Finding Aid for the Ella Foy O'Gorman papers, 1860-1963

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ella Foy O'Gorman papers
Date (inclusive): 1860-1963
Collection number: 909
Creator: O'Gorman, Ella Foy, 1862-.
Extent: 4 legal document boxes (2 linear ft.) 1 oversize flat box

Abstract: Ella Foy O'Gorman (1862-1965) was born in Los Angeles, California and worked as a school teacher in Washington. She did genealogical research and wrote books about her family history, including Ancestry of the Foy Family and Allied Families (1932) and Calverts of Virginia (1947). The collection consists of O'Gorman's photographs, diary, correspondence, notebooks, and clippings primarily concerning the history of the Foy family.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

Language of the Material: Materials are in English.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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Gift of Mr. Robert Herron, December 3, 1965.

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Biography/History
Ella Foy O'Gorman was born July 2, 1862 in Los Angeles, California. She became a school teacher in Washington and later did genealogical research and wrote books, including Ancestry of the Foy Family and Allied Families (1932) and Calverts of Virginia (1947). O'Gorman died in June 1965.

Scope and Content
The bulk of the collection consists of materials compiled or created by O'Gorman for her genealogical research, including ancestry charts, family trees, and coats of arms; correspondence; historical/government documents; handwritten looseleaf notes (largely undated) and notebooks; published works and related materials; newspaper clippings; and photographs. These materials range in date from 1867-1958. Most of the 19th century material consists of photographs (including one daguerreotype) of Foy's relatives. There are also some copies of pre-20th century documents (e.g., census records, wills, death certificates) obtained by O'Gorman in the 1930s-1950s. Some of these documents originated in the United Kingdom. Most of the material originated in the United States, particularly Los Angeles (where O'Gorman was born and lived in later life) and Washington (where O'Gorman worked as a school teacher for a time). The remainder of the collection is made up of O'Gorman's personal materials, including correspondence, family members' (including her sister Mary Foy's) writings, government documents, historical association documents, newspaper clippings, notebooks, and photographs. These materials range in date from 1904-1962.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
Series 1: Genealogical research, 1867-1958
### Series 2: Personal materials, 1904-1962

The files in these series have been arranged alphabetically.

#### Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

O’Gorman, Ella Foy, 1862-
Foy family --Archival resources.
Women genealogists --United States --Archival resources.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

family papers.
photographs.

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<th>Box 1, Folder 1</th>
<th>Ancestry charts, family trees, and coats of arms. circa 1930s.</th>
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<td>Box 5, Folders 1-2</td>
<td>Correspondence. 1922-1958.</td>
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<td>Box 2, Folders 1-2</td>
<td>General genealogical materials. undated.</td>
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<td>Box 2, Folders 3-6</td>
<td>Historical/government documents. circa 1948-1950.</td>
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<td>Box 3, Folder 4</td>
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<td>Photographs. 1867-1930.</td>
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**Scope and Content**

Consists of personal materials, including correspondence, family members' writings, government documents, historical association documents, newspaper clippings, notebooks, and photographs.

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<td>Photographs. 1930-1962.</td>
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<td>Box 4, Folder 11</td>
<td>Poetry; essay discussing Franklin D. Roosevelt. undated.</td>
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**Scope and Content Note**

This file consists of items whose relationship to any of the other files cannot be determined, including copies of poems apparently not written by O’Gorman and a typewritten essay discussing Franklin D. Roosevelt (author unidentified).