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Abstract: The Osborne-Montague family papers contains the papers of multiple generations of the Osborne and Montague families, as well as of the families they married into (primarily the Tingstads and the Caleffs). Rodney Montague moved to Los Angeles in 1853, while Henry Zenas Osborne moved to the area in 1878. Montague was a farmer; Osborne owned the Los Angeles Evening Express and was a Congressman for California's 10th Congressional District from 1917 until his death in 1923. His son, Henry Zenas Osborne, Jr., married Montague's granddaughter, Lilian Montague in 1906. The collection contains correspondence, business papers, financial records, artifacts, photographs, newspapers, and ephemera from the various families represented.

Separated Materials
A list of the books separated from the collection is available on-site.

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Acquisition
The Osborne-Montague family papers were donated by the estate of Hortense Marie Osborne Tingstad upon her death in 1992.

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Scope and Content
The Osborne-Montague family papers contains the papers of four generations of the Osborne and Montague families. The collection contains personal correspondence, financial and business records, photographs, ephemera, publications, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and artifacts. Please see the scope and content notes for each individual series for more information on what is contained therein.

Biographical Note
Henry Zenas Osborne was born in New Lebanon, New York on October, 4, 1848 and married Helen Annaas of Cazenovia, New York, in 1872. In 1878, they moved to Bodie, California, where Henry was the editor and publisher of the Bodie Free Press. In 1884, the family moved to Los Angeles, where he spent 13 years as the editor and publisher of the Los Angeles Evening Express. From 1898 to 1906, he was a US Marshal for the Southern District of California, and he served as a Representative of California's 10th Congressional District from 1917 until his death in 1923. While in Congress, Henry served on the Committees for Rivers and Harbors and for Appropriations. He was the last Union veteran of the Civil War to serve in Congress. He and his wife, Helen, had four sons, Sherrill Blaisdell (1873-1949), Henry "Harry" Zenas, Jr. (1875-1948), Clarence Bristol (1881-1950), and Raymond Gaylord (1885-1955), and one daughter, Edith Helene (1883-1960). All of his children attended Stanford University.
Helen Annaas Osborne was born in Cazenovia, New York in 1849.
Sherrill was an attorney. He married Anna Lois Narver in 1905 and settled in Laguna Beach. They had one son and three daughters.
Clarence was a geologist and mining engineer. He married Anna Lois Narver in 1905 and settled in Laguna Beach. They had one son and three daughters.
Henry Zenas Osborne III.
Raymond was a testing engineer with chemical and physical laboratories in the Marsh-Strong Building in Los Angeles. He married Frances Strowbridge (1896-1973) in 1920.
Edith Osborne married Samuel S. Stahl, a highway engineer from Sacramento, in 1914. He was a friend of Clarence. They had two children, Osborne and Nancy.

Henry "Harry" Zenas, Jr., received his A.B. in Civil Engineering from Stanford in 1897. While at Stanford, Harry wrote for the *Los Angeles Evening Express* and the *Daily Palo Alto*. He also attended law school at the University of Southern California for two and a half years, but did not graduate. From 1902-1919, he worked for the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering in a variety of capacities, including serving as the Chief Deputy Engineer for a period of eight months in 1903. Most of the projects he worked on involved street improvements and paving. From 1919-1923, he served as the Chief Engineer for the Board of Public Utilities. In 1922 he served as the Executive Chairman of the Los Angeles Traffic Commission. After his father's death in 1923, Harry ran for his seat in Congress, but lost. After losing the election, he formed an engineering consulting firm with Walter E. Jessup. The firm of Osborne & Jessup was involved with a number of development projects, including the Greater Jefferson-Exposition Boulevard Improvement Association, the Beverly Drive Improvement Association and the Venice Boulevard Improvement Association. The partnership was dissolved in 1933. From 1933 to 1940 Harry was a structural draftsman for the Los Angeles Bureau of Power & Light. From 1941 until his death in 1948, Harry held a variety of positions with the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering.


Hortense Marie Osborne Tingstad was born on July 19, 1909 in Los Angeles. She attended the Girl's Collegiate School and then graduated with a BA in political science from the University of Southern California in 1931. She worked for various welfare departments of the state of California until her retirement in 1967. She married Edward Maurice Tingstad, of Detroit, Michigan, in 1946. In 1977 Edward was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Hortense's experience with the disease led her to establish the Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund at the Andrus Gerontology Center in May of 1982. Her husband passed away later that year. In 1990, she received an Alumni Service Award from USC's General Alumni Association. Hortense passed away in Los Angeles in 1992.

Hortense Caleff Montague was born in 1855 in Minnesota. Her family moved to Riverside sometime after 1867. She moved to Los Angeles after marrying William Henry Montague (1849-1890) on May 18, 1880. She and her husband had three daughters--Stella Montague Schneider (b. 1881), Lilian Montague Osborne, and Helene Montague Collin (b. 1890). After her husband passed away in 1890, Hortense managed his estate, which included real estate in Pomona, Los Angeles and Alameda, until her death in 1910.

