors and poets such as Edwin Markham, Japanese poet Takeshi Kanno, Jack London, and sculptor Gertrude Boyle. The student groups are likely part of the Short Story Club. Some of the images are related to literary magazine or La Torre production. In addition, Bland's family are featured in several of the images, and Bland himself can be found in many images.
Indexing Terms
Poets, American
Literature--Societies, etc
Outdoor life
Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940
Miller, Joaquin, 1837-1913
San José State University
San Jose (Calif.)
Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.)