Mildred A. Bonham Papers

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Guide to the Mildred A. Bonham Papers, ca. 1860s-1904 [bulk dates 1880s-1904]

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Mildred A. Bonham Papers
Dates: ca. 1860s-1904
Bulk Dates: 1880s-1904
Collection number: Bernath Mss 231
Collection Size: 1.4 linear feet (1 document box and 1 carton)
Creator: Bonham, Mildred A.
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: The collection contains diaries, photograph albums, loose photographs, and a scrapbook relating to Mildred A. Bonham, wife of Benjamin F. Bonham, who was appointed U.S. Consul to British India, in Calcutta, 1885-1894.

Physical location: Del Norte.
Languages: English

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Acquisition Information
Purchase, 2006.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains diaries, photograph albums, loose photographs, and a scrapbook relating to Mildred A. Bonham, wife of Benjamin F. Bonham, who was appointed U.S. Consul to British India, in Calcutta, 1885-1894. Materials pertain both to time at home in Oregon and in Calcutta.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog. Bonham, Mildred A.
| Box 1: 1 | Mrs. B. F. Bonham, Salem, Oregon, July 17, 1884 - covers time in Oregon, and discusses mainly family and social events, including her husband's trip to Portland to celebrate President Cleveland's election, July 17, 1884-Sept. 24, 1885 |
| Box 1: 2 | Mrs. B. F. Bonham / Calcutta India, March 15, 1888 - covers time in Calcutta as well as a family visit to Colombo (Ceylon, now Sri Lanka). Back cover and second half of diary are severely water damaged. Subjects include involvement with the church, including missionary work; meeting Lord Dufferin; social gatherings and family matters, Mar. 15, 1988-July 18, 1889 |
| Box 1: 3 | Mildred F. Bonham's Journal, Calcutta, India, March 1890 - covers time in Calcutta through return to Oregon, discusses primarily family matters and events year to year, Mar. 25, 1890-Feb. 3, 1904 |
| Box 1: 4 | For Mama from Ralphie, Calcutta, India, June 14, 1886 - contains primarily clippings relating to the Bonham family, including the death of their son Burton Bonham; religious poetry and articles about missionary work in India; and a series of articles about life in Calcutta written by Mildred Bonham, ca. 1886-1891 |
| Box 1: 5 | Two loose photographs - one portrait of a woman in formal clothes (possibly Mildred Bonham); one portrait of man with high wheeler, both taken in India |
| Box 2: 1 | Large brown leather album with metal corner details containing 50 black and white portraits of Bonham family and friends, primarily taken in Oregon and Idaho, a few in Calcutta, including a portrait of Mildred. |
| Box 2: 2 | Large brown leather album containing 28 black and white portraits, many of babies and children. |
| Box 2: 3 | Blue velvet album with 18 portraits, taken primarily in Calcutta and Idaho, some identified on backs. Many photos coming loose. |
| Box 2: 4 | Small leather tooled album with metal accents with 49 portraits, mostly of the Bonham family and taken in Oregon. Includes two tin types. |