
Bray Family Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bray Family Collection

Dates: 1850s-1960s, bulk in mid-1900s

Collection Number: 2002.28, 2000.45, 2013.21, 2003.32, 2015.38

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 14 boxes, various sizes

Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
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Abstract: This collection consists of personal papers he collected over the years about local history. Also in the collection are papers of R.R. Veale, Leila Veale Bray, and his son, Frank Bray. Other Bray information may be found in the society's Veale Collection.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biography/Administrative History

A.F. Bray (Absalom Francis Bray, Sr.), born 1 January 1887 in Montana and died 1 January 1987 in Martinez. He married Leila V. Bray, the daughter of Richard Raines (R. R.) Veale. They had a son, Absalom Francis Bray, III, known as Frank or Junior. A.F. Bray became assistant district attorney in Contra Costa County in 1914 and was later a city attorney for Concord. In 1936, he became a Superior Court judge, and in 1946, he was named to the state appellate court, becoming the presiding judge in 1959. He retired Bray was a founding member of the Contra Costa County Historical Society and served as its president. He was also active with Boy Scouting, Martinez Historical Society, and other local organizations.

Scope and Content of Collection

See Guide to Collection for details. See also the Veale Collection.

Indexing Terms

Script, radio

Court, California Supreme

History, California

Scouts, Boy

Correspondence

Veale, R.R.

Bray, A.F.

Bray, Leila

Herman, H.M.

Donovan, Hugh H.

Veale, W.H.

Schroder, Robert

Dent, James

Reinecke, Ed

Castro, Ken

Burton, Grant

Stein, Louis L

Head, Walter W.

Ellis, George E.

Brennerman, J.H.

DeMartini, John

Veale
Bray
Raines
American Women's Voluntary Service
Boy Scouts
Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)
brochures, campaign
newspaper clippings
scripts
ephemera

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