

Guide to the Union Colony Pioneer Society Collection – AI-4827

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Collection Summary

Dates 1871 - 1993
Bulk dates 1900 - 1952
Level of description Collection
Extent 2 cubic feet
Creator(s) Found In Collection

Administrative/Biographical History

Brief history of the Union Colony Pioneer Society

The association originally called the Society of Union Colony Pioneers was organized on February 22, 1895 at a meeting called by Henry T. West. On July 4 of that year, the Society marked not only the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Union Colony but its own silver anniversary as well, at a grand celebration in Lincoln Park.

The Society was given a formal structure quite early, officers being appointed at that first organizational meeting, according to a typewritten, anonymous account found in this collection. J.J. Armstrong was appointed chairman and Mrs. M.A. Brownell was chosen as secretary. Mr. Armstrong then appointed a committee to draft by-laws. Those responsible were J.A. Woodbury, Joseph Moore, H.C. Watson, C.A. White and Thomas Stimson. Temporary officers were elected as follows: H.T. West, President; B.S. LaGrange, Vice President; Mrs. M.A. Brownell, Secretary, and J.A. Woodbury, Treasurer. Those early members then decided the criteria for membership, set up a finance committee, and established an Executive Committee with the power to appoint any sub-committees needed in the future.

The official name of the new group was “The Society of Union Colony of Colorado Pioneers” and an initiation fee of \$1.00 was established. Records reflect that 66 colonists signed the original roster and paid that fee. On April 19, 1895, the organization became permanent when the members approved the proposed by-laws. The day chosen for the anniversary celebration that year was the second Tuesday in June, which happened to be June 10. That celebration had to be postponed due to localized flooding, and was instead held on July 4. The annual celebration was later expanded to include commemorating the approximate date on which water first flowed in the irrigation ditches of the Union Colony.

Scope and Content

This is a collection of letters, membership certificates, newspaper clippings, rosters, programs, booklets and memorabilia concerning the Union Colony Pioneer Society of Greeley, Colorado.

System of arrangement

No original order. Order imposed by material type and subject. Within each material or subject category, an attempt has been made to create chronological order, but in many cases (e.g. newspaper clippings) no date was indicated on the item. Clippings of obituary notices are in alphabetical order, and a list of those names is attached to this document.

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Languages and scripts of the materials

English

Immediate source of acquisition

The majority of items were found in collections.

Related Archival Material

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Notes

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Also included are items from the following accessions:

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1973.06
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1986.26
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Names

Adams, Mrs. Benjamin C
Allen, Grace D. Norcross Henderson, 1868-1948
Anderson, George G.
Annis, Emmett B., d. 1926
Annis, Frank J., d. 1924
Atkinson, Sharon, 1839-1923
Ayers, Maymie Stites, b. 1882
Baker, Frank E., 1849-1939
Baker, L.C., 1851-1920
Bayley, Emery H., 1865-1927
Bell, Chauncey F., 1874-1949
Bliss, Cora A. Darling, 1869-1962
Buckingham, C.G., 1846-1940
Budrow, Jane T.
Cage, G. A., 1819-1905
Camp, Charles, 1860-1929
Campbell, Harriett Barrett, 1863-1920
Canfield, Imogene, 1843-1924
Carpenter, Louis George, 1861-1935
Clark, Carolyn, 1878-1954
Clark, Claude Harold, 1867-1952
Clark, James Maxwell, 1840-1928
Coggins, L. W., 1869-1953
Cox, Hilda, 1891-1979
Currier, Lucy Packard, 1860-1937
Curtis, Adelaide E., 1841-1919
Curtis, Maud M., 1868-

Cushman, Grace Lillian, 1881-1977
DeVotie, Frank D., 1871-1949
DeVotie, Vernon C., 1879-1947
Elliott, Charles F.
Frost, Annie C., b.1861
Frost, F.P., 1853-1917
Funk, Charles, 1867-1945
Gipson, Lina M., 1852-1949
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872
Greeley, Ida, 1848-1882
Green, Anna Maria Vincent, 1836-1913
Hall, Frank N., 1871-1930
Hanna, Robert E., 1875-1969
Haynes, L.T.
Haynes, Lizzie Rea, b. 1849
Herrick, John L.
Holliday, J.T.
Houston, George Meredith, 1872-1968
Howard, Sarah Elizabeth, 1846-1924
Inman, Sarah M., 1842-1928
Kauffman. E. H.
Keeler, D.B.
Kester, Sela Boyd, 1877-1957
Leavy, Annie
Liebhardt Brothers
Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. A.H.
Marshall, Frank Aims, 1871-1942
Marshall, Mrs. M.C.
McAllister, William Kossuth, 1849-1913
McDonald, Katie Adams
McGruder, L.A., 1846-1921
McLaughlin, Grace
Meeker, Ralph, 1845-1921
Merwin, A.A.C.
Monahan, Aileen, 1892 -1973
Monahan, Anna E., b.1869
Monahan, D. Stockton, b.1867
Monk, E.C., 1828-1898
Moore, Ellen B.
Moore, Joseph, 1820-1902
Moore, Pearl L.
Morey, Chester Stephen, 1847-1922
Norcross, Mary E., 1848-1938
Nusbaum, Agnes Strickland Moodie, 1863-1956
Palmer, Emma C.
Parker, Fred W.

