
Guide to the Waterhouse-Mills Family Papers, 1886-1925

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Waterhouse-Mills Family Papers

Date (inclusive): 1886-1925

Collection Number: ECS03.05

Creator: Waterhouse Family

Extent: Containers: 1 manuscript box

Volume: .35 cubic feet

Repository: Sourisseau Academy for State and Local History, San Jose State University
San Jose, California 95192

Abstract: The Waterhouse-Mills Family Papers is comprised of photographs of members of both the Waterhouse and Mills families, and two letter books and a diary written by three members of those families.

Language: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

The Waterhouse-Mills Family Papers was acquired by the Sourisseau Academy in 2005, and is a part of the Edith C. Smith Trust Collection.

Biographical History

The Waterhouse and Mills families were joined together through the marriage of Leof Mills to George B. Waterhouse in the late 1880s. The Waterhouse family was originally from Long Island, New York, and the Mills family had been living in Chicago, Illinois when Leof and George married. The Mills family owned property in Illinois, Minnesota and Alabama in the late 1800s, while the Waterhouse family primarily owned property in New York.

By the late 1890s, George and Leof Waterhouse, along with Leof's mother and sister Lyra, had purchased and owned an orchard in Saratoga, California. One of the children of George and Leof was Clark Booth Waterhouse, whose photographs

from a 1916 state-wide tour are owned by the Sourisseau Academy, and are in the Clark B. Waterhouse Photograph Collection.

Indexing Terms

The following terms may be used to index this collection.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Abernathy, Marion Willis
Eldorado Canyon (Lincoln County, Nev.)
Ketchikan (Alaska)
Mills, W.S.
Saratoga (Calif.)
Southwest Mining Company
Terry, Amelia Waterhouse
Waterhouse, Edward B.
Waterhouse, George B.
Waterhouse, John L.
Waterhouse, Leof Mills
Willis, Cynthia Waterhouse

Scope and Content

The Waterhouse-Mills Family Papers is comprised of one diary, two letter-books, 69 photographs, and 47 empty envelopes addressed primarily to Lyra Mills, and span the years of the 1890s to the early 1900s. Many of them items in this collection seem to have been collected by Lyra Mills, marked with stamps stating the material was found in "L.M.'s trunk" and dated 1932.

The diary in this collection was kept by Leof M. Waterhouse and contains sporadic entries through the years 1901 to 1905, and primarily discusses activities, events and people associated with the Waterhouse and Mills families. One of the two letter-books contains correspondence written by Leof's husband George B. Waterhouse and the other contains correspondence written by her father, W. S. Mills, during his last year as manager at the Eldorado Canyon mine in Lincoln County, Nevada.

One group of photographs includes pictures of Ketchikan, Alaska, where George B. Waterhouse worked for a few years in the early 1900s. The other group of photographs is primarily portraits of members of the Waterhouse family, mostly four siblings and their descendents. One of the four siblings seems to have been George B. Waterhouse's father.

The empty envelopes are mostly addressed to Lyra Mills, span the years of the mid-1890s to the mid-1920s.

Box 1, Folder 1	Leof M. Waterhouse Diary 1901-1905
Box 1, Folder 2	George B. Waterhouse Letter-Book 1894-1899
Box 1, Folder 3	W.S. Mills Letter-Book 1895-1896
Box 1, Folder 4	Envelopes Addressed to Lyra Mills 1886-1924
Box 1, Folder 5	Photograph at Mount Vernon with W.S. and Lyra Mills circa 1890
Box 1, Folder 6	Photos, Waterhouse Family Members 1890s-1920s
Box 1, Folder 7	Photos, Waterhouse Family Members 1890s-1920s
Box 1, Folder 8	Photos, Waterhouse Family Members 1890s-1920s
Box 1, Folder 9	Photos, Ketchikan, Alaska 1907