

Adam M. Compton Letters

MSS 345



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Collection Summary

Title

Adam M. Compton Letters, 1888-1911

Call Number

MSS 347

Creator

Adam M. Compton

Language of Materials

English

Extent

Items: 1 Box

Linear Feet: 0.5

Abstract

The bulk of the collection is personal letters written by Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton during their courtship and early years of marriage. The rest of the correspondence deals with Adam's ranching business.

Information for Researchers

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research without restriction.

Usage Restrictions

No restrictions.

Publication Rights

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

Alternate Form of Material

No other forms of material.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Phyllis Snyder, 2016.

Accession number(s)

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Online Catalog Headings

Bee Patrick Compton

Butte County (Calif.) -- History.

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Related Collections

Thomas S. Wright Ledger, MSS 317, Special Collections, Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.

Biographical/ Historical Note

Adam Murdock Compton was born October 2, 1860. He was a rancher in the Chico area during his lifetime. He owned and ranched 20,000 acres of land with his family members and received the first place prize and a diploma in 1904 at the Butte County and the St. Louis Exposition exhibition for his lemon trees. Adam belonged to Chico Lodge No. 423, B.P.O. Elks as well as the Colusa Lodge of the Odd Fellows. Bee Patrick Compton was born December 20, 1864 to parents William and Melissa Patrick and attended Miss Field's Seminary in Oakland, California. She married Adam Murdock Compton on November 27, 1895 at the age of 31. They did not have any children. Adam died January 25, 1933 while Bee continued to live on the family ranch known as Glenwood or Patrick Ranch. Bee died September 5, 1945 and stipulated in her will that the house they lived in during their marriage be used for educational purposes.

Scope and Content/Collection Overview

The collection consists primarily of letters from Bee Patrick to Adam Compton from 1888 to 1910 during their courtship and early years of marriage. Other correspondents include J. Murdock, William Murdock, Grander Business Association, Union Carbide Sales Company, and Dr. Oscar Stansbury. While the letters from Bee Patrick are personal in nature, the other correspondences primarily pertain to Adam Compton's ranching business. The business papers include banking statements, check stubs, newspaper articles, and handwritten book keeping notes.

Arrangement

Arranged in chronological order by series.

Material Cataloged Separately

No material cataloged separately.

Detailed Description of the Collection:

Box 1: Adam M. Compton Ranch Business Correspondence, 1883-1911 & Adam M. Compton and Bee Patrick Correspondence, 1888-1910

Adam M. Compton Ranch Business Correspondence, 1883-1911

Folder 1: Business Correspondence September 1883-January 1893

Folder 2: Business Correspondence February 1894-1906

Folder 3: Business Correspondence March 1908-February 1911

Adam M. Compton and Bee Patrick Correspondence, 1888-1910

Folder 4: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton August 1888-October 1889

Folder 5: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton October 1890-November 1891

Folder 6: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton September 1891-March 1892

Folder 7: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton April 1892-July 1892

Folder 8: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton July 1892-October 1892

Folder 9: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton April 1893-September 1893

Folder 10: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton September 1893-February 1894

Folder 11: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton February 1894-April 1894

Folder 12: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton May 1894- June 1894

Folder 13: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton July 1894- October 1894

Folder 14: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton October 1894- May 1899

Folder 15: Letters from Bee Patrick Compton to Adam M. Compton May 1910- July 1910