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Biography
Nina H. Foulk (nee McDaniel) was born in Marysville, Calif. (1846) and died in San Francisco (c1923). Her father was R.H. McDaniel of Marysville (b. 1813). Her letters reveal that she had at least three siblings: R.H. Jr., Eugene and Lizzie (b. 1855). Eugene P. McDaniel was District Attorney of Yuba county during the 1890s and Judge of the Superior Court in 1906. Eugene P. McDaniel was District Attorney of Yuba county during the 1890s and Judge of the Superior Court in 1906.

Nina McDaniel married a George A. Foulk of Ashton, Colusa Co., in about 1863. Ashton had been a boom town during the 1860s since federal government subsidies for copper had lead to a surge in mining in the area. By 1866 the mining boom had collapsed. Foulk seems to have been a justice of the peace at one time, since some correspondence is addressed to him as "Judge" Foulk. While he was not directly involved in mining, his livelihood was doubtless adversely affected by the change in economic prosperity of Ashton. After the family moved to Honcut, Yuba county, during the 1870s, Foulk raised sheep.
The Foulks had two sons, Henry and Herbert, and three daughters, Bessie, Ada and Nina. The marriage may have been a difficult one--both emotionally and financially--for the correspondence contains at least one dunning letter from a grocer and evidence that Mr. Foulk left his wife and settled in Texas as early as 1880.

Nina Foulk apparently supported herself by teaching school--first in Ashton (1870s), then in Honcut, Butte county (1877-1887), Moore's Station, Butte county (1888-1897), and San Francisco (1898-1901). In 1906 she was back in Yuba county operating a boarding house and teaching school, but, by 1908, she seems to have retired to Berkeley, where she lived in her son, Henry's, home with daughter Nina. In 1923 she lived in San Francisco with her daughter Bessie MacMurray.

**Scope and Content**

The Foulk Family Papers consist chiefly of correspondence to Mrs. Foulk from family and friends, letters from Mrs. Foulk to her mother, Mrs. R.H. McDaniel, and son, Henry D. Foulk (1906). There is also correspondence to Mr. Foulk from his relatives. The content of most of these letters concerns family matters and other aspects of the daily lives of their authors. There are passing descriptions of life in Yuba county and San Luis Obispo county. There are also occasional references to woman suffrage issues.

**BOX 1: FOULK FAMILY PAPERS**

[N.B.--MOST Corresp. is addressed to Nina H. Foulk and only author name is provided unless otherwise indicated]

**Fol. 1--CORRESP., 1864-1870**

- Mary Love, Mansfield 6-22-64 [2 l.] teacher's examination (Calif.)
- M.P. Wilkins, San Jose 7-13-64 [San Jose description]
- George A. Foulk from Stephen Foulk, Carlisle, Pa. 12-21-66 [re sale of farm in East]
- M.W. Ransom, SF 3-21-70
- R.H. McDaniel, Jr., Marysville 5-23-70 [2 l.]
- Annie H. Hamilton, Summit, Miss. 10-2-70 [widow's life, women's rights]
- Lizzie McDaniel, Marysville 11-20-1870 [incl. env.]
- Mary Wheeler, Devall's Bluff, Ark. 11-28-70 [incl. env.]
- Ada Foulk from Bessie Foulk, Honcut, n.d. [incl. env.; child's "pretend" letter]

**Fol. 2--CORRESP., 1871-1879**

- R.H. McDaniel, Jr., Marysville 1-7-71 [2 l., incl. env.]
- Mrs. E.C. McDaniel, Marysville 1-25-71 [2 l.]
- R.H.McD. Jr. 2-15-71 [Wm. Hamilton murder case (Colusa Co.)]
- Lizzie McDaniel, Marysville 7-30-71 [2 l.]
- Do. 10-8-71 [incl. env.]
- George A. Foulk from J.D. Foulk, Muscatine, Iowa 2-19-77 [incl. env.]
- Mrs. E.C. McDaniel, Marysville 9-16-77
- Lizzie Foulk Ganahl, Marysville 2-4-75 [incl. env. & calling card]
- Do. 1-10-78
- Mary W. Ransom, SF 6-4-1877 [2 l., incl. env.]
- Mrs. E.C. McDaniel, Oakland 8-10-77 [2 l., incl. env.]
- J.D. Foulk, Muscatine, Iowa 11-6-77 [incl. env.]

