

Guide to Lord Ogilvy Collection – 1994.09

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Collection Summary

Dates 1869-1989
Bulk dates 1880-1890; 1938-1950
Level of description Collection
Extent .25 cubic feet
Creator(s) Cicely Kane

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical note on Lyulph Ogilvy

Lyulph Gilchrist Stanley Ogilvy was born June 25, 1861, the second son of the Earl and Countess of the Scottish House of Airlie. His early education was through governesses. He attended Eton College but dropped out at the end of the fifth form to prepare for military training. His father, the Earl of Airlie, had purchased lands in the Western United States and in 1879 decided to visit those holdings. He brought his daughter and second son, Lyulph, with him. When the Earl decided to return to Scotland, Lyulph decided to stay and his father set him up with a cattle ranch on Crow Creek northwest of Greeley. For most of his life Lyulph remained in the Northern Colorado area where he became a notable and colorful Colorado figure until his death in 1947.

Lyulph was an accomplished horseman and rancher, gaining some notoriety from his pioneering work on Weld County and other Colorado ditch irrigation projects. He was also noted for his extracurricular activities, demonstrating a wild streak that somewhat belied his noble heritage.

Despite his occasional antics, he was reportedly widely respected by those who knew and worked with him.

In 1898 he left Greeley to join the Spanish American War, serving with what was to be later known as Torrey's Rough Riders. Then from 1899-1900 he served in South Africa in the British Calvary during the Boer War.

After returning from Africa he became a sheep rancher, settling outside of LaSalle. In 1902 he married Edith Gertrude Boothroyd and their son, Jack D.A. Ogilvy was born in 1903. His wife died in 1908 which caused Ogilvy to sell his ranch and move to Denver. Later he procured his wife's family's ranch near the mouth of the Big Thomson, called the Three Waters Ranch. Over several decades he visited there frequently and experimented with various growing techniques.

In 1914 he enlisted in the Northumberland Regiment where he spent two years training troops before returning again to Colorado. For fifteen subsequent years he worked as an agricultural columnist for the Denver Post, while spending time both in a home in Denver and at the Three Waters Ranch.

In 1945 he retired from his work at the Post and moved to live with his son in Boulder. He died of pneumonia on April 4, 1947.

Scope and Content

Collection includes various articles belonging to Lyulph Ogilvy. There are some personal belongings, books, and ledgers. There are a few photographs, some correspondence, and a variety of legal documents, including deeds, passports, stock records, military records, insurance records, bank statements, and his will. Most of the content is related to his ranching and real estate activities. There are limited materials related to his son, Jack Ogilvy, mostly involving their mutual business dealings.

System of arrangement

No original order. Order imposed by material type and subject.

Conditions governing access

There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

Conditions governing reproduction and use

There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection.

Languages and scripts of the materials

English

Immediate source

of acquisition This collection was donated by Cicely Kane.

Notes

Names Lyulph G. S. Ogilvy
Jack D. A. Ogilvy
Earl of Airlie

Places Greeley (Colo.)
LaSalle (Colo.)
Ft. Morgan (Colo.)
Denver (Colo.)

Subjects Ranching
Irrigation
Military

Document forms Correspondence
Newspaper Articles
Photographs
Legal Documents
Journals
Books

Contents

Series I: Rug

Consists of a tanned pelt of a wolf.

Series II: Clothing and Accessories

Consists of a jacket, vest, and commemorative ribbon.

Series III: Publications

Subseries A: Books

Consists of two books: *History of Agriculture in Colorado, 1858-1926*, by Alvin T. Steinel and *Songs of a Sourdough*, by Robert Service.

Subseries B: Periodicals

Consists of an issue of *The Denver Westerner's Brand Book*, July 1953, vol 9 No. 7.

Subseries C: Newspaper Clippings

Consists of three clippings from 1947, two discussing Lyulph Ogilvy and one discussing Percheron horses.

Series IV: Personal Records

Subseries A: Notebooks

Consists of a notebook containing handwritten notes on livestock breeding.

Subseries B: Correspondence

Consists of four letters to Lyulph Ogilvy and four to Jack Ogilvy from various parties pertaining to various issues.

Subseries C: Biography

Consists of a biography of Lyulph Ogilvy written by his son, Jack D. A. Ogilvy.

Series V: Postcards

Consists of two postcards sent to Lyulph Ogilvy in 1942 by George Wadsworth.

Series VI: Photographs

Consists of four color photographs, two each from the Crow Creek Ranch and property outside of La Salle.

