

Guide to Camp Family Collection 1 – 2015.45

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Collection Summary

Dates 1843-2015
Bulk dates 1860-1900
Level of description Collection
Extent 5.5 cubic feet
Creator(s) Archibald Lacy Camp and family

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical note on Archibald Lacy Camp

Archibald Lacy Camp was born on February 18, 1823 in Warren County, Georgia to Gerard and Martha Lacy Camp. The family had a small plantation in Covington where they owned slaves, both by inheritance and by purchase. Young Archibald went to the Forsythe Medical School where he studied botanical medicine and graduated in 1844. From that time on, he was always referred to as Dr. Camp. In 1848 he married Cornelia Watson, and they had two children, Avah and Archibald Lacy Camp, Jr. After Cornelia died in early 1858, Archibald married Marietta Houston Sayers, and two more children were born, Eulah in 1859 and Charles in 1860. When the Civil War commenced, Dr. Camp refused to fight; he was against secession and detested the system of slavery. As he was about to be conscripted in the rebel army in March 1863, he fled to the North, making his way through the Tennessee mountains, always traveling at night. He eventually arrived in Cutchogue, New York (on Long Island) and immediately sent for Marietta and the four children. Marietta and children came by sea, arriving in New York in September 1863. They remained there until the end of the war in April 1865. When the Camps returned to Covington, the family was ostracized by old friends and Dr. Camp had to abandon his medicinal

practice. He managed a dry goods store and struggled for almost 10 years. In 1876, Dr. Camp, Marietta and Charles, who was then almost 16 years old, left to join the fledgling Union Colony in Colorado. The three older Camp children and their spouses followed several years later, and Dr. Camp purchased the old Barnum Hotel to house the growing families. Later, Marietta and Dr. Camp moved to Lone Tree, purchasing a farmhouse near present day Lucerne. Dr. Camp died at Lone Tree on March 13, 1908.

Biographical note on William Jesse Camp

William Jesse Camp was born on March 15, 1835 in Georgia to Gerard and Martha Camp. He joined the Confederate Army during the Civil War and fought until he was captured towards the end of the war. After being released, as the North knew the war was almost over, William joined his brother, Archibald Lacy Camp, and his family in Cutchogue, Long Island, New York. After the Civil War ended he returned to Covington, Georgia and tried to make a living. After a few years he decided that life in the reconstructed South was not going to work and signed up for Nathan Meeker's Union Colony in Colorado in 1870. In 1874, William sold his Union Colony allotment to his brother Archibald and returned to Covington to care for his ailing mother. After her death, William returned to Greeley in 1884. His second wife Mary Smith Camp died of pneumonia in 1889 and the family split up with many of his children remaining in the Greeley area. He wandered the region for a time picking up itinerant work and returning to Greeley every so often. William died on May 21, 1918 in Port Townsend, Washington.

Biographical note on Marietta Houston Sayers Camp

Marietta Houston Sayers was born on May 1, 1836 in Greene County, Georgia to James Martin and Nancy Ann Luckey Sayers. On September 28, 1858 she married Archibald Lacy Camp in Covington, Georgia and they had two children, Eulah and Charles. In 1876, Marietta, Dr. Camp and a young Charles moved to Greeley to begin a new life. Later, their three married children and grandchildren followed their parents to Greeley. The family first lived in the old Barnum hotel in Greeley and later moved to their Lone Tree farm near Lucerne, where Marietta died on October 6, 1896.

Biographical note on William C. Bishop

William C. Bishop was born in 1823 and was a good friend of Archibald Lacy Camp. Both men attended medical school at the Southern Botanic Medical College in Forsythe, Georgia before the Civil War. He and Archibald practiced botanical medical treatment that was popularly known as Thomsonian Medicine. William was also a Mason and had liberated views about women. William suffered from palsy and sought treatment in Atlanta in the 1870s. William died in 1898.

Biographical note on Charles Camp

Charles Camp was born on December 6, 1860 in Madison, Georgia to Archibald Lacy and Marietta Houston Sayers Camp. After moving to Greeley with his parents in 1876, he finished high school, farmed for a year, and then became a cowpuncher; he ran cattle through northeastern Colorado and the southern Wyoming plains. On December 28, 1885 he married his

Greeley High School sweetheart, Rosealpha Driver. Charles continued to ride the range as well as farm. In the early 1900s he became fascinated with “motion-picture taking machines” and began to film the cattle round ups. He eventually was given Muggins, a famous cow pony once owned by Tom Horn. After he retired he wrote, *Muggins, the Cow Horse*, a slim little book. After living in Greeley for 25 years, Rose and Charles Camp moved to Long Beach, California where Charles died on August 16, 1929.

