Finding Aid to the John Muir Collection MS.670

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Title: John Muir Collection
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Date (inclusive): 1824-1966
Abstract: John Muir (1838-1914) was a naturalist and philosopher, famous for calling attention to the natural lands of the United States and spurring on the movement to develop the National Parks. This collection spans from 1824-1966 and includes correspondence, an original sketch of Muir by Eva Scott Fenyes, newspaper clippings, ephemera, and a copy of Muir's Yosemite Valley journal.
creator: Fenyes, Eva Scott, d. 1930
creator: Lummis, Charles Fletcher, 1859-1928.
creator: Muir, John, 1838-1914
Biographical Note
John Muir (1838-1914) was a naturalist and philosopher, famous for calling attention to the natural lands of the United States and spurring on the movement to develop the National Parks. He was a Scottish-born American author, and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. His letters, essays, and books telling of his adventures in nature, especially in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California, have been read by millions. His activism helped to preserve the Yosemite Valley, Sequoia National Park and other wilderness areas. The Sierra Club, which he founded, is now one of the most important conservation organizations in the United States.
Scope and Contents
This collection spans from 1824-1966 and includes copies of John Muir's correspondence with Charles Fletcher Lummis from 1895-1912, an original sketch of Muir by Eva Scott Fenyes, newspaper clippings of articles by or about John Muir, ephemera, and a copy of Muir's journal documenting his time in the Yosemite Valley from 1869-1870. The journal copy appears to have been made by Jeanne Carr, date unknown. This collection contains photostats of correspondence between Muir and Lummis, the originals of which have been moved to the Charles Fletcher Lummis Manuscript Collection, MS.1.1.3221A and B.
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