Ralph Arnold Addenda : Finding Aid

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Ralph Arnold Addenda
Dates: Approximately 1848-1961
Collection Number: mssArnold addenda
Creator: Arnold, Ralph, 1875-1961
Extent: Approximately 540 items in 7 boxes and 3 oversize folders
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Abstract: The collection chiefly focuses on correspondence, school records, and ephemera related to Winninette Arnold Noyes, the daughter of California geologist and petroleum engineer Ralph Arnold (1875-1961), as well as correspondence, diaries, and other papers and ephemera relating to the Arnold family of Southern California, their friends, and colleagues.
Language of Material: The records are in English.
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Gift of the Dr. Patricia Noyes estate through the Oregon Pacific Bank Wealth and Management Services and Cheryl Gruez, September 8, 2011.
Biographical Note
Ralph Arnold was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on April 14, 1875. His father, Delos Arnold, was a lawyer and Iowa state senator who became interested in the study of fossils after the discovery of crinoids fossils in LeGrand, Iowa. The Arnolds moved to Pasadena, California, in 1886, and Ralph attended both Pasadena High School and Throop Polytechnic School (now Cal Tech) before receiving his B.A. in geology and mining from Stanford in 1899. He continued at Stanford to complete his M.A.(1900) and Ph.D. (1902) in geology and paleontology. In 1899 Arnold married Frankie Winninette Stokes. The couple had two daughters, Winninette, who married chemist Richard M. Noyes, and Elizabeth (McKee). Arnold worked for the U.S. Geological Survey from 1900 to 1909, and from 1903-1909 published a variety of paleontological articles. He was active in petroleum surveys throughout the United States, and organized the Petroleum Branch of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. In 1910 he left the USGS and spent 1911-1916 surveying petroleum resources in Trinidad and Venezuela, about which experiences he later published a book, The First Big Oil Hunt: Venezuela, 1911-1916. In the 1920s Arnold’s interests turned to politics, and he was actively involved in the Herbert Hoover presidential campaign. He remained committed to the California Academy of Sciences, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Sierra Club, among other organizations. Arnold died in Santa Barbara in 1961.
Scope and Content
The collection focuses on correspondence, school records, and ephemera related to Ralph Arnold’s daughter, Winninette Arnold Noyes. There is also a variety of other correspondence by members of the Arnold family, as well as their friends and colleagues; diaries kept by Delos Arnold (1856), Ralph Arnold (1891-1901), and Winninette Stokes Arnold (c.1921-1934); an account book including John N. Noyes (1848-1867); ephemera and photographs from South Pasadena Junior High School (1930s); some professional papers related to Ralph Arnold; photographs of the Rose Parade (1930s); a large Arnold family tree; Arnold family photographs; and some printed texts and maps.
Arrangement

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The collection is arranged in eight series: correspondence; diaries and address books; certificates; miscellaneous manuscripts and ephemera; photographs and slides; scrapbook; printed books and maps; and oversize.

**Personal Names**
Arnold, Ralph, 1875-1961.

**Subject**
Domestic relations--California.
Mining engineers--West (U.S.)--Archives.
Petroleum geologists--California--Archives.
School reports--United States.
Surveyors--California.
Tournament of Roses.

**Geographic Areas**
California--History--20th century.
Coalinga Region (Calif.)--Maps.
Pasadena (Calif.)--History.
Yosemite National Park (Calif.)--Maps, Topographic.

**Genre**
Diaries--California--19th century.
Family Papers--California--20th century.
Letters (correspondence)--California--20th century.
Topographic maps--California--20th century.

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**Box 1**

**Correspondence. 1921-1961.**

**Folder 1**
Arnold, Ralph. Letter (1921, Mar.15) to “Aunt Mary.” R.M.S. Imperator.
Physical Description: 1 item.

**Folder 2**
Arnold, Ralph. Letters (1938-1940) to Winninette Arnold Noyes.
Physical Description: 3 items.

**Folder 3**
Arnold, Ralph. Letters (1922, Sep.17-18) to Elizabeth Arnold McKee and Winninette Arnold Noyes.
Physical Description: 2 items.

**Folder 4**
Physical Description: 6 items.

**Folder 5**
Physical Description: 1 item.

**Folder 6**
Physical Description: 1 item.

**Folder 7**
Physical Description: 1 item.

**Folder 8**
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Folder 10  McKee, Elizabeth Arnold. Letter (1939, May 22) to unknown.  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Physical Description: 12 items.