Biographical note on Sarah Frances “Fanny” Camp Anderson

Sarah Frances Camp was born in 1825 to Gerard and Martha Camp in Georgia. On February 11, 1847 she married William Patrick Anderson a well-to-do businessman in Covington, Georgia resulting in the couple being one of the leading families in the town. Rather than leaving the South during the Civil War, Fanny stayed with her family in Georgia but wrote often to her brother when they were in Cutchogue, Long Island, New York giving the family details of life in Covington during the Civil War. She had a large and demanding home with many children of her own, a number of slaves, and later servants. Fanny also helped her ailing mother in her final years. Fanny died in 1898.

Biographical note on Eulah Camp Stillwell Bickling

Eulah Camp was born on August 5, 1859 in Madison, Georgia to Archibald Lacy and Marietta Houston Sayers Camp. When she was 16 she eloped with a teacher, John Thomas Stillwell, and they lived in Georgia until 1878 when they moved to Greeley to be near her parents, Dr. and Marietta Camp. Eulah divorced Stillwell in March 1891 and then married Herbert Nehemiah Bickling, a farm-hand on Dr. Camp’s Lone Tree farm. Eulah gave birth to a total of 16 children, six with Stillwell and ten with Bickling. There were several infant deaths, and not all the children survived. Eulah Camp Bickling died in the “Home Place,” the large red brick Bickling farm, near Lucerne on November 2, 1939.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of numerous letters to various members of the Camp family and friends; photographs of the Camp family; family histories, genealogy, and research notes created by the donor; a marriage certificate; and various envelopes addressed to Archibald Lacy Camp and others.

System of arrangement

No original order. Order imposed by material type and subject. Letters are in chronological order within each subseries.

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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 Jeanne Gooden Burkhardt
Notes	Preferred citation: Camp Family Collection, City of Greeley Museums, #2015.45. More information on the family and their history can be found in Jeanne Gooden Burkhardt's bibliography in 2016.05 Camp Family Collection 2.
Names	Anderson, Sarah Frances 'Fanny,' (1825-1898) Anderson, William Patrick Angell, Nellie Stillwell Wilkinson, (1881-1957) Bartholomew, Almond Bartholomew, Blanche A. Bickling, Archie L.C., (1906-1974) Bickling, Dorothy, (1899-1980) Bickling, Elsie Rosealpha, (1901-1984) Bickling, Eulah Camp Stillwell, (1859-1939) Bickling, Herbert Nehemiah, (1866-1945) Bickling, William McKinley 'Mac,' (1899-1976) Bishop, William C., (1823-1898) Brown, Israel F., (1810-1900) Camp, Archibald III, (1876-1968) Camp, Archibald Jr., (1855-1923) Camp, Archibald Lacy Camp, (1823-1908) Camp, Charles, (1830-1867) Camp, Charles, (1860-1929) Camp, Ellen Rosealpha Driver, (1861-1948) Camp, Gerard, (1794-1861) Camp, John Randolph, (1832-1858) Camp, Marietta Houston Sayers, (1836-1896) Camp, Martha Lacy, (1796-1878) Camp, Septimus G., (1842-1867) Camp, William Jesse, (1835-1918) Clark, W.W. Comings, Isaac Miller, (1812-1889) Comings, Lewis Davis, Minnie Evans, R.C. Floyd, John Galloway, Samuel

Gooden, Eugene R., (1879-1961)
 Gooden, Francena Jeannette Bickling, (1893-1938)
 Grogan, G.W.
 Hallock, Rhoda
 Hammond, S.
 Haynes, S.B.A.
 Howes, Jessie DeLacy Camp (1870-1963)
 Ingersoll, Robert, (1833-1899)
 Major General Schaft
 Mapes, Elizabeth, (1814-1878)
 Meeker, Ralph Lovejoy, (1845-1921)
 Noxon, Jeanette Senier, (1876-1968)
 Senier, Avah Camp, (1852-1909)
 Senier, Avah Cornelia, (1874-1906)
 Senier, John Howell, (1850-1907)
 Senier, Winfred, (1872-1945)
 Stillwell, Evelyn Camp, (1883-1970)
 Stillwell, Herman J., (1878-1914)
 Stillwell, John Thomas, (1852-1930)
 Stillwell, Marie
 Stillwell, Sanford Lucky, (1879-1951)
 Welham, M.L.
 Wilkinson, Brice
 Wilkinson, Johnny
 Wilkinson, Wayne

Places Covington (Georgia)
 Cutchogue (New York)
 Greeley (Colo.)

