Green Family Papers: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Green Family Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1839-1980
Collection Number: mssGreen family papers
Creator: Green, Mildred Browning, 1890-1978.
Extent: 175 items in 3 boxes
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Abstract: This collection contains the papers of Los Angeles art collectors Mildred Green (1890-1978) and her husband, attorney Lucius Peyton Green (1883-), and their family.
Language: English.
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[Identification of item]. Green Family Papers, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California.
Provenance
Gift from estate of Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green, February 1980.
Biographical Note
A native of Anaheim, California, Mildred Clara Browning Green (1890-1978) was born to Lionel Browning and Adele S. Rust on January 14, 1890. In 1915, she married Stanford University-educated attorney, Lucius Peyton Green (born 1883), son of Civil War-veteran Lucius Peyton Green, Sr. and Fannie DuBrutz. The Greens amassed a sizeable European art collection, portions of which were later bequeathed to the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery. Their art collections were featured in William R. Valentiner’s Catalog of the Collection of Mrs. Lucius Peyton Green (1956) and the Huntington Library’s Adele S. Browning Memorial Collection (1979). In addition to their involvement in the arts, the couple collected their families’ histories. Both accumulated genealogical information in the forms of local history books, newspaper clippings, photographs, and manuscripts compiled by relatives. Mildred Browning Green died in Los Angeles in November 1978; Lucius Peyton Green died the following month.
Bibliography
Scope and Content
The collection contains documents, manuscripts, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera. Documents include legal, contractual, and real property papers of the Green and Browning families as well as Lucius Peyton Green’s Stanford law degree and petition to the Greek letter society, Delta Chi. Manuscripts include the diaries of Lionel Browning and the travel and art notebooks of Mildred Browning Green and Lucius Peyton Green. Also featured in this series are genealogical research manuscripts compiled by members of the Green, Browning, and Rust families, documenting the lives of their descendants and those of their distant relations. The third series of correspondence mostly contains letters to and from family members. Several letters of note include two Civil War-era letters written by Lucius Peyton Green, Sr. to his parents as well as a letter and gift from Arthur Gardiner Coons (1900-1968), former president of Occidental College, to Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green. A series of photographs contains images of members of the Walker and Green Families and their estates in Surrey, England and Los Angeles, California, respectively. The final series of ephemera
contains printed announcements, monographs, copies from monographs, address and birthday books, and the passports of Mildred Browning Green and Lucius Peyton Green.

**Arrangement**
The collection is alphabetically arranged into Documents, Manuscripts, Correspondence, Photographs, and Ephemera.

**Subjects in the collection include:**
- Brundage, Avery -- Art collections. In Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green’s copy of Harris Newmark’s *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913* (1926). Includes newspaper clippings. Box 3 (6).
- California, Southern -- History -- 19th century. In Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green’s copy of Harris Newmark’s *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913* (1926). Includes newspaper clippings. Box 3 (6).
- California, Southern -- History -- 20th century. In Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green’s copy of Harris Newmark’s *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913* (1926). Includes newspaper clippings. Box 3 (6).
- Hanson, Roger Weightman, 1827-1863. In Green, Lucius Peyton, Sr. 2 letters (1862) to John R. Green and Elizabeth T. Nelson Green. Box 2 (8).
- Los Angeles County (Calif.). Dept. of Tax Collector. In Real estate, tax, and business receipts of Frederick William and Sophie C. Koll, Lionel Browning, and John Donovan (1872-1891). Box 1 (4).
- Mechanics’ liens -- California. In Legal, contractual, and business papers concerning Mildred Browning Green’s family-owned property at Seventh and Spring Streets in Los Angeles (1873-1923). Box 1 (3).
- Obituaries -- California, Southern. In Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green’s copy of Harris Newmark’s *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913* (1926). Includes newspaper clippings. Box 3 (6).
- Pennington, Edward Alonzo, 1811-1846. In Green, John R. 1 letter (1844) to Ann F. Green. Box 2 (6).
- Stanford University. School of Law. In Stanford University. Lucius Peyton Green’s diploma and Petition to Delta Chi from the Members of the Stephen J. Field Club of Leland Stanford Junior University Law Department (1905). Box 1 (6).

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the [Huntington Library’s Online Catalog](https://www.library.huntington.org).**Subjects**
- Brundage, Avery -- Art collections.
- DuBrutz family.
- Green family.
- Green, Mildred Browning, 1890-1978.
- Hanson, Roger Weightman, 1827-1863.
- Pennington, Edward Alonzo, 1811-1846.
- Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery.
- Stanford University. School of Law.
United States. Army -- Military life -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Art -- Collectors and collecting -- California.
Mechanics’ liens -- California.
Obituaries -- California, Southern.
Anaheim (Calif.) -- Biography.
Anaheim (Calif.) -- History.
California, Southern -- History -- 19th century.
California, Southern -- History -- 20th century.
Kentucky -- Genealogy.
Surrey (England) -- Buildings, structures, etc.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Correspondence.
Virginia -- Genealogy.