Parsons, Edward
 Patton, J.Brent
 Petrikin, J.M.B.
 Pollock, Lawrence M., 1870-1936
 Pomeroy, Lina H.
 Putnam, B.B.
 Putnam, P.W. (Prucius W.), 1842-1934
 Ranney, Jane
 Rea, Evan, 1822-1873
 Reid, J.M.
 Rorsley, O.F.
 Sanborn, Burton D., 1859-1914
 Shattuck, Hubert Lincoln, 1865-1939
 Shattuck, Joseph Cummings, 1835-1921
 Southard, Charles Erastus, 1873-1960
 Stephens, O. J.
 Tedmon, B.S.
 Tobey, Frances, 1879-1952
 Veatch, Clara L., 1875-1943
 Ward, E.F.
 Warner, Ludie, 1862-1937
 Washburn, S. B.
 Weller, F.L., 1867-1915
 West, H.L.
 West, H.T. (Henry Tracey), 1824-1922
 Wilber, Alvin J., 1843-1928
 Wilber, Lawrence B., 1877-1954
 Wilber, Sara E., 1839-1927
 Witter, Ellen C.
 Wright, F.M.

Places	Greeley (Colo.)
Subject	Union Colony of Colorado Union Colony Pioneer Society Clubs
Document forms	Letters Manuscripts Newspaper articles Programs Booklets Photographs Scrapbook pages Commemorative ribbon Cards

Contents

Series I: Newspaper clippings

Subseries A: Obituaries and death notices for Union Colony pioneers, members of their families, and others. List of names attached.

Subseries B: Annual meetings and reunions of the Union Colony Pioneer Society.

Subseries C: Historical interest or personal reminiscence of the history of Greeley and the Union Colony.

Subseries D: Community activities of the Society.

Subseries E: The 1951 Lincoln Park initiative.

Series II: Correspondence

Consists of letters written in response to an invitation to attend an event commemorating the founding of Union Colony.

Subseries A: Early years.

Subseries B: Fortieth Anniversary – 1910.

Subseries C: Fiftieth Anniversary – 1920.

Subseries D: Correspondence between 1927 and 1949.

Subseries E: Seventieth Anniversary – 1940.

Series III: Financial records

Consists of receipts for purchase of diverse goods and services made on behalf of the Society. Arranged in chronological order.

Series IV: Club records

Subseries A: Lists. Consists of lists of members, birthdays, deaths, addresses.

Subseries B: Membership certificates, Union Colony Pioneer Society certificates.

Subseries C: Anniversary celebrations: Program booklets, reservation cards and announcements of events commemorating the founding of the Union Colony.

Subseries D: Materials related to the Society's efforts on behalf of the 1951 Lincoln

Park initiative.

Subseries E: Routine business communications: handwritten notes.

Series V: Address Book

Red leatherette address book.

Series VI: Scrapbook Pages

Loose scrapbook pages containing newspaper stories about the Society, Union Colony history, and various individuals.

Series VI: Photographs

One photograph.

Series VII: Ephemera

Two commemorative ribbons.

Series VIII: Manuscripts / unpublished documents

Consists of unrelated writings, some without attribution, including song lyrics, a prayer, notes, speeches, a script for a play, and a brief history of the Society of Union Colony Pioneers.

