Guide to the Kenyon, Stanley, and Crellin Families Papers MS.R.049

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Language of Collection Materials: Collection materials are in English.
Abstract: This collection consists of papers and photographs of the Kenyon, Stanley, and Crellin families. The Kenyon and Crellin families lived in Iowa in the late 19th century and moved west to Tustin, California at the turn of the 20th century, where Alta Kenyon married Harry Stanley. The Stanleys, including Mr. S.W. Stanley, were involved in citrus farming in Tustin. This collection includes programs, newspaper clippings, farming records, ledgers, brochures, postcards, school materials, and photographs from Southern California and Iowa.
Creator: Crellin family
Creator: Kenyon family
Creator: Smith, Helen
Creator: Stanley family
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Acquisition Information
Processing History
Historical Background
The Kenyon, Stanley, and Crellin families were citrus farmers who lived in Tustin, California in the early 20th century. Miss Alta Kenyon was born in 1889 in Iowa to John Kenyon and Franc Hunt. In 1899, Alta, her cousins Chester and Perry Kenyon, and her uncle, E.M. Crellin, moved to California and settled in the city of Tustin. Alta graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1909 and attended the California School of Artistic Whistling before marrying Harry B. Stanley in 1913 in Tustin. Together they grew citrus trees and were members of the Tustin Hills Citrus Association.
S.W. Stanley was the secretary for the Tustin Chamber of Commerce and kept minutes of their meetings from 1915 to 1917. He and his wife were active members of the American and California Farm Bureau Federations. Their daughter, Helen Stanley, was born in 1905 in Arkansas before they relocated to California. Helen later married William Smith and became a major Orange County historian.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
This collection consists of papers and photographs from the Kenyon, Stanley, and Crellin families, compiled and donated by Helen Stanley Smith. Most of the materials are from the Orange County area in the early 20th century. The papers include report cards, diplomas, commencement programs, and other school materials; as well as magazines, postcards, newspaper clippings, brochures, records, and ledgers. The American and California Farm Bureau Federation and the Tustin Hills Citrus Association records show the families’ interest in farming and growing citrus trees. Also included are the meeting minutes and reports from the Tustin Chamber of Commerce when Mr. S.W. Stanley was its secretary in the early 20th century. The majority of the photographs in this collection show Orange County and other Southern California locales in the early 1900s, as well as Iowa at the turn of the 20th century. Orange County photographs include the city of Tustin, where the family lived and worked; Laguna Beach; San Juan Capistrano; and the Orange County Fair in the 1920s. Other locations represented in the photographs are Los Angeles County, San Diego County, Mexico, and Iowa.
Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged in 2 series:

Series 1. Papers, 1883-1964, 0.6 linear feet
Series 2. Photographs, 1900-1959 and undated, 0.6 linear feet

Separation Note
The following materials were removed from this collection and cataloged separately in Special Collections and Archives:

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Santa Ana High School (Santa Ana, Calif.).
California, Southern -- Photographs.
Citrus fruit industry -- California -- Orange County -- History -- Sources
Fruit growers -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century
High schools -- California -- Orange County
Orange County (Calif.) -- Archives.
Orange County (Calif.) -- History.
Tustin (Calif.) -- Archives.
Tustin (Calif.) -- Photographs.

Papers Series 1. 1883-1964
Physical Description: 0.6 Linear feet
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of personal and professional papers from the Kenyon, Stanley, and Crellin families. It includes school materials, certificates, receipts, magazines, postcards, ephemera, ledgers, records, and reports.
Series Arrangement
This collection is arranged into 2 subseries:
Personal Papers, 1883-1964
Professional Papers, 1915-1964

Personal papers, 1883-1964
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries consists of school materials and other personal documents from the Stanley, Kenyon, and Crellin families. The report cards, commencement materials, diplomas, and albums are from elementary and high schools in Tustin, Santa Ana, San Diego, and Iowa. Receipts and other materials are included from the U.S. Treasury Department, Tustin Hardware Company, Southern California Edison Company, Irvine Walnut Association, Fairhaven Cemetery Association, Tustin Packing Company, and Lutz Company. Magazines such as Life are included from the early 20th century. This subseries also contains postcards from Tustin and Santa Ana, some including personal written messages.

Box 1, Folder 1
Box 1, Folder 2-3

Report cards, 1883-1936
Commencement materials, 1909-1935
Scope and Content Note
Commencement programs and announcements from Tustin Grammar School, Tustin Union High School, San Diego High School, and Santa Ana High School.
Papers Series 1.1883-1964
Personal papers, 1883-1964

Diplomas, 1909-1935
- Tustin Elementary School, 1931
- Tustin High School, 1935
- Santa Ana High School, 1909
- Tustin First Presbyterian Church, 1930

School albums, clippings, and other material, 1908-1912
- California School of Artistic Whistling, 1912 and undated

Certificates, 1889-1913

Receipts, checkbooks, and other material, 1911-1962 and undated

Magazines, 1898-1964
- Buffalo Bill's Wild West Historical Sketches and Programme, 1898
- Judge, February 23, 1964
- Life, May 1, 1924
- Life, August 21, 1924

Postcards, 1913-1921 and undated

Professional papers, 1915-1964

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries consists of papers from the professional lives of the Kenyon, Stanley, and Crellin families. Most of the material is related to farming and citrus growing, which was the families' main business interest. Brochures, clippings, programs, and reports of the American and California Farm Bureau Federation are included, as well as payment records from the Tustin Hills Citrus Association. This subseries also contains the business ledger of S.W. Stanley, as well as reports and meeting minutes from the Tustin Chamber of Commerce when he was its secretary.

Farm Bureau records, 1941-1946

Tustin Hills Citrus Association ledgers, 1959-1964

Ledger of S.W. Stanley, 1916-1925

Tustin Chamber of Commerce reports and minutes, 1915-1917 and undated

Photographs Series 2. 1900-1959 and undated

Physical Description: 0.6 Linear feet

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of photographs from Southern California, Mexico, and Iowa from the early and mid-20th century. It includes mostly black-and-white prints, with some color prints of the Crellin house in Tustin circa 1959. Most of the photographs depict buildings and landscapes in the locales mentioned above, with some portraits and group portraits included. Some black-and-white panoramas of Orange County are included as oversize material.

The Orange County photographs include scenes of the Orange County fair, Tustin, Laguna Beach (Arch Beach), Santa Ana, Newport Beach, Irvine Ranch, Orange County Park, the San Juan Capistrano mission, and Santa Ana Canyon. In particular, the Tustin photographs show the Crellin house on Tustin Ave., schools, and the town of Tustin circa 1900. Also included in this series are photographs of Redondo Beach, San Fernando Valley, Catalina Island, the San Diego mission, Old Town San Diego, La Jolla, Warner Hot Springs, Point Loma, Hotel del Coronado, Tijuana (Mexico), and Iowa. Typed and handwritten captions for the Iowa photographs and most of the California photographs are included.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged by locality, with notes on the photographs at the end of the series.

Orange County, Bulk, 1900-1920 1900-1959 and undated

Oversize material, undated

Physical Description: 3 panoramas.
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