Series VII: Financial Records

Subseries A: Receipts/Invoices

Consists of an invoice regarding the building of the Payette and Weiser ditches, a Receiver's Receipt to Isaia Danford, a receipt from The Platte and Beaver Improvement Company, a receipt for payment of personal care at Boulder Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital, and receipts related to the building of Lyulph Ogilvy's house in Denver.

Subseries B: Bank Ledger

Consists of a ledger about personal bank statements.

Subseries C: Stock Transactions/Bank Deposit Statements

Consists of multiple stock transaction records and bank deposit statements for both Lyulph Ogilvy and Jack Ogilvy between 1931 and 1953.

Subseries D: Wage Records

Consists of wage receipts for Lyulph Ogilvy pertaining to the Denver Post.

Series VIII: Legal Documents

Subseries A: Earl of Airlie Properties

Consists of a list of securities held by the Earl of Airlie, and a list of various United States land titles held by the Earl of Airlie.

Subseries B: Deeds

Consists of a list of various deeds, and copies of numerous deeds and land grants, both directly and indirectly (presumably) involving Lyulph and Jack Ogilvy. There are also two lists of properties, one of those owned by the Platte Land Co. and one unidentified. Two empty boxes that held the deeds are included.

Subseries C: Contracts/Agreements

Consists of a legal agreement between Platte and Beaver Improvement Company concerning ditch construction, and a \$25,000 promissory note to Maud Ogilvy from Lyulph Ogilvy.

Subseries D: Passports

Consists of passports of Lyulph and Jack Ogilvy.

Subseries E: Will

Consists of the last will and testament of Lyulph Ogilvy.

Subseries F: Birth Certificates

Consist of the birth certificate of Jack D. A. Ogilvy in 1903 and a letter from the Colorado Board of Health certifying the receipt of that birth certificate in 1923. It also consists of a copy of the Colorado birth certificate for Gertrude Edith Boothroyd in 1876 and an affidavit by Edith Margaret Boothroyd concerning the birth of her daughter Gertrude Edith dated 1939.

Subseries G: Military Records

Consists of military records concerning Lyulph Ogilvy.

Subseries H: Insurance Documents

Consists of Farmer's Mutual Hail Insurance Records for Lyulph Ogilvy.

Subseries I: Tax Documents

Consists of tax statements and Colorado Department of Revenue correspondence for Jack D. A. Ogilvy.

Subseries J: Brand Records

Consists of the stock brand and certificate of same used by Lyulph Ogilvy.

Container List*

Series I: Rug

Rehoused with Objects

Series II: Clothing and Accessories

Rehoused with Objects

Series III: Publications

Subseries A: Books

Box	Folder
1	3
1	11

Subseries B: Periodicals

Box	Folder
1	7

Subseries C: Newspaper Clippings

Box	Folder
2	25

Series IV: Personal Records

Subseries A: Notebooks

Box	Folder
1	4

Subseries B: Correspondence

Box	Folder
1	9
1	18
2	28
3	47
3	48
3	49
3	54
3	55

Subseries C: Biography

Box	Folder
1	14

Series V: Postcards

Box	Folder
1	8
4	63

Series VI: Photographs

Box	Folder
1	10
4	59
4	60
4	61

Series VII: Financial Records

Subseries A: Receipts/Invoices

Box	Folder
1	17
1	20
1	21
1	24
2	29

Subseries B: Bank Ledger

Box	Folder
1	6

Subseries C: Stock Transactions/Bank Deposit Statements

Box	Folder
2	30-39
3	40-45

Subseries D: Wage Records

Box	Folder
1	22

Series VIII: Legal Documents

Subseries A: Earl of Airlie Properties

Box	Folder
1	20

Subseries B: Deeds

Box	Folder
1	15
1	20
1	21
1	Empty deed boxes housed at back of box

Subseries C: Contracts/Agreements

Box	Folder
1	16
1	20

Subseries D: Passports

Box	Folder
1	12
4	62

Subseries E: Will

Box	Folder
2	26

Subseries F: Birth Certificates

Box	Folder
1	13
3	56
4	57
4	58

Subseries G: Military Records

Box	Folder
1	19
3	52
3	53

Subseries H: Insurance Documents

Box	Folder
1	20
1	23
3	50
3	51

Subseries I: Tax Documents

Box	Folder
2	27
3	46

Subseries J: Brand Records

Box	Folder
1	20
1	21

*Container List does not follow standard archival processing format. Folder Number corresponds to Object ID number. See Catalog Records for clarification.