
Finding Aid to the Baldwin Family Clippings Collection MS.609

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Title: Baldwin Family Clippings Collection

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Date (inclusive): 1894-1967

Abstract: The Baldwin Family was a wealthy family in Los Angeles, noted horse racers and philanthropists, beginning with Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin who came west from Ohio in 1853 and became a successful ranch owner and horse racer. Lucky's daughter Anita M. Baldwin (1876-1939) was a composer, and Dextra Baldwin McGonagle (1901-1967) was Anita's daughter and continued the family tradition of philanthropy. This collection is mostly made up of newspaper clippings about Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin, Anita M. Baldwin, and Dextra Baldwin McGonagle. In addition to newspaper clippings, there is a souvenir program in honor of Anita M. Baldwin from the Headquarters Company of the Seventh California Infantry. The materials in this collection are dated 1894-1967.

creator: Alliot, Hector, 1862-1919

creator: Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956

Biographical note

The Baldwin Family was a wealthy family in Los Angeles, noted horse racers and philanthropists. Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin (1828-1909) came west from Ohio in 1853 and became a successful ranch owner and horse racer. Los Angeles County Arboretum is now on the land where Lucky's ranch once stood. Anita M. Baldwin (1876-1939) was Lucky's daughter, a composer, and owner of an estate in Arcadia, California known as Anokia. Dextra Baldwin McGonagle (1901-1967) was the daughter of Anita Baldwin, and continued the family tradition of philanthropy.

Related Archival Materials

MS.211, Sheet Music Collection, 1898-1970, Braun Research Library Collection, Autry National Center.

Scope and Contents

This collection is mostly made up of newspaper clippings about Elias Jackson "Lucky" Baldwin (1828-1909), Anita M. Baldwin (1876-1939), and Dextra Baldwin McGonagle (1901-1967). Clippings were collected by Southwest Museum directors Hector Alliot and F. W. Hodge, as well as Library staff. In addition to newspaper clippings, there is a souvenir program in honor of Anita M. Baldwin from the Headquarters Company of the Seventh California Infantry. The materials in this collection are dated 1894-1967. A published volume of poetry by Anita Baldwin entitled *Random Rhymes* can be found in the Library's catalog. Some of Anita's compositions can be found in MS.211 Sheet Music Collection, Braun Research Library Collection, Institute for the Study of the American West, Autry National Center, Los Angeles, CA.

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Inventory

(1) "Lucky" Baldwin - Biography - "He was lucky indeed" Pasadena Daily Evening Star, Feb. 21, 1894 - "1st Mayor" Pasadena Post, Aug. 6, 1938 - "California's Stately Hall of Fame: Elias Jackson Baldwin" Rockwell D. Hunt L. A. Times, June 25, 1939

(2) "Lucky" Baldwin - Ranch and Hotel - "Lucky Baldwin Days at Santa Anita" C. B. Glasscock Westways vol. 27 (12) Dec. 1935 - "He saw Lucky Baldwin's Hotel burn!" Perry Worden Pasadena Star-News, April 14, 1947 - "Lucky Baldwin's Paradise" Dan McMalters L. A. Times Home Magazine, Jan. 2, 1949 - "Historic Ranchos' Sale Recalls Pioneer Days" John Steven McGroarty L. A. Times n.d.

(3) Anita Baldwin - Biography - Souvenir Programme in honor of Anita M. Baldwin, June 9, 1917 - "Random Rhymes" poetry pamphlet with Yuletide Greetings dust jacket (1934) - "Anita Baldwin finds life of terror amid repose of culture" Alma Whitaker L. A. Times, Feb. 11, 1934

(4) Anita Baldwin - Anoakia - "Majestic Anoakia keeps Baldwin spirit alive" C. F. Shoop Pasadena Star-News, July 18, 1954

(5) Anita Baldwin Obituaries - "Death takes Anita Baldwin of Pioneer California Family" L. A. Times, Oct. 25, 1939 - "Anita M. Baldwin Funeral Due" Pasadena Star-News, Oct. 25, 1939 - "Anita Baldwin Funeral Set" L.A. Times, Oct. 26, 1939 - obituary Pasadena Post, Oct. 26, 1939 - "Anita M. Baldwin" L.A. Times, Oct. 26, 1939

(6) Dextra Baldwin McGonagle - Estate Auction - "Auction reflects a colorful family" Mary Lou Loper L.A. Times, Oct. 11, 1967

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Baldwin Family

Baldwin, Anita May, 1876-1939

Baldwin, Elias Jackson, 1828-1909

McGonagle, Dextra Baldwin, 1901-1967

Clippings

Horse owners -- California

Los Angeles (Calif.)

Programs
