
Bond Family Photograph Collection photCL 219

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Title: Bond family photograph collection

Identifier/Call Number: photCL 219

Physical Description: 1.4 Linear Feet (1 box)

Date (inclusive): approximately 1896-1906

Abstract: Photographs of the Judge Hiram Gilbert Bond residence "New Park" in Santa Clara, California, and Bond family members including Marshall Bond at his cabin in Dawson, Yukon, 1898.

Language of Material: Materials are in English.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Richard H. Warner, August 1977.

Custodial History

Alaska and Yukon prints made from negatives loaned to the donor by Marshall Bond Jr., August 1969.

Biographical / Historical

Hiram Gilbert Bond (1838-1906) was a federal judge in Virginia in 1866 under Reconstruction. He went on to become a self-made millionaire as a broker and businessman in mining, ranching, railroads and other interests. He married Laura Ann Higgins and they had two sons, Marshall and Louis. Author Jack London became a friend of the Bond family after he met Marshall Bond, who was a mining engineer, and his brother Louis while in the Klondike, 1897-1898. London spent time at the Bond estate in Santa Clara, California, and based the character of Judge Miller in "The Call of the Wild" on Judge Bond. The setting of the beginning of the novel is based on the Bond residence, and the dog Buck was inspired by the Bonds' dog, Jack.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains photographs of Hiram G. Bond, his sons Marshall L. Bond and Louis W. Bond, and an album of 35 photographs of the Bond family residence "New Park," in Santa Clara, California, approximately 1896-1906. There are four loose photographs of Louis Bond in Goldfield, Nevada; Louis and Marshall Bond; and Hiram G. Bond in portraits alone and with grandchildren, 1906. Images from the Klondike gold rush depict the Bond brothers, their dog Jack, and three other men outside their cabin in Dawson City, Yukon, 1898. There are no photographs of Jack London in this collection. There are also copies of a few commercial photographs of miners in Alaska and the Klondike. The "New Park" album (disbound) contains mounted 8 x 10-inch views of the exterior and interior of the Bond residence in Santa Clara, which has a swimming pool, windmill, and vineyard. Hiram Bond appears in one photograph, with dogs, and another shows two small children, presumably his grandchildren. An unidentified woman (probably Laura Bond) is partially cut out of two photographs.

Processing Information

Processed by Huntington Library staff, circa late-20th century. In 2020, Suzanne Oatey created a finding aid derived from a collection file.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Architecture, Domestic -- California -- 19th century

Gold miners -- Yukon -- Klondike River Valley

Mansions -- California

Dawson (Yukon)

Klondike River Valley (Yukon)

Santa Clara (Calif.)

Photographs

Photograph albums

Bond, Hiram Gilbert, 1838-1906 -- Homes and haunts

Bond, Marshall, 1867-1941

Box 1

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