

Bohna Family Correspondence

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-2763

CREATOR: Bohna family

TITLE: Bohna Family Correspondence

DATES: 1882-1956

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: Materials in English.

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence to and from members of the Bohna family in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The letters document daily life and family news of various members of the Bohna family (descendants of Christian Bohna), who were farmers, blacksmiths, and miners in Oregon and California (residing in, among other places, Kern County, California, and in Wasco and Clackamas Counties, Oregon). In addition to members of the Bohna family, principal correspondents include Spurrell W. Woody and other members of the Woody family, of Woody, California.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2007.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Processing Information

Collection are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

Bohna Family

Christian Bohna (1805-1872) was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in the 1830s. After the death of his first wife Polly, he remarried (to Ophelia née Greene) and moved west with his many children, first settling in Kern County, California in 1859, and then in Oregon in 1862. Christian Bohna had twelve children: Hannah, Edward, Mary, Thomas, Henry, Sarah, Nancy, Fred, Margaret, William, Caroline, and John.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of correspondence to and from members of the Bohna family in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The letters document daily life of various members of the Bohna family, who were chiefly farmers in Kern County, California, and in Clackamas County, Oregon. In addition to members of the Bohna family, principal correspondents include S. W. Woody and other members of the Woody family, of Woody, California.

Accompanied by Big Sagebrush Valley Ranch Under the Rims, by James E. Bohna (self-published in 1982), a family history.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by author. Unidentified correspondence and other family papers are filed at the end.

Collection Contents

Bohna Family Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Barkhuft, Maria	1909-1910, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Biggs, Hannah	1900-1910, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Biggs, Maud	1901-1906, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Bohna, Annie See also: Bohna, Henry	1883-1909, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Bohna, Birdie	1893-1901
b. 1, f. 6	Bohna, Ed	1898-1906, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Bohna, Ernest	1897-1907, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Bohna, F.A.	1882-1907, undated
b. 1, f. 9-10	Bohna, Henry	1873-1902, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Bohna, Henry Walter Scott	1898-1909, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Bohna, Irena	1892-1898, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Bohna, James Everett	1882, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Bohna, Laurena	1889-1898, undated
b. 1, f. 15	Bohna, Madge	1897-1899
b. 1, f. 16	Bohna, Margaret	1896-1910
b. 1, f. 17	Bohna, Myrtle	1907-1956, undated
b. 1, f. 18	Bohna, Nettie Woody	1881-1911
b. 2, f. 19	Bohna, T. J.	1892-1920, undated
b. 2, f. 20	Bohna, Thomas	1892-1912
b. 2, f. 21	Bohna, Walter	1896-1907, undated

b. 2, f. 22	Bohna, William	1901-1911, undated
b. 2, f. 23	Bonney, Mollie See also: Bonney, William	1897-1907, undated
b. 2, f. 24-25	Bonney, William	1898-1907, undated
b. 2, f. 26	"Caroline"	1900-1911
b. 2, f. 27	Dooley, O. D.	1898, undated
b. 2, f. 28	Elliott, E. J.	1897-1910
b. 2, f. 29	Elliott, Nellie	1908-1909, undated
b. 2, f. 30	"Elmer"	1905-1906
b. 2, f. 31	"Eunice"	1908-1912, undated
b. 2, f. 32	"Eveline"	1907-1909
b. 2, f. 33	"Fannie"	1892-1907, undated
b. 2, f. 34	Farmer's Fire Relief Association	1906-1909, undated
b. 2, f. 35	"Father"	1916-1918
b. 2, f. 36	Fraser, Margaret	1900-1907, undated
b. 2, f. 37-38	"Fred"	1910-1919
b. 3, f. 39	Gardett, Evalena Bohna	1898-1910
b. 3, f. 40	Justice, Rhoda	1901-1903
b. 3, f. 41	Kennedy, Echo	1901-1907
b. 3, f. 42	Kennedy, Eunice	1897-1911, undated
b. 3, f. 43	Kennedy, S. E.	1897-1900
b. 3, f. 44	"L. B."	1896-1899
b. 3, f. 45	Langrell, Clara	1894-1909, undated
b. 3, f. 46	"Louisa"	1910
b. 3, f. 47	Mancy, Anna	1898-1899

b. 3, f. 48	"Minie"	1901-1903, undated
b. 3, f. 49	"Nan"	1905-1918, undated
b. 3, f. 50	"Odile"	1901-1905
b. 3, f. 51	Osburn, F. M.	1873
b. 3, f. 52	Osburn, Mamie	1906-1911, undated
b. 3, f. 53	Osburn, Nettie	1893-1949, undated
b. 3, f. 54	Osburn, Robert	1906-1907
b. 3, f. 55	Osburn, William	1887-1905
b. 3, f. 56	Qualls, F. S.	1903-1911, undated
b. 3, f. 57	Qualls, Minnie Bohna	1889-1912, undated
b. 3, f. 58	"Rena"	1892-1912, undated
b. 3, f. 59	Smith, Nancy	1891-1911, undated
b. 3, f. 60	Stallcuf, Mary	1897-1900
b. 3, f. 61	"Winnefred"	1905-1906
b. 4, f. 62-63	Woody, S. W.	1871-1910, undated
b. 4, f. 64	Woody, Sarah	1872-1906, undated
b. 4, f. 65	Woody, Stonewall A.	1899-1905
b. 4, f. 66-68	General Correspondence	1869-1921, undated
b. 4, f. 69	Unidentified fragments	undated
b. 4, f. 70	Personal papers and ephemera	1892-1925, undated

Accompanying material

b. 4, f. 71

Big Sagebrush Valley Ranch Under the Rims / James E. Bohna

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Blacksmiths -- California
Blacksmiths -- Oregon
Farmers -- California -- Kern County
Farmers -- Oregon -- Clackamas County
Frontier and pioneer life -- California
Frontier and pioneer life -- Oregon

Geographic Names

Clackamas County (Or.) -- Social life and customs
Kern County (Calif.) -- Social life and customs
Wasco County (Or.) -- Social life and customs
Willamette River Valley (Or.) -- Social life and customs

Occupations

Blacksmiths -- California -- 19th century
Blacksmiths -- Oregon -- 19th century
Farmers -- California -- Kern County
Farmers -- Oregon -- Clackamas County

Names

Bohna, Christian, 1805-1872
Bohna, Ernest
Bohna, Henry Walter
Bohna, James E.
Woody, Spurrell W.

Families

Bohna family

Contributors

Bohna family
Bohna, James E.