INVENTORY OF THE ROZELLE FAMILY COLLECTION, 2017

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Abstract: The Rozelle collection, ranging from the late 1860's to the early 2000's contains correspondence, photographs, official documents, newspaper clippings, and genealogy information pertaining to the family of Bazil Tillson Rozelle (paternal grandparent of former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle). Other family names associated with this collection are Dr. William Owens, of Anderson IN; and Dora Whaley, of Paramount CA. Photographs include family vacations in Catalina Island circa 1890s; Compton, Paramount, and Lynwood areas circa 1890s; World War II boat christening from Terminal Island CA circa 1940s; and mink farming in southern California circa 1940s-1950s.

Language: Collection material is in English

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This collection was donated by the Mark Rozelle family to the Archives and Special Collections at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

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Biography
Bazil Tillson Rozelle (also known as B. T. Rozelle) was born September 13, 1864 in Anderson, IN and died September 11, 1941 in Compton, CA. In October 1891 he married Edith Owens (1867-1936), of Cincinnati, OH. In 1892 the Rozelle's moved to California and established a ranch located partly in what is now the Los Angeles River in the Lynwood Gardens sections bordering the northeast edge of Compton. Once settled in Compton, Bazil became active in civic and church affairs in his local community. Bazil and Edith Rozelle had seven children: Walter Miles Rozelle (b.1892), William Owens Rozelle (1894-1976), Mabel Rozelle (1897-1990), Raymond Foster Rozelle (1900-1983), Elmer Donald Rozelle (1902-1988), Edwin Glen Rozelle (1906-1993), and Ralph Lincoln Rozelle (b.1909).

Raymond Foster Rozelle, and his wife Hazel, were the parents of former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle (1926-1996).

Scope and Content
The collection is composed of four series: Correspondence, Rozelle Family Genealogy, Photographs, and High School Yearbooks. The collection ranges from the late 1860s to the early 2000s.

Arrangement
Arranged in four series:

Series I. Correspondence, 1886-1933
Series II. Rozelle Family Genealogy, 1891-2003
Series III. Photographs, 1868-1956
Series IV. High School Yearbooks, 1915-1923

**Subjects**
- Genealogy
- Mink farming
- World War II
- Submarine chasers--United States

**Personal Names**
- Rozelle, Bazil Tillson
- Rozelle, Edith Owens
- Rozelle, Elmer Donald
- Rozelle, Helen Whaley
- Rozelle, Pete
- Owens, Dr. William
- Whaley, Dora Grace Scott

**Corporate Name**
- American National Fur Breeders Association
- Fellows and Stewart Inc.
- California Fur Breeders Association

**Geographic Area**
- Compton (Calif.)
- Santa Catalina Island (Calif.)
- Terminal Island (Calif.)
- Cincinnati (Ohio)
- Anderson (Ind.)

**Related Material**
For related material please consult the Catalina Island Photograph Album collection.

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1 Correspondence

Physical Description: [.834 linear ft] [2 boxes]

Scope and Content Note
Letters dated 1886-1897 are primarily from Dr. Owens to his daughter Edith and her husband Bazil Rozelle as the couple settled in Compton CA; the letters reflect current affairs and agricultural conditions of Compton in that era. Letters dated 1898-1914 are primarily addressed to Edith Rozelle; they mostly center on family affairs as during this time span both Edith’s and Bazil’s parents passed away. Included in this series are vintage postcards addressed to Rozelle family members; and some undated miscellaneous material that includes a batch of blank vintage postcards with illustrations of what appear to be female naval personnel and nineteenth century military men.

- **Box 1, Folder 1**
  Letters from J. B. Owens to his brother Dr. Owens regarding Downey ranch purchase by J. B. Owens. 1886-1893

- **Box 1, Folder 2**
  Letters from Dr. Owens to Bazil and Edith Rozelle. January-February 1894

- **Box 1, Folder 3**
  Letters from Dr. Owens to Bazil and Edith Rozelle. One letter includes a small envelope with a sample of yellow medicinal powder. March-April 1894

- **Box 1, Folder 4**
  Letters to Edith and Bazil Rozelle from Edith’s parents and her sister Mamie. June-December 1894

- **Box 1, Folder 5**
  Letters from Dr. Owens, and family friends, to Bazil and Edith Rozelle. Also correspondence between Bazil and Edith. 1895-August 1896

- **Box 1, Folder 6**
  Letters from Bazil to Edith. September-October 1896
Box 1, Folder 7  Letters from Dr. Owens to Bazil and Edith. Condolence letters from Bazil, and friends, to Edith regarding death of Dr. Owens. 1897
Box 1, Folder 8  Letter from Edna (a friend) to Edith; and a metal plaque with B. Rozelle engraved on it. December 1897
Box 2, Folder 1  Condolence letters from friends to Edith. Letters to Edith from her mother. 1898
Box 2, Folder 2  Letters to Edith from her mother while visiting Daytona, FL; Philadelphia, PA; and Chicago, IL. Also correspondence between Bazil and Edith. 1899-1900
Box 2, Folder 3  Condolence letters to Edith regarding death of her mother; and correspondence between Bazil and Edith. December 1901-1902
Box 2, Folder 4  Letters to Edith from Bazil while he was in Arizona. 1906
Box 2, Folder 5  Letters to Edith from Bazil while he was in Anderson, IN. Postcards to Mabel Rozelle. 1909-1910
Box 2, Folder 6  Letters to Edith from son Walter Rozelle. Postcards from friends. 1911
Box 2, Folder 7  Letters to Edith from Bazil while he was in Anderson, IN. 1914
Box 2, Folder 8  Postcards to Edith from sister and friend. Postcard to Walter Rozelle from Bazil. 1920s-1930s
Box 2, Folder 9  News clippings, letters, and vintage postcards and Christmas cards to Edith. Undated
Box 2, Folder 10  Blank postcards, gift tags and a map of southwestern Texas in 1894. 1894-1930s

