
Robert G. Dean Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Robert G. Dean Collection

Dates: 1850s-1920s

Collection Number: 2003.21

Creator/Collector: Dean, Robert G.

Extent: 4 boxes

Repository: Contra Costa County Historical Society
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Abstract: A collection of diaries, letters, scrapbooks, and family bible of the Robert G. Dean family. Family bible which contains some family information, oil and gas certificates, diaries written by Robert G. Dean, scrapbooks, letters to his wife, ledgers, and 1836 Hooper's Dictionary. Also of importance is a remembrance plate to R.G. Dean from the Veale family and a Senate Report of the Commissioner of Patents of 1860 for agriculture for the 36th Congress second session.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biography/Administrative History

Robert G[arwood] Dean (1831-1920) was a land owner in East Contra Costa County. He was also involved in mining, managed the 18,000 acre John Marsh rancho, was president of the Bank of Brentwood, farmed wheat, was an agent for Balfour Gurthrie & Co, and was instrumental in the establishment of Liberty High School in Brentwood. Robert G. Dean was the author of the "East Contra Costa County" chapter in F. J. Hulaniski's The History of Contra Costa County California, 1917. He married to Jerusha H. Martin in San Francisco and they had no children, though they raised a foster son, George O Wilson.

Scope and Content of Collection

Box 1: Seven folders that are completely itemized; Leaves of Affection (autograph book of Jerusha); journal; A Journal of Historical Account of the Life, Travels, Sufferings... by George Fox, 1808. Box 2: Holy Bible, 1872 diary of Miss Sarah H Martin (sister of Jerusha Dean); 50th Anniversary plate from the Veales; Commissioner of Patents of 1860 for agriculture for the 36th Congress second session; box of stock certificates; miscellaneous items Box 3: diaries & journals of Robert G. Dean; cash book from John Marsh ranch, remembrance book of his life; foldout map of Seattle; an account book Box 4: guest book, letters of Mrs. Dean, account books & ledgers, journals (including one from 1830's), bible, dictionary

Indexing Terms

Family Papers

Bible

Business accounts

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