**Fol. 3--CORRESP., 1880-1889**

- George A. Foulk from Garrett & Elder, Grocers, Marysville 6-1-80 [dunning letter; incl. env.]
- Mary W. Ransom, SF 4-1-80 [2 l., incl. env.]
- Mrs. E.C. McDaniel, Oakland 8-5-80
- Do. 8-16-80
- Eugene McDaniel, Oakland 8-16-80 [incl. env.]
- George A. Foulk from J.D. Foulk, Muscatine, Iowa 12-30-82 [incl. env.]
- Do. from Wm. Waties, San Antonio, Texas 1-22-83
- Mrs. E.C. McDaniel, Oakland 3-8-83 [postcard]
- J. Adolphus Kamping, atty., New York City 10-20-86 [demand for pmt. of $375 to C.H. Foulk; incl. env.]
- George A. Foulk from W.B. Smith, Insurance agent, San Antonio Texas [note on env.]
- Bessie L. McMurray, SF 12-27-88 [postcard]
-George A. Foulk from William L. Hill, Insurance agent, San Antonio, Texas

Fol. 4--CORRESP., 1890-1901

-Mrs. E.C. McDaniel from Nina H. Foulk, Moore's Station 5-10-90 [4 l.; describes flooding in Marysville area]
-Nell W. Moore, Oroville 12-3-91
-Lydia Burdick, Marysville 7-10-98 [incl. env.]
-Eugene McDaniels, Marysville 10-21-99 [4 l., env.; incl. 3 notes from little nephews & nieces]
-Carolyn Wattles, SF 1-17-01 [incl. env.; refers to Eugenia Poston Club]
-Carl Joe Ganahl, Paso Robles 1-20-01 [describes spa Hotel El Paso de Robles]
-Do. 1-22-01 [more on Hotel El Paso de Robles]
-Emily Browne Powell, Alameda 3-29-01 [incl. env.] [refers to Eugenia Poston Club]

Fol. 5--CORRESP., 1906

-Henry D. Foulk from Nina Foulk [sister], San Luis Obispo 5-9-06 [postcard; applying for teaching job in vicinity]
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Marysville n.d. [but referred to in next letter]
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins (Yuba co.) 3-11-06
-Do. 3-16-06 [incl. env.]
-Do. from Nina Foulk [sister], San Simeon 3-19-06 [postcard]
-Do. 3-21-06 [describes environs of San Simeon]
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins 3-24-06
-Do. 4-1-06
-Do. from Nina Foulk [sister], San Simeon 4-1-06
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins 4-6-06
-Do. from Nina Foulk [sister], San Simeon 4-6-06 [describes conditions at San Simeon]
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins 4-8-06
-Do. 4-12-06
-Do. 4-15-06
-Do. from Eugene P. McDaniel, Marysville 4-20-06 [inquiry about damage from SF Earthquake]
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins 4-22-06 [ruminations about safety of her children in SF]
-Henry D. Foulk from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins 4-23-06 [report of effects of quake from daughter Bessie's letter]
-Do. 4-25-06 [more on SF quake]
-Do. 4-29-06 [2 l., env.]
-Do. 5-3-06 [incl. env.; more on SF quake]
-J.D. Foulk, Marshalltown, Iowa 5-1-06 [has note from Nina H. Foulk to her son, Henry D. 5-6-06 on reverse]
-Do. from Nina Foulk [sister], San Simeon 5-4-06
-Do. 5-8-06 [postcard]
-Do. from Nina H. Foulk, Dobbins 5-9-06
-Do. 5-17-06
-Do. from Nina Foulk [sister], San Simeon 5-19-06 [incl. env.; descriptions of San Simeon]

Fol. 6--CORRESP., 1908-1923

-Henry D. Foulk, Dobbins 6-18-08
-Do. 7-2-08
-Do. 7-3-08 [incl. env.]
-Do. 7-14-08 [incl. env.]
-Do. 7-23-08 [incl. env. ] [2 letters]
-Do. 8-7-09 [incl. env.]
-G.H. Foulk, Penstock [son, Herbert?] 8-13-10
-Ada Foulk de N----, San Angel, Mexico 12-14-23 [incl. env.]