Peter Mowatt Caleff was born in Ipswich, Massachusetts (Maine) in 1818. In 1853, he married Elizabeth Truax, who was born in 1833 in Montreal, Canada. They settled in San Bernardino sometime after 1867. They had two daughters, Hortense Caleff Montague and Emma V. Caleff (b. 1861), and a son, George Caleff (b. 1867). Emma Caleff never married. She was a school teacher. Peter Caleff passed away in 1892. Rodney Montague was born on August 6, 1800 in Wilmington, Vermont. He moved west to Illinois in 1822, and settled in Ohio in 1835. In 1843 he married Eunice P. Denison, of Brooklyn, Ohio. They had two sons, Newell Smith Montague (b. 1847) and William Henry Kemp Montague (1847-1890) before she passed away in 1848. In 1850, Rodney continued his westward travels, settling in Gainesville, Texas. He returned to Ohio in 1853 to marry his wife's sister, Louisa Denison. After reaching California in 1856, the Montagues settled in Los Angeles, where Rodney purchased 35 acres of land at Adams and Main Street. He raised nursery stock and grew fruit. Louisa died in 1871; Rodney passed away on March 6, 1886. They were both Spiritualists who believed they could contact the spirits of people who had passed away.

**Related Archival Materials**

The papers of Henry Zenas Osborne (1848-1923) and his children can also be found in the following collections: the Henry Zenas Osborne Papers (Collection 772) at UCLA's Charles E. Young Research Library; in the Papers of Henry Z. Osborne, 1878-1924 (mssHM 61755-62462, HM 62477) at the Henry E. Huntington Library; in the Osborne Family Papers (SC 636) at Stanford University's Department of Special Collections and University Archives; and in the Henry Zenas Osborne Papers, 1870-1922 (BANC MSS 73/191c) at UC Berkeley's Bancroft Library.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
American Society of Civil Engineers. -- Archives
California Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students, Inc. -- Archives
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. -- Archives
Collin, Helene Montague -- Archives
Los Angeles (Calif.). Board of Public Utilities. -- Archives
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. -- Archives
Montague, Hortense Caleff -- Archives
Montague, Rodney -- Archives
Osborne, Clarence B., (Clarence Bristol) -- Archives
Osborne, Helen Annas -- Archives
Osborne, Henry Zenas, 1848-1923 -- Archives
Osborne, Henry Zenas, Jr. -- Archives
Osborne, Lilian Montague -- Archives
Osborne, Raymond G., (Raymond Gaylord) -- Archives
Osborne, Sherrill B., (Sherill Blaisdell) -- Archives
Osborne, William Montague -- Archives
Schneider, Stella Montague -- Archives
Stanford University. School of Engineering. -- Archives
Stanford University. School of Law. -- Archives
Tingstad, Hortense Marie Osborne -- Archives
Women's University Club, Los Angeles. -- Archives
Balboa Island (Newport Beach, Calif.)
Civil engineering--California--Archival resources
Clippings
Clothing
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Political candidates--California--Archival resources
Printed ephemera
Receipts (financial records)
Scrapbooks

Box 46, Box 1

**Family Genealogies**

**Scope and Content**

This series contains family genealogies compiled by various members of the Montague, Caleff and Osborne families.
Montague Family Papers

Scope and Content
The Montague Family papers consist primarily of legal and financial documents pertaining to the administration of the estate of William Henry Kemp Montague, who passed away in 1890. His estate was managed by his wife, Hortense Caleff Montague. Some of her personal correspondence is also present in this series. In addition to Hortense's papers, a few pieces of correspondence and ephemera are included from her daughters Stella Montague Schneider and Helene Montague Collin. The papers of her middle daughter, Lilian, are in the Henry Zenas, Jr., and Lilian Montague Osborne Family Papers series. Also included in this series is the personal correspondence of Rodney Montague and his issues of the newspaper the *Spiritual Telegraph Fireside Preacher*. Rodney wrote his sister-in-law (and second wife) Louisa Denison Montague after his marriage to her sister in 1843. After they arrived in California in 1856, he wrote to Louisa while travelling around the state for business. Other recipients and addressees of this correspondence are Rodney's siblings, in-laws and sons.

Rodney Montague

- Box 1, Box 64
- Map-case 5, Drawer 5

Montague Family Brand Register 1870

Hortense Caleff Montague

- Box 1-3

Stella Montague Schneider

- Box 4

Helene Montague Collin

Caleff Family Papers

Scope and Content
The Caleff Family papers consist of personal correspondence to Elizabeth Truax Caleff and her daughter, Emma Caleff, legal records, and tax receipts.

