
Bee Patrick and Adam M. Compton Letters

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bee Patrick and Adam M. Compton Letters

Dates: 1883-1911

Collection Number: MSS 345

Creator/Collector: Compton, Bee PatrickCompton, Adam M.

Extent: 1 Box, 0.5 Linear Feet

Repository: California State University, Chico

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Abstract: The bulk of the collection is personal letters written by Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton during their courtship and early years of marriage. The rest of the correspondence deals with Adam's ranching business.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research without restriction.

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

gift.

Biography/Administrative History

Bee Patrick Compton was born December 20, 1864 to William Garrison Patrick and Melissa Virginia Wright Patrick and attended Miss Field's Seminary in Oakland, California. She married Adam Compton on November 27, 1895 at the age of 31. Adam Murdock Compton was born October 2, 1860 to Mary Murdock Compton and Henry Clay Compton. He was a rancher in Butte and Glen County. He owned and ranched 20,000 acres of land with his family members and received the first place prize and a diploma in 1904 at the Butte County and the St. Louis Exposition exhibition for his lemon trees. Adam belonged to Chico Lodge No. 423, B.P.O. Elks as well as the Colusa Lodge of the Odd Fellows. They did not have any children. Adam died January 25, 1933, Bee continued to live on the family ranch known as Glenwood or Patrick Ranch. Bee died September 5, 1945 and stipulated in her will that the house they lived in during their marriage be used for educational purposes.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists primarily of letters from Bee Patrick to Adam Compton from 1888 to 1910 during their courtship and early years of marriage. Other correspondents include J. Murdock, William Murdock, Grander Business Association, Union Carbide Sales Company, and Dr. Oscar Stansbury. While the letters from Bee Patrick are personal in nature, the other correspondences primarily pertain to Adam Compton's ranching business. The business papers include banking statements, check stubs, and handwritten book keeping notes.

Indexing Terms

Durham (Calif.) -- History.

Butte County (Calif.) -- History.

Business correspondence.

Personal correspondence.

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