Guide to the Osborne Family Papers

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Overview

Call Number: SC0636
Creator: Osborne family.
Title: Osborne family papers
Dates: 1871-1950
Physical Description: 3.25 Linear feet (6 boxes)
Summary: Correspondence, photographs, books, and other papers of Henry A. and Helen Annas Osborne and their five children, all of whom attended Stanford University.
Language(s): The materials are in English.
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Biography

Henry Z. Osborne (1848-1923) was owner/editor of the Los Angeles Evening Express (1884-1897), gold miner, and California state representative from 1917 until his death in 1923. He was married to Helen Annas (formerly of Cazenovia, New York). All five of their children attended Stanford University. Sherrill B. Osborne, A.B. in law 1897, was managing editor of the Daily Palo Alto during his sophomore year and editor in chief during his junior year. Henry Z. Osborne, Jr., A.B. in civil engineering 1897, was active in the Civil Engineers' Club and Class Historian during his senior year. Both Sherrill and Henry also wrote for San Francisco newspapers while at Stanford. Raymond G. Osborne and Edith Osborne Stahl attended from 1903-1906. Clarence B. Osborne earned his A.B. in geology in 1909.

Scope and Content of Collection

These papers primarily consist of letters between the parents and their children during their student years at Stanford (1893-1909) and letters from the younger children to the older ones at Stanford, with some additional correspondence from family and friends (1871-1911). Other items include a biographical sketch of Henry Z. Osborne, Raymond Osborne's notebook on surveying, 1906, photographs, and books. Sherrill and Henry's letters, 1894-1897, comment on the health and schoolwork of their younger siblings, their father's newspaper, their study habits, life in Encina Hall, the 1894 frosh-soph tie-up, football and other athletic events, trips to San Francisco, and their work writing for San Francisco newspapers. Clarence, Edith, and Raymond's letters comment on their schoolwork and study habits, social life, football games, trips to San Francisco, and visits with Mrs. Dunn on campus.

Arrangement note

The materials are arranged in three series: 1) Correspondence; 2) Books; and 3) Photographs.

Access Terms

Osborne, Clarence B.
Osborne, Henry Zenas., 1848-1923.
Osborne, Raymond G.
Osborne, Sherrill B.
Stahl, Edith Osborne
### Series 1 Correspondence 1871-1912

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Osborne, Raymond. Notebook on surveying, 1906
Sketch of Stanford student, unsigned

Box 2, Folder 16

Series 2 Books 1896-1950

Box 3
Branner and Newsom, *Syllabus of a Course of Lectures on Economic Geology* (Stanford University 1900); with extensive notes (by Clarence?)

Box 3
*The Remick Favorite Collection of College Songs* (1909)

Box 3
J.C.L. Fish, *Lettering of Working Drawings* (1894) - inscribed "H. Z. Osborne Jr. Stanford Univ. 1895"

Box 3
*Holy Bible*, stamped "Raymond Osborne" on cover

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Box 3
*Report of the Director of the Mint upon the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States during the Calendar Year 1898* (1899)

Box 3
*Leith, C.K., Structural Geology* (1913) - property of Clarence B. Osborne

Box 3
*Kehl, George L., The Principles of Metallographic Laboratory Practice* (1943)

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Series 3 Photographs 1887-1923

Stanford Images, 1895-1906

Charles P. Cutter in [Encina] room, Nov 20, 1895
Two photos of the Frosh-Soph Tie-Up, undated
Three images of 1906 earthquake damage: chemistry building, memorial arch, and Agassiz statue 1906

Family Images, 1887-1923

Photograph of Clarence Osborne and son Henry, 1921
Portrait of Erwin Garfield Osborne, born June 8, 1880, Jan 31, 1887
Portrait of Raymond G. Osborne, 1886
Two photographs of unidentified groups of people, circa 1920
Photograph of a damaged building ("Lincoln"), possibly from 1906 quake, 1906
Photograph of man in front of house (same house as below)
Four photographs of people on a beach, circa 1923
Photograph of a house, unidentified
Portrait of Raymond G. Osborne, 1906
Group portrait, possibly high school (one woman holding W '02 banner)
Group portrait of engineers, with Chief Deputy Henry Z. Osborne, Jr. identified [location unknown]
Family portrait, circa 1900

Earthquake images taken by Raymond Osborne, 1906

Chemistry and Museum: exterior of chemistry, fallen sculpture in museum lobby 1906
Encina Hall: two exteriors, one interior 1906
Gymnasium: four views of the front, two views of the rear of building 1906
Library: two images 1906
Memorial Church and quad: facade of church, ruins of arcade behind church 1906
Miscellaneous: man with shotgun guarding ruins, unidentified close-up of ruined interior 1906

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Letters from Osborne children to family, written while at Stanford University.

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Box 1, Folder 26 Letters from Henry Z. 1897

Incoming letters to Osborne children, received while at Stanford University.

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Box 2, Folder 4  Incoming letters to Henry Z. 1897
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Stanford versus Cal Debate 1887 Apr 24

Box 2, Folder 11

Stanford Commencement program 1887