Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles Goodwin and Adele Serio Frankish Postcard Collection

Dates: 1906-1951

Collection Number: Consult library

Creator/Collector: Frankish, Charles Goodwin; Frankish, Adele Serio

Extent: 0.5 linear feet

Repository: Ontario City Library, Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room

Abstract: The collection consists of 305 items, primarily postcards, also includes a limited number of cards, announcements, and photographs. The collection documents the personal relationships and acquaintances of Charles and Adele Frankish, both before and after marrying. Also their travels are documented, as well as various places of residence within California, including Ontario. The majority of the postcards are addressed to Adele prior to her marriage to Charles, primarily from family members such as her brothers William (Bill), Anthony, Sylvester (Syl), and Abe.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

Preferred Citation

Charles Goodwin and Adele Serio Frankish Postcard Collection. Ontario City Library, Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room

Acquisition Information

The Charles Goodwin and Adele Serio Frankish Postcard Collection was acquired by donation from a family member in September 2006.

Biography/Administrative History

Charles Goodwin Frankish was the eldest son of Ontario pioneer Charles Frankish. Charles Goodwin was born in Toronto and moved to Ontario with his parents as a small boy. He attended Chaffey College and became one of the first electricians in the area. In the early 1900’s, he moved to San Jose and began courting Miss M. Adele Serio, a music teacher from San Jose. Charles Goodwin then returned to Ontario to work as an electrician, and eventually sent for and married Adele in 1913. Charles Goodwin soon became self-employed as an electrical contractor, but was forced to retire at a fairly young age due to failing health. He died in 1925 at the age of 48. Adele Frankish continued to live in Ontario until the her death in January 1969. The couple did not have any children.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of only one series of 305 postcards, cards, announcements, and photographs. The collection is indexed according to sender, addressee, subject of postcard itself, and date/postmark date. The index is attached to this document.

Indexing Terms

Frankish, Charles Goodwin
Frankish, Adele Serio
Postcards

Frankish Postcard Collection Container List