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A72 - Harriet Butcher Ara Bia Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

- Title: Harriet Butcher Ara Bia Collection
- Number: A72
- Creator: Harriet Butcher Ara Bia
- Format/Extent: PH: 1 Box, ER: 1 Box, xCP: 1 Folder
- Span Dates: 1900s-1920s
- Repository: Henry Meade Williams Local History Room
- Physical Location: Local History Vault
- Donor: Atone Ara Bia
- Accessions: 92-2
- Related Collections: S42 - Frederick Preston Search Collection, Harrison Memorial Library

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

Harriet Butcher Ara Bia (1901-1987) was born on March 1, 1901 went to Sunset School and later UC Berkeley. Her parents were William C. Butcher and Marietta Butcher. She was the niece of Preston W. Search, an educator and lecturer, and cousin of Frederick Preston Search, famed cellist. The Butcher and Search families spent a great deal of time together. In 1949 Harriet married Antone Ara Bia. They built a house in Carmel in 1950 with the help of the community, and until it was completed lived in a tent. Harriet died on August 10, 1987.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection is made up of 5 photo albums; 4 containing photographs of Carmel, "Casa de Rosas," Big Sur, the Butcher and Search families, various pictures of Europe (Italy, Germany and Switzerland), and 1 album made up reproductions of various chateaus around Chantilly, France. There is 1 folder of few loose photographs of the Search and Butcher families, and 1 folder of paper materials. There is also a set of 36 ribbons and pins for various organizations and conventions in Ohio, belonging to Harriet's mother, Marietta Search Butcher.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Access: Materials are open for research.



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Arrangement Notes:

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INVENTORY

Collected Papers

- xCP Folder 1:
 - "An ideal trip to Europe for literary people" pamphlet, 1908. (Led by Preston Search)
 - "Itinerary of the Search European Tour (A) for literary people" pamphlet, 1908.
 - "Search Classical Seminars" brochure, 1928-1929.
 - Christmas greeting card from Preston W. Search, December 25, 1929.
 - Birthday greeting card from Preston W. Search, April 10, 1929.
 - Photocopies of newspaper clippings, various dates.

Photographs

- PH Box #1:
 - Album 1: circa 1910-1914
 - Folder 1: Misc.
 - Album 2: "Casa de Rosas" in Carmel
 - Album 3: "Casa de Rosas"
 - Album 4: Commercial photos of Europe
 - Album 5: The family's European Tour

Ephemera/Realia

- ER Box #1: 36 ribbons and pins for various organizations and conventions in Ohio, belonging to Harriet's mother, Marietta Search Butcher. Includes 7 ribbons for the Ohio State Prohibition Convention (1888-1896), 2 ribbons for the National Prohibition Convention (1892, 1896), and 5 ribbons for the Convention of the Ohio Confederation of Women's Clubs (1897-1900, 1908).
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SUBJECTS

Topic

- John Keats Tombstone
- Organists

Person

- Ara Bia, Harriet Butcher
- Butcher, Marietta Search
- Search, Preston W. (Preston Willis), 1853-1932
- Taylor, Oliver

Organization

- Sunset School (Carmel, Calif.)
- Keats - Shelley House, The (Rome, Italy)
- Casa de Rosas (Carmel, Calif.)
- Ohio State Prohibition Convention (Ohio)
- National Prohibition Convention
- Convention of the Ohio Confederation of Women's Clubs (Ohio)

Geographic Coverage

- Ocean Avenue (Carmel, Calif.)
- Carmel, Calif.
- 13th Ave & Casanova St (Carmel, Calif.)
- Lake Lucerne (Switzerland)
- Interlaken (Switzerland)
- Carmel Highlands, Calif.
- Palo Colorado, Calif.
- Italy
- Oberlands (Germany)
- Ohio (United States)