Finding aid of the Crittenden Van Wyck Diary (Vol.2) C058570

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Title: Van Wyck, Crittenden Diary (Vol.2)
Identifier/Call Number: C058570
Contributing Institution: Society of California Pioneers
Language of Material: English
Storage Unit: B001629
Storage Unit: C058570
Physical Description: 1.0 folder (One leatherbound diary, 8 ½ x 14, 320 pages)
Date (inclusive): 07/14/1890-09/1893
Abstract: Crittenden Van Wyck wrote this journal between the ages of 20 and 23, while he was working as a clerk for the Pacific Insurance Union and living with his family at 1600 Taylor St. in San Francisco. Among the daily entries that detail his daily activities, social events, and work responsibilities are pasted-in photographs, letters, tickets, calling-cards, telegrams, locks of hair, leaves, and flowers. C. Van Wyck appears to have made notations to his entries at some later point. Entries begin on 07/14/1890, and are made regularly until the beginning of 1891, when they slowly grow sparse. The last dated entry is 09/27/1893, with another entry for September that attempts to sum up events that occurred in the interim.
creator: Van Wyck, Crittenden, 1870-1942
Conditions Governing Access note
Collection open for research.
Conditions Governing Use note
There are no restrictions on access.
Preferred Citation note
Donor
Crittenden Van Wyck, 02/19/1941.
Biographical/Historical note
In June of 1942, he shot and killed his ex-wife at her home in Carmichael, California. He lit her home on fire, and was seriously injured by the blaze. He committed suicide while being treated for his burns on 06/17/1942. He is quoted as saying that he wanted her to “suffer as I’ve suffered these many years.” (San Bernadino County Sun, 06/18/1942)
Scope and Contents note
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Existence and Location of Originals note
The Society of California Pioneers, 300 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA, 94107.
Related Archival Materials note
C058788 - Crittenden Van Wyck Diary Vol.1
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Diaries
Photograph collections.
San Francisco (Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.)--Social life and customs
Seattle (Wash.)
Visiting cards