Henry Zenas and Helen Annas Osborne Family Papers

Scope and Content
This series contains personal correspondence written to Henry Zenas, Helen Annas, Sherrill, Clarence and Raymond Osborne, and Edith Stahl Osborne and the ephemera of Henry and Helen Annas Osborne. Much of the correspondence is from the children attending Stanford to their mother and other siblings residing in Los Angeles. Also included in this correspondence are letters from Henry to his wife and children while he was serving as US Marshal for the Southern District of California, and while serving as a Congressman. Letters to Harry other than those addressed to both him and his brother Sherrill while they were at Stanford together are found in the Henry Zenas, Jr., and Lilian Montague Osborne Family Papers Series.

Henry Zenas Osborne

- Box 4

Helen Annas Osborne

- Box 4-5

Sherrill Blaisdell Osborne

- Box 5
Henry Zenas Osborne, Jr.

Scope and Content
Sub-series consists of the personal and business papers of Henry "Harry" Zenas Osborne, Jr. Harry's personal papers include correspondence from his father while he was serving in Congress, from Lilian while she was at Stanford, and from his brothers. Harry's business papers consist of his financial and real estate records and correspondence. They include his leases on various properties, bank statements, and cancelled checks. Any papers pertaining to his career as a civil engineer are found in his work papers. These include correspondence and drawings related to his work as a civil servant for the city of Los Angeles in the 1910s and his later career as an engineer for a private firm. Also included in this series is his correspondence documenting his involvement with professional societies, including the Municipal League, the Architects and Engineers Society of Southern California, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Personal Papers
- Masonic Certificates (2)
- Plans for the Masonic Temple in Los Angeles
- Character Reading Chart (Phrenology and Graphology) ca. 1932

Business Papers
Work Papers
- Map of the Tejon Quadrangle
- Map of Survey of Fractional Lot 7, Block 1 of the Northerly Portion of the Satler Tract
Lilian Montague Osborne

Scope and Content
Lilian's papers include her personal correspondence, her correspondence and notes pertaining to her involvement in various committees, her financial records, and records pertaining to her administration of her mother's estate. Lilian's activities as parts of the Women's Athletic Club, the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Women's University Club, and the Wilshire Council of the PTA are all documented in this series. Her personal correspondence includes correspondence with her mother, sisters, her daughter Hortense while she was living in Sacramento, her son Billy while he was studying engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and working on a ranch during World War II, and Harry while Lilian was at Stanford. The legal documents and financial records from her mother's estate, of which Lilian was the executrix, are in this series, regardless of to whom they were addressed. Also included in this series are Lilian's bank statements, cancelled checks, check stubs and ledgers, and two of the journals she kept while touring Europe before her marriage in 1907.

Box 29-30
Personal Papers
Box 31-33
Estate of Hortense Caleff Montague
Box 32-33
Committee Papers
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Financial Records

William Montague Osborne
Scope and Content
William Montague Osborne's papers consist of personal correspondence, school papers, and ephemera.

Edward Maurice and Hortense Marie Osborne Tingstad
Scope and Content
The Tingstad Family papers consist of Hortense's personal correspondence, ephemera, and financial records. Her financial records include her income taxes, bills, receipts, bank statements, and cancelled checks.

Box 36-37
Personal Papers
Box 37-38
Financial Records

Photographs
Scope and Content
The photographs found in this collection are primarily of the Osborne, Montague, and Tingstad families. Of note are photographs of Bodie and Lake Tahoe in the late nineteenth century, photographs of Balboa, Catalina, and Coronado in the early twentieth century, and photographs of Henry Zenas Osborne and Charles Manly Stedman, the last Confederate veteran of the Civil War to serve in Congress, together in front of the Capitol. Also included in this series is an unidentified film reel.

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**Scope and Content**

Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings about the history of Los Angeles and of ordinances.

## Pamphlets and Printed Ephemera

**Scope and Content**

The pamphlets in this collection cover a range of subjects, including civil engineering, agriculture, real estate, education, the PTA, and the Los Angeles Board of Utilities. A partial list of the pamphlets in this series is available on-site.

The printed ephemera in this series includes Duke Cigarettes cards, empty matchboxes, theatre programs, advertisement cards, and a folder of USC ephemera.

## Ephemerata

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**Official Programme of the Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers**

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**Scope and Content**

This series contains the framed art, certificates, and other objects found in the Osborne-Montague Collection, including a blue satin beaded dress, Harry's drafting tools and measuring tape, and a cribbage board.

## Newspapers and Clippings

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**Scope and Content**

This series contains the newspapers and newspaper clippings found in the Osborne-Montague Collection. Topics covered by the clippings include the Los Angeles Chamber of Congress, general world events, and members of the Osborne family and civil engineering. Also present in this series are newspapers from the late nineteenth century from Vermont, Texas, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, California, and Massachusetts and the newspaper *Spiritual Telegraph*, which was published in New York.