

Guide to the Plumb Family Collection 1 – 2016.34

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Name and location of repository Hazel E. Johnson Research Center
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Collection Summary

Dates 1850-1971
Bulk dates 1896-1932
Level of description Series
Extent 4.46 cubic feet
Creator(s) Plumb Family

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical note of Charles Ovid Plumb

Charles Ovid Plumb was born on August 14, 1895 in Greeley, Colorado to Emily Forster White Plumb and Augustus Miles Plumb. He graduated from Greeley High School in 1912. Charles then graduated from State Agricultural College in 1916. He married Isabella Huffsmith on December 28, 1918. The couple had six daughters: Charlotte Mundy, Marjorie O'Farrell, Barbara Hansen, Frances Dunleavy, Annabel Glenn, and Agnes Weinstein. During his life, Charles was a farmer, county commissioner, a World War I veteran, 4-H leader, Weld County Health Department Advisory Board member, and was the Weld County Agricultural Advisory Council founder and chairman. Charles died on March 17, 1997 in Greeley.

Brief History of the Plumb Family or Plumb Farms

Congress enacted the Timber Culture Act of 1873, a follow up to the Homestead Act. Through the Timber Culture Act, homesteaders could qualify for an additional 160 acres of land if they planted at least 1/4th of the property with trees. By the time Charles A. White established his tree claim in 1881, only ten acres of trees were required to be planted. White planted ash and

cottonwood trees bordering each side of his property. The home originally cost \$2,500 and was designed by Bessie Smith, Greeley's first female architect. The family raised farm animals and grew alfalfa, sugar beets, seed potatoes and beans, and other vegetables on the farm. Upon Col. C.A. White's death in 1922, Charles Ovid Plumb, White's grandson, purchased a quarter interest in the farm and eventually purchased the property. In 1983, the descendants of Charles Plumb donated 2.5 acres of the original tree claim to the City of Greeley for historical, cultural and museum use. Today, the property is used for community gardens, event rentals, and as a learning center.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of various books and a map from the Plumb family. There are a variety of books including bibles, yearbooks, novels, books on spelling, grammar, and how to read, historical fiction and nonfiction, poetry, and drill books for soldiers, and farm manuals.

System of arrangement

No original order. Order imposed by book size and condition.

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 the Plumb Family.

Notes

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Names

Ahlstrand, C.T.
Clark, Max
Hansen, Barbara Plumb
Mundy, Charlotte Plumb
O'Farrell, Marjorie Plumb, 1922-2002
Plumb, C.O. (Charles Ovid), 1895-1997

Plumb, Dorothy
Sims, Homer, 1872-1959
Weinstein, Agnes Plumb
White, Almira C.
White, C. A. (Charles Augustine), 1836-1922

Places Evans (Colo.)
Greeley (Colo.)
Greenfield (Mass.)

Subjects Bibles
Books about government
Children's books (juvenile fiction)
Yearbooks
Drill books for soldiers
Books of poetry
Historical fiction
Historical nonfiction
Spelling
Grammar
Farm Manuals

Document forms Bibles
Books
Map

Contents

Series I: Bibles

Consists of bibles owned by Charles Plumb and the Plumb family.

Series II: Military

Consists of various books the Plumb family owned about the United States military; includes drill manuals, battles, laws and regulations.

Series III: Yearbooks

Consists of various Greeley High School yearbooks owned by the Plumb family.

Series IV: Fiction

Consists of several books that are works of fiction; there are both children and adult fiction.

Series V: Education

Consists of several books aimed to help children improve their spelling, grammar, and reading skills.

Series VI: History

Consists of several books about United States history.

Series VII: Farming

Consists of several books related to farming and farm animal care.

Series VIII: Poetry

Consists of a few books of poetry.

Series IX: Map

Consists of one map.

Container List

Series I: Bibles

| Box | Folder |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | NA |
| Rehoused with books | |

Series II: Military

| Box | Folder |
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| 1 | NA |
| 2 | NA |
| 4 | NA |
| Rehoused with books | |

Series III: Yearbooks

| Box | Folder |
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| 1 | NA |
| 2 | NA |

Series IV: Fiction

| Box | Folder |
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| 3 | NA |
| 4 | NA |
| 5 | NA |

Series V: Education

| Box | Folder |
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| 1 | NA |
| 3 | NA |
| 5 | NA |

Series VI: History

| Box | Folder |
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| Rehoused with books | |

Series VII: Farming

| Box | Folder |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 3 | NA |
| Rehoused with books | |

Series VIII: Poetry

| Box | Folder |
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| 3 | NA |
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Series IX: Map

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