Guide to the Pierce Family Albums

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Pierce Family albums
Dates: 1900-1918
Collection number: MS 208
Creator: Pierce, Walter S. family
Collection Size: 2 flats
Repository: University of California, Santa Cruz. University Library. Special Collections and Archives
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Abstract: This collection contains one photograph album of the Walter S. Pierce family's life in San Francisco, one album of the family's summer camping expeditions in the Santa Cruz mountains, and one scrapbook documenting Edwin Pierce's 1904-06 summer adventures in Marin and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Also included are thirty seven loose photographs of the family's Grand Tour of Europe.

Physical location: Stored offsite at NRLF: Advance notice is required for access to the papers.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information
Purchased in 1963.

Biography
Walter S. Pierce was born in Massachusetts in 1842. By 1880 he had moved to San Francisco with his first wife Lucille and was making his living as a music instructor. He prospered and by 1905 was the proprietor of the Walter S. Pierce Piano Manufacturing Company in San Francisco. His son, Edwin was born in 1891, and daughter Ruby was born in 1894. Upon the death of his first wife, he married Minnie E. Miller.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains one photograph album of the Walter S. Pierce family's life in San Francisco, one album of the family's summer camping expeditions in the Santa Cruz mountains that includes a diary by Edwin Pierce of his activities with the 1915 Boys Club of San Francisco, and one scrapbook by Edwin Pierce of his 1904-1906 summer adventures in Marin and clippings of the 1906 earthquake ruins. Also included are thirty seven loose photographs of the family's Grand Tour of Europe.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Boys Club of San Francisco
Camping--California--Santa Cruz Mountains
San Francisco Earthquake, Calif., 1906
Pierce, Walter S. family--Archives
Pierce, Edwin

box-folder 1:2, 2:2 Series 1 Photograph albums ca. 1900-1918
Physical Description: 2 albums
Scope and Content
This series contains photograph albums created by the Walter S. Pierce family. Most of the photographs are not captioned.

box-folder 1:2 Family camping album 1904-1918
Physical Description: Black leather album, 30 x 25 cm.
Scope and Content Note
This album contains photographs of the Pierce family camping expeditions in the Santa Cruz mountains, as well as photographs and a diary by Edwin Pierce documenting his involvement with the 1915 Boys Club of San Francisco camping trips to Boulder Creek and Felton areas.

box-folder 2:2 San Francisco family album 1900-1913
Physical Description: Black leather album, 30 x 25 cm.
Scope and Content Note
This album contains photographs of the Pierce family and their daily life in San Francisco. Included are photographs of family members and friends, Santa Cruz beaches, Half Moon Bay, Mount Tamalpais, 1906 San Francisco earthquake ruins, Admission Day parades in San Francisco, and the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

box-folder 1:1 Series 2 Scrapbook, 1904-1906
Physical Description: Paper bound notebook, 15 x 13 cm.
Scope and Content
This scrapbook is Edwin Pierce's diary of his summer adventures in Marin on Hilerita ranch starting in 1904, and also contains news clippings of the destruction caused by the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

box-folder 2:1 Series 3 Photographs, ca. 1910-1920,
Physical Description: 1 folder, 37 photographs
Scope and Content
Thirty seven loose photographs of the Walter S. Pierce's family grand tour of Europe.