Preliminary Guide to the Soper Family Papers

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Gift of Wilbur R. Jacobs, 1957.

Biography
Charles H. and Emeline Soper had a small farm in Norton County, Pennsylvania after the Civil War. In 1883 Charles traveled to California, and a year later his wife (Emeline) and daughter (Catharine) joined him. They bought a house in Alhambra, California, but Charles died soon after, in 1885. Mrs. Charles H. Soper and her daughter remained there the rest of their lives.
Charles H. Soper [CHS]. Died 1885.
Daughter Emma Catharine [Kate/Katie] Soper. Died July 26, 1938 in Alhambra, CA.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
The collection contains two series: Soper Family Manuscripts and Wilbur R. Jacobs Research. See container list for more information.

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**Series 1. Soper Family Manuscripts**

Box 1: 1 - 2 Clippings
Box 1: 1 Typewritten transcripts, ca. 1870s
Box 1: 2 Soper family, ca. 1937-1938
Box 1: 3 - 5 Correspondence (originals, along with typed transcripts for many)
Box 1: 3 Civil War -- CHS to his brother, 1862, n.d.
Box 1: 4 CHS to family, ca. 1883-1884
Box 1: 5 Emeline and Catharine, 1909-1935
Box 1: 6 Diary -- typewritten transcript, ca. 1883-1884
Box 1: 7 Notebook -- includes recipes, poems, horticulture, and accounts (also later undated loose typewritten notes by Catharine Soper laid in), ca. 1877-1882
Box 1: 8 - 9 Photographs
Box 1: 8 Soper family, n.d.
Box 1: 9 Gardens and scenery (much like the ones in *Stories*), n.d.
Box 1: 10 - 11 Picture Postcard Albums
Box 1: 10 Western, Pennsylvania, and a few Santa Barbara Scenes (mainly to Mrs. Emeline. Soper and Miss Catharine [Kate] Soper, Alhambra, CA), ca. 1905-1913
Box 1: 11 U.S. and Europe, ca. 1910s
Box 2: 1 Picture Postcards -- loose, some with messages, to Emeline and Catharine, ca. 1905-1930s
Box 2: 2 - 5 Writings by E. Catharine Soper
Box 2: 2 Essays (mainly about animal rights and vegetarianism), n.d.
Box 2: 3 - 4 *Stories of an Alhambra Garden and Journeys Near*-- typescript, with photos, ca. 1930s
Box 2: 5 Miscellany (includes copy of etching of C. H. Soper residence in Pennsylvania), ca. 1870s-early 1900s

**Series 2. Jacobs, Wilbur -- Research**

Box 2: 6 Outline, 1942
Box 2: 7 - 8 Research Notes, ca. early 1940s