Physical Description: 3 items.

Physical Description: 3 items.

Physical Description: 4 items.

Folder 15  Wilbur, Ray L. Telegram (1922, Nov.7) to Ralph Arnold. New York, N.Y.  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Physical Description: 9 items.

Physical Description: 8 items.

Folder 18  Letters (1923-1940) to Winninette Arnold Noyes regarding stamp collecting.  
Physical Description: 9 items.

Folder 19  Miscellaneous letters (1927-1961) to Winninette Arnold Noyes.  
Physical Description: 17 items.

Folder 20  Miscellaneous correspondence (1961).  
Physical Description: 5 items.

Folder 21  Flower cards from the funeral of Ralph Arnold (1961).  
Physical Description: 28 items.

Folder 22  Address lists.  
Physical Description: 4 items.

Box 2  Diaries and address books. 1848-approximately 1960.

Folder 1  Arnold, Delos. Diary (1856). Marietta, Iowa.  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 2  Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1891).  
Physical Description: 1 item.
Folder 3  
Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1892).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4  
Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1896).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 5  
Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1898).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 6  
Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1899).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 7  
Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1900).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 8  
Arnold, Ralph. Diary (1901).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 9  
Arnold, Winninette Stokes. Diary and address book (c.1921-1934).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 10  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 11  
Noyes, Winninette Arnold. Address books [before 1961].  
Physical Description: 2 items.

Box 3  
Certificates. 1908-1942.

Folder 1  
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Award of distinguished service in foreign trade to Ralph Arnold (1942). With letter.  
Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 2  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 3  
Society of Sigma Xi. Membership certificate to Ralph Arnold (1916).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4  
University of Pittsburgh. Honorary degree to Ralph Arnold (1908).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 1  
Arnold, Delos. Notes on Yosemite (1892).  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 2  
Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 3  
Nordenskiold, A.E. About drilling for water in primary rocks: essay [undated].  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4  
Noyes, Winninette Arnold. Kitchen notes [undated].  
Physical Description: 1 item.
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<td>Miscellaneous notes [undated]. Physical Description: 5 items.</td>
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<td>Newspaper and magazine clippings (c.1922-1931). Physical Description: 20 items.</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Arnold family photographs [undated]. Physical Description: 2 items.</td>
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<td>Rose Parade [undated]. Physical Description: 8 items.</td>
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<td>Marengo Avenue School class photograph (1924, Nov.21). Physical Description: 1 item (rolled).</td>
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<td>South Pasadena Junior High School class photograph (1932, June). Physical Description: 1 item (rolled).</td>
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Folder 9  South Pasadena Junior High School Band photograph (1932, May 24).  
Physical Description: 1 item (rolled).

Folder 10  South Pasadena Junior High School Orchestra photograph (1931, June 10).  
Physical Description: 1 item (rolled).

Box 5a  Removed negatives and slides. Approximately 1890s-1960.

Folder 1  Kodak Negative Album (1932-1933), Book No.11 [Arnold family / Tournament of Roses].  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 2  Kodak Negative Album (c.1930), Book No. 27 [Arnold family].  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 3  Kodak Negative Album [undated], Book No.30 [Arnold family].  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4  Packet of Rose Parade negatives (c.1930s).  
Physical Description: 13 item.

Folder 5  Packet of Rose Parade negatives [undated].  
Physical Description: 25 items.

Folder 6  Packet of Rose Parade negatives [undated].  
Physical Description: 52 items.

Folder 7  Packet of beach negatives [undated].  
Physical Description: 54 items.

Folder 8  Bag of slides [Pasadena, c.1950ss-1960s].  
Physical Description: Approximately 85 items.

Box 6  Scrapbook. Approximately 1916-1923.  
Scrapbook containing correspondence and cartes-de-visite related to the Arnold family.

Box 7  Printed books and maps. 1883-1958.

Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 2  Wood, J.W. A California Santa Claus: storybook. Pasadena, Calif., c.1925. Published copy,  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 3  A Southern California Paradise, being a historic and descriptive account of Pasadena, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, and La Canada.... guide book. Pasadena, Calif.: R.W.C. Farnsworth, 1883. Published copy,  
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4  Maps of the Coalinga Oil District, c.1907.  
Physical Description: 5 items.
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<th>Oversize Folder</th>
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<td>Oversize Rolled Item</td>
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<td>Map of the City of South Pasadena. 1929, Jan.1.</td>
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**Topographic map of Yosemite National Park, 1932.**

Physical Description: 1 item.