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Series I: Correspondence

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Consists of 137 letters to Archibald Lacy Camp from various people including Archibald Camp Jr., Charles Camp, Fanny Camp Anderson, G.T. Camp, G.W. Gorgan, Isaac M. Comings, John Floyd, John Randolph Camp, Lewis B. Comings, Liz Mapes, Lizzie Anderson, Marietta Camp, Martha Lacy Camp, Orrin T. Goldsmith, S. Hammond, S.B.A. Haynes, Septimus Camp, Thomas Camp, W. Hunter Anderson, William Jesse Camp, and Willie H. Anderson from 1843 to 1900

Subseries B: Marietta Sayers Camp

Consists of 42 letters to Marietta Sayers Camp from various people including Archibald Camp, Eugenia Harrison Sayers Sanderson, Fanny Camp Anderson, Isaac M. Comings, Liz Mapes, R.C. Evans, and Sarah E. Tillotson from 1862 to 1894.

Subseries C: Charles Camp

Consists of 11 letters to Charles Camp from Archibald Camp and Archibald Camp Jr. from 1864 to 1877.

Subseries D: William Jesse Camp

Consists of two notes written by William Jesse Camp.

Subseries E: Sarah Frances Anderson

Consists of two letters written to Sarah Frances Anderson from William Jesse Camp and Mrs. Gibson from 1884 and 1894.

Subseries F: Baptist Church

Consists of one letter written to the members of the Greeley Baptist Church from Archibald Lacy Camp.

Subseries G: W.W. Clark

Consists of one letter written to W.W. Clark from William Jesse Camp dated February 8, 1862.

Subseries H: I.M. Comings

Consists of three letters written to I.M. Comings from Willie H. Anderson, Archibald Camp, and William Jesse Camp from 1863, 1864, and 1865.

Subseries I: Samuel Galloway

Consists of one letter written to Samuel Galloway Archibald Camp and D. Horton from 1863.

Subseries J: Liz Mapes

Consists of one letter written to Liz Mapes from Fanny Camp Anderson from 1863.

Subseries K: William Mapes

Consists of two letters written to William Mapes from Willie H. Anderson from 1864.

Subseries L: Major General Schaft

Consists of one letter written to Major General Schaft from Isaac Comings from 1863.

Subseries M: Mrs. Tillotson

Consists of one letter written to Mrs. Tillotson from Matt A. Beck from 1874.

Subseries N: Mr. Wells

Consists of one letter written to Mr. Wells from Septimus Camp dated February 29, 1864.

Subseries O: Unknown

Consists of two letters written to two different unknown people from Cornelia Brown and Marietta Camp.

Series II: Envelopes

Consists of various envelopes addressed to Archibald Lacy Camp and others.

Series III: Essay

Consists of one essay written by Septimus G. Camp.

Series IV: Photographs

Subseries A: Camp Family

Consists of photographs of various members of the Camp family.

Subseries B: Camp Family Homes

Consists of photographs of the Camp family homes in Covington, GA and Greeley, CO.

Subseries C: Stillwell Family

Consists of photographs of the Stillwell family.

Subseries D: Bickling Family

Consists of photographs of the Bickling family.

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Consists of photographs of the Senier family.

Subseries F: Angell/Wilkinson Family

Consists of photographs of the Angell/Wilkinson family.

Subseries G: Ralph Meeker

Consists of one photograph of Ralph Meeker.

Subseries H: Lone Tree School

Consists of one photograph of the Lone Tree School.

Series V: Family History

Subseries A: Celebrating the Camp Family

Consists of one DVD titled *Celebrating the Camp Family: From the Civil War to the Great Depression*.

Subseries B: Ellen Rosealpha Driver Camp

Consists of one CD detailing the life of Ellen Rosealpha Driver Camp and her artwork.

Series VI: Genealogy

Consists of genealogies of the Camp family compiled by the donor, Jeanne Gooden Burkhardt.

Series VII: Marriage Certificate

Consists of one marriage certificate for Almond Bartholomew and Evelyn Stillwell.

Series VIII: Scrapbook

Consists of one scrapbook about the life of Archibald ‘Archel’ Camp III.

Series IX: Research Notes

Consists of various notes and documents compiled by the donor, Jeanne Gooden Burkhardt, about Covington, Georgia, and later generations of the Camp family.

Series X: Digital Transcriptions

Consists of two CDs that contain the original transcriptions created by the donor, Jeanne Gooden Burkhardt. Also includes transcripts of letters in which the original letters were not donated.

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