Guide to the Conlin Family Papers, 1853-1939

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Conlin Family papers

Dates: 1853-1939

Collection number: 307-1073

Collector: Columbia State Historic Park (Columbia, Calif.).

Extent: 7.7 cubic feet (8 boxes)

Repository: California State Parks
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Provenance

After the last Conlin sibling, Maggie, died in 1944, the family collection was donated to Columbia State Historic Park, a unit of California State Parks (CSP). While no CSP-generated documentation exists detailing the acquisition of the papers, the park does have artifact gift documents that briefly mention the Conlin family as the source, and that they were donated through the Columbia Historic Preservation Association (CHPA). The earliest of these gift documents is from 1947. The bulk of the collection appears to have been purchased with monies donated by William Cavalier to CHPA and thence given to the park through the intermediary of Mrs. J.S. (Geradine) McConnell. Over time other pieces of the collection were gifted by Mrs. McConnell, and credited to William Cavalier and CHPA, of which Mrs. McConnell belonged. There are also notes from early 1950s park staff attributing particular pieces as being from the Conlin family collection, some with catalog numbers and some without, and some of these documents were identified through handwriting and known business associates.
While the major part of the collection may have been acquired as a gift through the Columbia Historical Preservation Association, park staff may also have found pieces in abandoned structures in the town.

Upon receiving the collection, park staff broke it up and redistributed individual items throughout the archives, filing them according to the business or family name mentioned in the body of the document (sometimes cutting up the document to file in separate locations). In 2001, a survey was done on Columbia collections as part of a statewide archival assessment project, and it was determined that the Conlin Family Papers warranted archival organization and processing. Between 2001-2003 Scott Baker, archaeological specialist with Columbia State Historic Park, and Sherrin Grout, volunteer historian, reconstituted the collection, organized it, and created this finding aid.

It should be noted that although the bulk of the Conlin Family Papers have been reconstituted, there are still pieces of this collection within Columbia State Historic Park that have not been located. Parts of the collection are possessed by local families and collectors. And some of the Conlin material has been seen on the Ebay website for sale and local antique...
stores. In addition, it is quite possible that additional Conlin documents could be found in the Tuolumne County Historical Society archives.

**Biography**

John and Julia C. Conlin were married in Massachusetts in 1855 and moved to Shaws Flat, Tuolumne County, California in 1856, where Mrs. Conlin gave birth to the first of her 11 children:

- **Mary Ann**
  - b. 1856 Shaws Flat
  - d March 14, 1890

- **Thomas**
  - b. May 14, 1859
  - d January 10, 1930

- **Andrew**
  - b. 1863 Columbia
  - d November 11, 1883

- **John Philip**
  - b.
  - d October 18, 1921

- **Julia**
  - b. October 9, 1865
  - d October 2, 1939

- **Katherine**
  - b. October 2, 1868
  - d. October 12, 1888

- **George F.**
  - b. 1868
  - d. November 22, 1916

- **James B.**
  - b. September 17, 1873
  - d. February 1, 1931

- **Rosa**
  - b. 1874
  - d. November 2, 1889

- **Charles H.**
  - b. September 17, 1876
  - d. September 27, 1893

- **Margaret**
  - b.
  - d. July 1, 1944

John Conlin, Sr. was killed in a mining accident near Shaws Flat in October, 1877. Julia C. Conlin died in January, 1878. All of their children were educated in Columbia public schools. Tom, the primary assembler of this collection, also studied bookkeeping in Stockton and in 1877 received his state and county teaching certificate. Margaret also became a schoolteacher. Tom operated a Western Union telegraph business in Columbia for 40 years, serving as the third and last Wells Fargo agent, 1884-1914. He was a trustee of the Tuolumne County Water Company until it liquidated, had some involvement with the Columbia Water Company and was an investor in several mining operations, both placer and quartz. An entrepreneur, Tom had interests in several other businesses in and around Columbia. He operated the Fallon Hotel in Columbia in the 1890’s, where he also managed a general merchandise store, and he owned several pieces of property in and around Columbia. Conlin also appears to have had a personal loan operation for several of his business acquaintances and personal friends.

Tom Conlin’s many businesses and investments resulted in an interest in activities in Columbia and the surrounding areas in the 1850s and 1860s, and he accumulated memorabilia, memoirs and reminiscences of that period. These first and second hand accounts of that period are a significant part of the collection. He also collected memorabilia, photos, clippings and literature on Columbia, the Tuolumne County Water Company and the local vicinity dating up through the 1920’s. Tom and his sisters, Maggie and Julia, lived together in the Wells Fargo building for many years, and never married. After his death in 1930, Maggie and Julia remained in Columbia, maintaining the collection and continuing the tradition of gathering information and clipping newspaper articles.

