

## **Guide to the Harvey Family Papers, 1848-1965**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Harvey Family Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1848-1965

**Collection number:** MSS #009

**Origination:** Harvey, William, 1841-1922

**Extent:** 4 linear feet

**Repository:** Fresno City and County Historical Society

Fresno, California

**Language:** English.

**Acquisition**

Gift of Harvey Estate.

**Access**

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**Biography**

William Camden Harvey was born on January 22, 1841 in Weymouth, England. Harvey was an accountant by trade and came to the United States in 1885 with his wife, Catherine. The family first settled in Minnesota before coming to California. Mr. Harvey entered the real estate business and became a land promoter/developer in Fresno County. The Harvey's purchased 40 acres of land in an area known as the Belmont district, later part of the City of Fresno, and planted a vineyard. Mr. Harvey later developed Washington Colony, just south of the city. Real estate profits allowed Mr. Harvey to retire just three years after his arrival in Fresno and, in 1888, he turned his attention to philanthropic work.

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Harvey was an executive officer of the Producers Raisin Association, a precursor to the California State Raisin Grower's Association, founded by M. Theo Kearney, of which Harvey would be Secretary. He was also a member of various community organizations and gave a large donation to the Fresno County Humane Society, of which he was first President. The Harvey's were active in the First Baptist Church of Fresno.

Mr. Harvey died on July 7, 1922 and Mrs. Harvey passed on January 14, 1935. The couple had 11 children, Frederick, William Jr., Dalton, Sydney, Constance, Louise, Ada, Frances, Annie, Alice, and Robert. Frederick and Robert were killed in separate drowning accidents in 1895 and 1896. William Jr. and Ada followed their father in the real estate business and Ada was also an attorney. Sydney worked as the manager for the Freight Division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in Seattle, Washington. After a fire destroyed their ranch home the family moved to 905 "S" Street. The home was built in 1890 and located in downtown Fresno. Ada, Constance, Louise, and Frances lived in the home as late as 1965.

#### **Scope and Content**

The Harvey Family Collection dates from 1848-1965, and measures 4 linear feet. The papers are arranged in the following series: William and Catherine Harvey Papers, Annie Harvey, Ada Harvey Papers, Frances Harvey, Family Genealogy, and California State Raisin Grower's Association Records. Material includes correspondence, printed material, legal and financial records, and photographs relating to the Harvey Family and the business and personal lives of the various family members

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#### **William and Catherine Harvey Papers, 1848-1935**

##### **Additional Note**

The series is arranged into correspondence, medical records, legal records, and printed material. The series relates to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and includes letters written to Mrs. Harvey by members of the immediate family as well as English cousins. One file of letters relates to the diversion of funds from an inheritance account to build the family home after a fire at the family vineyard. The medical records include a phrenology examination of Mr. Harvey in 1848, the examination stated he had a "well balanced head." Printed material includes calling cards of Mr. Harvey

#### **Annie Harvey, 1889-1915**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Certificates earned by Annie in school and church.

#### **Ada Harvey Papers, 1897-1934**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Includes a diary, correspondence, legal records, and printed material. The legal records make up the bulk of the series and relate to Ada's investment in the Planada Fruit Farm Company. Printed material includes a certificate issued by the U.S. Attorney acknowledging Ada as an attorney.

#### **Frances Harvey Papers, 1931-1940**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Series includes correspondence, diaries, printed material, and ephemera. Printed material and ephemera relate to Frances's community involvement. Diaries were kept daily from 1937 until 1954; subjects include family reunions, illnesses, civic events, and local history.

#### **Genealogy**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Birth certificates, memorial records and photocopies of clippings relating to the births and deaths of family members.

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**California State Raisin Grower's Association Records, 1893**

**Scope and Content Note**

Legal records, scrapbook, and printed materials collected by William Harvey while Secretary of the association. Legal records include contracts with farmers regarding purchases of raisins. Scrapbook is comprised of clippings for local newspapers regarding the establishment of the association and the embattled founding president, M. Theo. Kearney.

**William and Catherine Harvey**

Box Box 1, Folder 1-6	<b>Correspondence</b>
Folder 7	<b>Medical Records</b>
Folder 8	<b>Legal Records</b>
Folder 9	<b>Financial Records</b>
Folder 10	<b>Printed Material</b>

**Annie Harvey**

Box Box 1, Folder 11 Folder 12	<b>Term paper, "Explorers of the Great Interior Valley"</b>
	<b>Certificates</b>

**Ada Harvey**

Box Box 1, Folder 13 Folder 14 Folder 15 Folder 16	<b>Diary/Correspondence</b>
	<b>Legal Records</b>
	<b>Printed Materials</b>
	<b>Printed Materials</b>

**Frances Harvey**

Box Box 1, Folder 17 Folder 18 Folder 19 Folder 20 Folder 21 Folder 22 Folder 23 Folder 24 Folder 25 Folder 26	<b>Correspondence from Ada</b>
	<b>Correspondence from Ada</b>
	<b>Correspondence from Constance</b>
	<b>Correspondence from Frances</b>
	<b>Correspondence from Louise</b>
	<b>Correspondence general</b>
	<b>Note Book</b>
	<b>Printed Material</b>
	<b>Ephemera</b>
	<b>Envelopes Empty</b>

**Genealogy**

Box Box 1, Folder 27	<b>Birth Certificates, Memorial Records, Clippings</b>
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**California State Raisin Grower's Association Records**

Box Box 1, Folder 28 Box Box 2, Folder 29	<b>Legal Records, Printed Material</b>
	<b>Printed materials Oversize</b>

**Diaries/Scrapbooks**

Box Box 3	<b>General</b>
	<b>Photographs</b>

Box Box 3-9	<b>General</b>
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