Inventory of the Mary Nolf Diaries and Correspondence Collection
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**Contributing Institution:** California State University Dominguez Hills, Gerth Archives and Special Collections  
**Title:** Mary Nolf Diaries and Correspondence  
**Creator:** Nolf, Mary  
**Identifier/Call Number:** SPC.2018.051  
**Physical Description:** 1 box  
**Physical Description:** .42 Linear Feet  
**Date (inclusive):** 1831-1939  
**Date (bulk):** 1880-1910  
**Abstract:** The Mary Nolf Diaries and Correspondence collection contains diaries, autograph books, and a calendar book that mostly belonged to Mary Nolf, as well as correspondence, such as letters and postcards between Mary, her siblings, family members, and possibly friends.  
**Language of Material:** English.  
**Conditions Governing Access**  
There are no access restrictions on this collection.  
**Nolf Family History**  
This collection pertains to three sisters (Mary, Angeline or Angie, and Margaret or Maggie) who moved from Pennsylvania to Pasadena, California after receiving an inheritance of land from their deceased parents. Their brother William and his wife Marie, remained in Pennsylvania. Angie married a man named Martin E. Geibel in 1910 and Mary and Margaret, who remained unmarried, moved in with them in their Pasadena home where they lived out the rest of their lives.  
**Preferred Citation**  
For information about citing archival material, see the [Citations for Archival Material](#) guide, or consult the appropriate style manual.  
**Processing Information**  
This collection was processed by Lindsay Anderson in 2020.  
**Scope and Contents**  
The Mary Nolf Diaries and Correspondence Collection (1831-1939) contains .42 linear feet of diaries kept by Mary Nolf written between 1889-1912; as well as letters mostly written to Mary by her sisters, brother, friends, and other relatives. Also included in this collection are autograph books; a calendar book; postcards; letters written to Angie, Margaret, William and more; and other ephemera. Major events are briefly mentioned in the diaries and letters, such as the sisters attending a lecture given by Susan B. Anthony on women's rights in 1905, witnessing Glenn Curtiss and Louis Paulhan's flight during the Los Angeles International Aviation Meet at what was Dominguez Park in 1910, and attending the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.  
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**Related Materials**  
1910 Los Angeles International Aviation Meet Research Collection, and [1910 Los Angeles International Aviation Meet Research Digital Collection](#)  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
1910 Los Angeles International Aviation Meet at Dominguez Field  
Diaries  
Correspondence  
Autograph albums  
Geibel, Angeline Nolf  
Nolf, Margaret  
Nolf, William  
Geibel, Martin E.
Series I: Diaries, Autograph and Calendar Books 1831-1912 1881-1912

Physical Description: 7 folders
Language of Material: English.

Scope and Contents
The Diaries, Autograph and Calendar Books series comprises of Mary Nolf’s seven diaries, one calendar book and one autograph book and her sister Angie Nolf Geibel's two autograph books. Three of Mary’s diaries also have ephemera, such as newspaper clippings, pressed flowers, a negative, flyers and more, tucked between the pages.

box 1, folder 1
Mary Nolf Diaries (1/4) April 1, 1889 - April 24, 1904 April 1, 1889 - December 14, 1891 December 15, 1891 - March 12, 1899 March 23, 1899 - April 24, 1904
Scope and Contents
This folder includes three small diaries, in which the first diary dates from April 1, 1889 - December 14, 1891, the second diary dates from December 15, 1891 - March 12, 1899 and the third diary dates from March 23, 1899 - April 24, 1904.

box 1, folder 2
Mary Nolf Diary (2/4) May 5, 1904 - December 3, 1906
Biographical / Historical
In her August 1, 1905 entry, Mary wrote about visiting the Venice Auditorium to hear a lecture on women’s rights given by Susan B. Anthony and another lecture on "the new man" given by someone named Anna Shaw.
Scope and Contents
Includes the diary and items folded between the pages, such as newspaper clippings, a small photograph of a young man, pressed flowers, a 3.5 x 3.5 black and white negative of presumably two women, a flyer for an event about war ships, a hand-written note, a piece of cloth, a letter, a ticket and more.

box 1, folder 3
Mary Nolf Diary (3/4) December 4, 1907 - September 4, 1909
Scope and Contents
Includes the diary and items folded between the pages, such as a pressed flower and leaves, a feather, a stamp, newspaper clippings, hand-written notes, pieces of fabric and lace and more.

box 1, folder 4
Mary Nolf Diary (4/4) September 11, 1909 - June 3, 1912
Biographical / Historical
In her January 18, 1910 entry, Mary briefly wrote about the time when she and her sister Margaret went to Dominguez Park where they witnessed Glenn Curtiss and Louis Paulhan’s flight at the Los Angeles International Aviation Meet.
Scope and Contents
Includes the diary and items folded between the pages, such as pressed leaves, hand-written notes, newspaper clippings, and stamps.

box 1, folder 5
Mary Nolf Calendar Book 1885
box 1, folder 6
Mary Nolf Autograph Book July 31, 1831 - June 20, 1896 1880-1886
box 1, folder 7
Angie Nolf Geibel Autograph Books 1881 - 1886 1881 - 1884 1884 - 1886
Scope and Contents
Includes two autograph book in which the first autograph book dates from 1881-1884 and the second autograph book dates from 1884-1886.
Series II: Correspondence and Papers 1885-1939 1885-1904

Physical Description: 26 folders
Language of Material: English.

Scope and Contents
The Correspondence and Papers series mainly comprises of letters and postcards written between Mary, her sisters, family members and possibly friends and also includes a receipt, cards, an invitation, a recipe, empty envelopes and blank postcards.

box 1, folder 8
Letters to her sisters, from Margaret Nolf June 21, 1890 - November 14, 1891
Scope and Contents
Includes two letters.

box 1, folder 9
Letters to her sisters, from Angie Nolf Geibel September 8, 1894 - October 21, 1896, undated
Scope and Contents
Includes four letters.

box 1, folder 10
Letters to his sisters, from William Nolf December 23, 1904, November 23, 1906
Scope and Contents
Includes two letters.

box 1, folder 11
Letters to her sisters-in-law, from Marie Nolf October 30, 1903, February 2, 1904
Scope and Contents
Includes two letters.

box 1, folder 12
Letters to Mary Nolf, from Margaret Nolf April 16, 1888, September 11, 1893
Biographical / Historical
In her letter dated September 11, 1893, Margaret wrote about her visit to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago with her their sister Angie. She wrote about Lincoln Park, flowers, animals and lagoons.
Scope and Contents
Includes two letters.

box 1, folder 13
Letter to Mary Nolf, from Angie Nolf Geibel September 8, 1893
Biographical / Historical
In her letter, Angie wrote about her visit to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago with their sister Margaret. She discussed activities that they did and complains of long lines and crowds. The stationary she used also happens to be from the ladies reading and writing room.

box 1, folder 14
Letter to Mary Nolf, from William Nolf April 3, 1890
box 1, folder 15
Letters to Mary Nolf, from Aunt Margaret Bohler February 10, 1884 - January 9, 1892
Scope and Contents
Includes three letters.

box 1, folder 16
Letter to Mary Nolf, from Uncle P.R. Bohler September 27, 1885
box 1, folder 17
Letters to Mary Nolf, from John L. Gibbin July 27, 1888, November 17, 1889
Biographical / Historical
John L. Gibbin was Mary's cousin.
Scope and Contents
Includes two letters.
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