**Forms/Genres**
Clippings -- United States -- 20th century.
Diaries -- California, Southern -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
Manuscripts -- 19th century.
Photographs -- 19th century.
Photographs -- 20th century.
Wills -- California -- 19th century.

**Additional Contributors**
Coons, Arthur Gardiner, 1900-1968.
Green, Lucius Peyton.
Los Angeles County (Calif.). Dept. of Tax Collector.

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**Box 1**

**Documents and Manuscripts**

**Folder 1**
Agreement between William and Emma C. Fromheim and Lionel Browning for the purchase of fifty acres of farmland in North Anaheim (1884, Jul. 15). 1 item.

**Folder 2**
Koll, Frederick William. Last will and testament (1878, Nov. 21). 1 item.

**Folder 3**
Legal, contractual, and business papers concerning Mildred Browning Green’s family-owned property at Seventh and Spring Streets in Los Angeles (1873-1923). 16 items.

**Folder 4**
Real estate, tax, and business receipts of Frederick William and Sophie C. Koll, Lionel Browning, and John Donovan (1872-1891). 18 items.

**Folder 5**
San Jose Abstract Company. Abstract of title for property in Santa Clara County belonging to the Green family (1913, Dec. 24). 1 item. Note: the title report was augmented to include paperwork through the year 1923.

**Folder 6**
Stanford University. Lucius Peyton Green’s diploma and Petition to Delta Chi from the Members of the Stephen J. Field Club of Leland Stanford Junior University Law Department (1905). 2 items.

**Folder 7**

**Folder 8**

**Folder 9**
Green, Susanna T. “The Green Family of Culpeper County, Virginia” Genealogical Chart (1957). 7 items. Includes newspaper clippings and calling cards. Note: the chart may be a 1957 re-print of the 1895 original. See John T. Schlotterbeck’s 1980 dissertation, “Plantation and Farm” (pg. 46).

**Folder 10**

**Box 2**
Correspondence and Photographs
Folder 1  Browning, Ellen. 1 letter (1884, Jan. 20) to Adele S. Browning.
Folder 2  Browning, Ellen. 10 letters (1879-1884) to Lionel Browning.
Folder 3  Coons, Arthur Gardiner, 1900-1968. 2 items (1960, Apr. 18) to Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green. Note: includes letter and monograph.
Folder 4  Fosdick, C.S. 7 letters (1897- ca.1900) to Adele S. Browning.
Folder 5  Fosdick, C.S.1 letter (1898, Jan. 14) to Mildred Browning Green.
Folder 6  Green, John R. 1 letter (1844, Apr. 30) to Ann F. Green.
Folder 7  Green, John R. 1 letter (1839, Jan. 10) to Elizabeth T. Nelson Green.
Folder 8  Green, Lucius Peyton, Sr. 2 letters (1862) to John R. Green and Elizabeth T. Nelson Green.
Folder 9  Green, Lucius Peyton. 1 letter (1914, Jul. 27) to Mildred Browning Green.
Folder 10 Green, Mildred Browning. 8 letters (1897-1915) to Adele S. Browning.
Folder 11 Green, Mildred Browning. 1 letter (1960, Apr. 27) to Arthur Gardiner Coons, 1900-1968.
Folder 12 Moore, James H. 1 letter (1896, May 5) to Fannie DuBrutz Green.
Folder 13 Rheem, Constance. 1 telegram (1961, Mar. 31) to Mildred Browning Green.
Folder 14 Taylor, Fannie. 1 letter to (1959, Apr. 3) to Ethel Lee Rust.
Folder 15 Thommen, Auguste and William Thommen. 7 items (1957-1963) to Lucius Peyton Green. Note: Includes letters and receipts.
Folder 16 Walker, Alfred. 2 items (1890) to Lionel Browning. Note: Includes letter and estate papers.
Folder 17 Photographs of members of the Walker and Green Families and their estates (Between 1876 and 1980). 5 items.

Box 3

Ephemera

Folder 1  Address book of Mildred Browning Green (Before 1945). 1 item.
Folder 3  Birthday books of Adele S. Browning and Mildred Browning Green (ca. 1900-1908). 3 items.
Folder 4  Certificates of Vaccination and United States Passports of Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green (1936-1962). 7 items.
Folder 5  Green, Mildred Browning. Notes made in Bible [Undated]. 3 items. Note: two of these items are photocopies taken from the Bible given to Lionel Browning from his mother on February 21, 1873.
Folder 6  Lucius Peyton Green and Mildred Browning Green’s copy of Harris Newmark’s *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913* (1926). Includes newspaper clippings. 41 items.
Folder 7  Printed Announcements (1886-1980). 7 items.