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Descriptive Summary
Title: The Mary Emily Foy Collection
Dates: 1949-1981
Collection number: MS.614
Creator: Foy, Mary Emily, 1862-1962
Collection Size: 6 folders
Repository: Autry National Center. Institute for the Study of the American West
Los Angeles, CA 90065
Abstract: The collection contains information about, and works by, Mary Emily Foy.
Physical location: Braun Research Library Manuscript Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
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Biography / Administrative History
Mary Emily Foy (1862-1962) was the daughter of Samuel Calvert Foy and Lucinda (Pet) Macy Foy, early Los Angeles pioneers. From 1880 to 1894, she served as the third Los Angeles City Librarian, the first woman to hold the position. She is particularly well known for her involvement in the California Woman's Suffrage Movement and her involvement with the Democratic Party. She was Vice President of the Political Equality League, Secretary of the Votes for Women Club, President of the California Woman's Democratic League, and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1916 and 1920. In 1934, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the 15th Congressional District.

Mary Foy's interests in history and archaeology lead her to organize the California Parlor of the Native Daughters of the American West, and to her involvement with the local chapter of the American Institute for Archaeology, and the Southwest Society. Foy was also founder of First Century Families, descendants of Los Angeles settlers during its first 100 years, and wrote for the Jeffersonian, Woman’s Bulletin, and the Los Angeles Herald and Express.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of biographical information on Foy; newspaper articles, especially from the Los Angeles Times; articles by Foy; and letters of correspondence.
Arrangement
Original order.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Foy, Mary Emily, 1862-1962.
Native Daughters of the American West.
Archaeological Institute of America. Southwest Society.
Librarians--California--Los Angeles--History.
Women--Suffrage--California--History.
Los Angeles (Calif.)--History.
First Century Families (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Mary Emily Foy: Miss Los Angeles Herself (Southern California Quarterly, Summer 1996 / Jane Apostol

Related Material
Photographs of the interior and exterior childhood residence, portraits of Samuel Calvert Foy and Mary Foy, and Foy Saddle and Harness Shop. Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection, History and Genealogy Department, Los Angeles, California.

Container list


"Old Indian Trails in Los Angeles" by Mary Foy includes letter regarding it to M.R. Harrington, dated 1952 June 7

Reminiscences by Mary E. Foy as told to Don Ryan L.A.Herald and Express, 1952 March