Descriptive Summary

Title: Victoria L. Cavagnaro journal
Dates: November 10, 1902 – December 23, 1902
Collection Number: SFH 125
Creator/Collector: Cavagnaro, Victoria L., 1880-1942
Extent: 1 volume
Repository: San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco History Center
San Francisco, California 94102
Abstract: Journal of a New Yorker who travelled around the United States and spent three weeks in San Francisco
Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information

Biography/Administrative History
Victoria Louise Cavagnaro was born in New York to John and Cresencia Cavagnaro, one of five children. A school teacher, she married banker James F. Cavagnaro in Manhattan, New York in 1909. The couple had four children and lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Victoria died in Paterson, New Jersey in 1942.

Scope and Content of Collection
Cavagnaro's journal, My Trip West, describes her railroad train trip with her parents from New York City to Chicago, via New Orleans, El Paso, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Asti, Salt Lake City, Pueblo, Denver, and Kansas City. The three weeks of San Francisco entries (November 24 – December 13) describe parties and dinners, and the guests; horseback rides; euchre games; attractions and businesses in San Francisco and the Bay Area. The Cavagnaros were also hosted by Romolo Sbarboro during a side trip to Asti and the Italian-Swiss Colony Winery. Many of Victoria's acquaintances had Italian surnames. Her last journal entry is Dec. 19, but this is followed by lists of Letters Received, Letters Written, and Postals Sent Out, which are dated as late as Dec. 23.

Indexing Terms
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