**Collection Scope and Content Summary**

The documents produced and collected by the Conlin family relate to every aspect of middle class life in Columbia in the 19th century. The largest grouping of materials in the collection relate to the Conlin family’s business and financial records. Their financial struggles and growth is detailed through bank notes and checks, bills and receipts, deeds and mortgages, and similar documents, primarily in the first two decades of the 20th century. Some promissory notes may relate to Conlin’s personal and business loans to others.

Conlin’s mining interests are also revealed through the documents in the collection. Especially interesting are the lists of bullion producing mines in Columbia and the wide variety of mining claim documents. These materials are arranged alphabetically by claim title, and include maps, indentures, proofs of labor, and other mining-related documents.

By far the most unique and valuable materials in the collection relate to the Conlin’s personal relationships and family life. The documents in this category depict the struggles of a 19th century family’s survival after the death of the parents, who left nine underage children in the care of the oldest sister and brother. The deaths of many of these children in the late 1880s and early 1890s, attributed to consumption, is yet another ordeal this family faced and is detailed in the documents. From Penmanship classes to legal opinions, from wedding announcements to death cards, this collection is a gold mine of a striving, ultimately successful middle class family.

Oversize items, while still listed under their series title, have been moved to oversize boxes, and map items have been moved to mapcases. Except for the framed items, photographs have been integrated into the general Columbia Photo Collection.

The collection has been organized into the following series:

- **Series I:** Business and financial records, 1857-1934. 1.3 cubic ft.
- **Series II:** Legal records, 1883-1932. .1 cubic ft.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
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Conlin, Thomas

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I/1-83 Series I: Business and Financial Records 1857-1934
Physical Description: 1.3 cu. ft.
Scope and Content Note
This series contains documents and materials related to the Conlin family’s financial and business affairs. As well, there is material related to business transactions, real estate, or personal dealings with which the Conlins (mostly Thomas Conlin) were associated. Thomas Conlin, in addition to his involvement in many businesses, also loaned and banked money for residents of Columbia. Those notes and documents are included in this series.

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II/1-6  Series II: Legal documents 1883-1932

Physical Description: .1 cu. ft.
Scope and Content Note
This series contains legal documents that are associated with the Conlin family, such as lawsuits, liens, judgments, legal opinions and correspondence.
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BOX 1

Folder II/1  Citation relating to guardianship of minor Conlin children 1883
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III/1-22  Series III. Correspondence 1876-1927

Physical Description: .1 cu. ft.
Scope and Content Note
This series contains any type of correspondence i.e. letters, cards, notes, telegrams, announcements and envelopes, to and from the Conlin family, that is personal or has to do with family affairs.
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Folder III/20 Envelope and note from G.F. Volkmann to Tom Conlin 1927
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IV/1-68 Series IV. Mining Interests 1866-1939

Physical Description: .4 cu. ft.

Scope and Content Note
Thomas Conlin was extensively involved in local mining activities and investments, and also property transactions for mining purposes. This series contains documents associated with his mining interests and associations. Included are mining associated materials.

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BOX 1

Folder IV/1 For Sale notice with handwritten notes “Atlas Gravel Mine” undated
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Folder IV/66 Maps of Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and El Dorado Counties, California State Mining Bureau, (Map Case, Drawer 4) 1903
Folder IV/67 Map of Excelsior Quartz Mine (Map Case, Drawer 4)
Folder IV/68 Map of Tuolumne County by Hooper, c. (Map Case, Drawer 4) 1900

Series V. Family papers, 1855-1932.
Physical Description: .4 cu. ft.
Scope and Content Note
This series contains documentary material that is personal or family in nature and/or is about a member of the Conlin family (i.e. schoolwork, teaching certificates, notices, announcements, receipts, etc.). Autograph albums are also in this collection.

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Folder V/15 Associated material, not in this collection
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**Series VI. Research and reminiscences 1890-1928**  

Physical Description: .4 cu. ft.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains research and documentary material on Columbia and vicinity collected, solicited or written by Thomas Conlin. They are in the form of letters, notes, interviews and transcriptions, including handwritten copies of items such as early advertisements, ledgers and minute books.