Container List

Series I: Newspaper clippings

Subseries A Obituaries and Death Notices

Box Folder

1 1

Subseries B Annual meetings

Box Folder

1 2-3

Subseries C Historical interest

Box Folder

1 4

Subseries D Community Activities

Box Folder

1 5

Subseries E 1951 Lincoln Park Initiative

Box Folder

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Series II: Correspondence

Subseries A	Early years
Box	Folder
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Subseries B	Fortieth Anniversary - 1910
Box	Folder
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Subseries C	Fiftieth Anniversary- 1920
Box	Folder
1	10-11
Subseries D	1927 – 1949 Correspondence
Box	Folder
1	12
Subseries E	Seventieth Anniversary - 1940
Box	Folder
1	13

Series III: Financial Records - Receipts

Box	Folder
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Series IV: Club Records

Subseries A	Lists
Box	Folder
1	15-17
Subseries B	Membership Certificates
Box	Folder
1	18-19
Subseries C	Anniversary Celebrations
Box	Folder
2	1 - 6
Subseries D	1951 Lincoln Park Initiative
Box	Folder
2	7

Subseries E	Routine business communications
Box	Folder
2	8

Series V: Address Book

Box	Folder
2	Wrapped, in box.

Series VI: Scrapbook Pages

Box	Folder
2	9 - 10

Series VI: Photographs

Box	Folder
2	11

Series VII: Ephemera: Commemorative Ribbons

Rehoused with objects

Series VIII: Manuscripts

Box	Folder
3	12 - 13

Appendix – Index to Obituary Clippings included in collection, listed alphabetically

Index to Obituary Clippings

Adams, Katherine J.
Adams, Mary A.
Altergott, Helmut
Andrews, Abbie S. (Mrs. Soloman B.)
Avery, Albert
Beetham, Susan (Mrs. Mark)
Bliss, David E.
Bliss, Donald E.
Bliss, Jack
Boyd, Robert
Brown, Robert Jay
Brush, Jared
Butler, Catherine
Carpenter, Alfred Bennett
Carpenter, Delph E.
Churchill, Isabella (Mrs. Harry E.)
Clark, Carolyn L.
Clark, Claude H.
Clark, Frederic W. (Judge F.W.)
Clark, Laurence
Coggins, Lewis W.
Cooke, Jerome F.
Cooke, Theodora
Darling, Mort W.
Darling, Mrs. Mort
Decker, Harold
Dowell, Ethel (Mrs. Harry)
Dunning, Maud M. Curtis (Mrs. Harvey)
Ellis, Margaret Jane
Farr, Charles A.
Fisk, Katherine L. (Mrs. George W.)
Foley, Ella Welch
Frazier, Hobert Leo
Gill, Nellie A.
Gilliland, Maud Meeker
Gipson, Lina West (Mrs. A.E.)
Goodman, Clara Inez
Hadden, Laura Snyder (Mrs. Dean S.)
Haynes, Rollin F.
Heath, Edith
Henderson, Ruby T. (Mrs. John W.)

Horne, Jennie Hotchkiss (Mrs. Wm. B.)
Huffsmith, Bert
Kendel, Art I.
Kendel, Josephine Knowles (Mrs. J.C.)
Kester, Sela Boyd (Mrs. J. Harry)
Knight, Bernadine (Mrs. Merrill)
Knight, Leward A.
Lathrop, Mary
Lawrence, Lois B. (Mrs. Sherman H.)
Laybourn, Felicia Middleton (Mrs. Myron H.)
Lester, Addie Willard
Luman, James W.
McClement, Clara Louise (Mrs. Abraham)
McElroy, Katharine
McLain, Anna Stockton (Mrs. B.K.)
Miller, Jessie Brockway
Milne, Julia M. (Mrs. J.G.)
Moodey, Theodore B.
Moore, Joseph R.
Mosher, Cora Marsh (Mrs. John C.)
Mumper, Abraham Lincoln
Norcross, Fred W.
Nusbaum, Agnes Strickland Moodie
O'Connor, Elizabeth Buell (Mrs. Charles J.)
Owen, Florence Bliss (Mrs. A.B.)
Painter, James L.C.
Parker, Kittie Irene Marsh
Patterson, Jesse R.
Petrikin, Katherine Norcross (Mrs. J.M.B.)
Plumb, E.K. (Ned)
Pollock, Frank B.
Reynolds, Inez Wyman
Reynolds, Nelson E.
Sawyer, Prudy T. (Mrs. Will D.)
Shattuck, Jean Gillies
Shinkle, Harriett Jane (Mrs. Sheldon)
Slockett, Florence
Stillwell, Sanford L.
Thomas, Cora May
Thompson, J. Scott
Tobey, Frances
Turner, Edith Mary
Van Dyne, Marian S.

Vellera, Grace Hall
Virden, Mary Brockway
Watson, Mary Bartlett
Wayne, Frances (Pinky)
Weber, Elizabeth (Bessie) Dunbar Moodie
Wherren, Frank
White, Charles Augustus
Williams, Mabel Woolf (Mrs. Raymond U.)
Woolf, Amelia Rothschild
Wyatt, Virginia B. (Mrs. David C.)
Wyatt, William W. (Bud)