2 Rozelle Family Genealogy

| Box 3, Folder 1 | B. T. Rozelle Cincinnati OH Diary. 1891 |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | Rozelle Family History. Handwritten lists of Rozelle family lineage; obituaries for Bazil Rozelle and Dr. Owens. 1941-1980 |
| Box 3, Folder 3 | Documents of B. T. and Edith Rozelle. Includes marriage certificate, property documents and business documents. Also includes obituaries of Edith’s paternal grandparents; and a souvenir Oregon Trail foldout postcard circa 1915. 1891-1941 |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | Miles Rozelle. Includes birth certificate and photos of Miles A. Rozelle. 1910 |
| Box 3, Folder 5 | Photos of unknown children and adults. undated |
| Box 3, Folder 6 | Compton Telephone Directory. B. T. Rozelle is listed. 1903 |
| Box 4, Folder 1 | Helen Whaley’s Ancestors. 1900-1948 |
| Box 4, Folder 2 | Whaley-Scott Relatives. Includes death certificate of Dora Whaley and news clippings of Whaley family members. undated |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | Nana’s (Helen’s) non-Lineage Relatives. Photos of relatives of Helen Rozelle; some males are dressed in military uniforms. 1912-1942 |
| Box 4, Folder 4 | School Memorabilia. Includes: high school diplomas for Elmer and Helen Rozelle; track and field announcements and medals for Elmer Rozelle; invitation to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School centennial celebration. 1918-1988 |
| Box 4, Folder 5 | Helen’s High School Scrapbook. 1921 |
| Box 4, Folder 6 | World War II Ration Books and Purchase Certificates. Ration books and purchase certificates issued to Elmer and Helen Rozelle, and Dora Whaley. 1942-1945 |
| Box 4, Folder 7 | Memorial Services, Obituaries, and Weddings as collected by Helen Rozelle. 1920s-2003 |
3 Photographs

Physical Description: [4 linear ft] [4 boxes]

Scope and Content Note

Material in this series is comprised of photographs, documents, and artifacts. Box 5 material has an emphasis on Bazil and Edith’s family; the ancestors of Edith Owens Rozelle; and includes a leather bound pocket sized medical reference book titled “A Repertory of the Most Characteristic Symptoms of the Materia Medica” (1886). Box 6 contains photographs of Bazil and Edith’s ranch house and children. Includes photos of the LA River flood in 1914 and the San Gabriel River in 1897. Box 7 consists of photographs of family vacations at Catalina Island. Box 8 contains material regarding Elmer and Helen Rozelle. Photographs, documents and artifacts pertain to: U. S. World War II submarine chaser ships made by Fellows and Stewart Inc., and Elmer and Helen’s mink farming activities.

Box 5, Folder 1

Photos and Documents of Edith Rozelle’s Owens Family Relatives. Includes leather bound pocket medical reference book. 1868-1897

Box 5, Folder 2

Unknown Children and Adults. Also includes a suede bound photo album. undated

Box 5, Folder 3

Bazil and Edith’s Children. 1893-1930

Box 6, Folder 1

Bazil and Edith’s Ranch House. 1886-1916

Box 7, Folder 1

Bazil and Edith at Catalina. 1898

Box 7, Folder 2

Photo Album of Bazil and Edith at Catalina 1898

Box 8, Folder 1

Fellows and Stewart Shipyard-Elmer Rozelle. Includes photos of World War II submarine chaser ships. 1942-1945

Box 8, Folder 2

Boats Fellows and Stewart Inc. made during the War (World War II). Includes Fellows and Stewart balance sheet and union contract letters. 1938-1945

Box 8, Folder 3

American Can Co.-Helen Rozelle. Includes one photo of American Can Col. workers and news clippings. 1916-1923

Box 8, Folder 4


1 High School Yearbooks

Physical Description: [.417 linear ft] [1 box]

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of 11 Compton Union High School yearbooks between 1915 and 1923.

Box 9, Folder 1

Compton Union High School. Inscribed with "Vina Barber"; also has water damage. 1915

Box 9, Folder 2

Compton Union High School, copy 2. Includes a hand written note indicating sections in which Helen Whaley, Elmer Rozelle, and their siblings are mentioned. 1915

Box 9, Folder 3

Compton Union High School. Inscribed with "Barney Whaley". 1916

Box 9, Folder 4

Compton Union High School yearbook, copy 2. Inscribed with "Vina Barber". 1916

Box 9, Folder 5

Compton Union High School Yearbook. 1917

Box 9, Folder 6

Compton Union High School Yearbook. Inscribed with "Helen Whaley". 1918

Box 9, Folder 7

Compton Union High School Yearbook. Inscribed with "Helen Whaley". 1920

Box 9, Folder 8

Compton Union High School Yearbook. 1921

Box 9, Folder 9

Compton Union High School Yearbook, copy 2. Inscribed with "Rozelle". 1921

Box 9, Folder 10

Compton Union High School Yearbook. 1922

Box 9, Folder 11

Compton Union High School Yearbook. Inscribed with "Ralph Rozelle, 400 South Acacia St., Compton CA" . 1923

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