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| Folder VI/1     | Copies of early newspaper advertisements by Tom Conlin |
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| Folder VI/4     | Notes on Tom Gilman (Shaws Flat) by T. Conlin |
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| Folder VI/12    | T. Conlin notes: Water and springs in Columbia area |
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| Folder VI/14    | Letter from W.S. Card to T. Conlin, re: mining and ditches, Columbia area 1897 |
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| Folder VI/18    | Copy of 1861 account pages of the Columbia Home Guards, Co. A, 1900 |
| Folder VI/19    | Letter, Mrs. Lee Whipple Haslam to T. Conlin; re: Columbia, 49er church 1923 and family 1923 |
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| Folder VI/21    | Letter; Jane Finn to T. Conlin; re: Mrs. Dealy, Columbia (with 2 transcriptions) 1923 |
| Folder VI/22    | Letter; Gus Ogden to T. Conlin; re: mining on Mormon Creek 1928 |
| Folder VI/23    | Letter; T. Conlin to W.F. King; re: Caveron property, Columbia 1928 |
| Folder VI/24    | Letter; Elizabeth Brodigan Sanborn to T. Conlin; re: early Columbia 1923 and Sonora (plus transcription) 1923 |
| Folder VI/25    | Partial letters, Elizabeth Brodigan Sanborn to T. Conlin; re: early Columbia and clothing |
| Folder VI/26    | 2 letters; Johanna Miller to T. Conlin; re: people identification in Wells Fargo photo, Columbia 1923-1926 |
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| Folder VI/28    | Letter; J.L. Sullivan to T. Conlin; re: Ward cave and local mining |
| Folder VI/29    | Letter; (transcription only); Mary Curtin Lloyd to T. Conlin; re: St. Anne’s Church and school 1924 |
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| Folder VI/34    | Letter; E.W. Holland to T. Conlin; re: Crossetts family of Sonora 1927 |
| Folder VI/35    | Letter; Ed Zumwalt to T. Conlin; re: Zumwals and Case, Shaws Flat 1927 |
| Folder VI/36    | Letter; Mame G. Peyton to T. Conlin; re: Wm. Kenny and Tuolumne reunion 1927 |
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VII/1-52  Series VII. Collected Memorabilia 1860-1932  
Physical Description: .5 cu.ft.  
Scope and Content Note  
This series contains memorabilia collected by members of the Conlin family, namely, Thomas, Julia and Maggie. From the late nineteenth century through the 1930s, they collected memorabilia of all types related to Columbia, Tuolumne County, the Mother Lode, mining (locally specific and general), the Gold Rush as well as odds and ends. A large portion of this series consists of newspaper and periodical clippings. Some of the clippings were cut out by a member of the Conlin family, but many were cut out later by Columbia State Historic Park staff from newspapers and periodicals that came with the Conlin Collection donated in 1947.  
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BOX 2  
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Folder VII/7  R.C. Davis store: business licenses 1914-1918  
Folder VII/8  R.C. Davis store: tobacco tax receipts 1915-1916  
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VIII/1-6  Series VIII. Photographs 1880-1939

  Physical Description: .5 cu.ft.
  Scope and Content Note
  This series contains Conlin Family photographs, related and unrelated portraits, and images
  of Columbia and towns in and around Tuolumne County. They are both personal family
  collections as well as collected photo memorabilia. Photo albums are also included in this
  series.
  Note

  BOX 2

  Folder VIII/1  Photographs: Conlin family (Columbia Photo Collection Files)
  Folder VIII/2  Photographs: Columbia town and vicinity (Columbia Photo Collection Files)
  Folder VIII/3  Photographs: misc. portraits (Columbia Photo Collection Files)

  BOX 3

  Folder VIII/4  Framed photograph: Thomas Conlin and Mary Brian
  Folder VIII/5  Framed photograph: Thomas Conlin and Mary Brian

  BOX 4

  Folder VIII/6  Photograph albums; portraits

IX/1  Series IX. Columbia Water Company 1930’s

  Physical Description: .5 cu.ft.
  Scope and Content Note
  This series contains a large number of blank forms of the Columbia Water Company owned
  and operated by the Conlin Family, mainly Thomas and George Conlin. This business existed
  through the 1930s.
  Note

  BOX 5

  Folder IX/1  Blank Columbia Water Company forms.
**X/1-51 Series X: Books 1853-1938**

**Physical Description:** 3.5 cu.ft.

**Scope and Content Note**
This series contains a variety of books, scrapbooks, booklets, and composition books, directly related to the Conlin Family. Some are identified as coming to the state with the Conlin collection but with other names inscribed in them. These may be part of the Conlin Family personal library or collected by them as memorabilia. Please reference the included catalog numbers when requesting access to the books in this series.

**Note**

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