

Guide to the Brockway Family Collection – 2015.09

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Collection Summary

Dates 1863-1955
Bulk dates 1895-1955
Level of description Subseries
Extent .6494 Cubic Feet
Creator(s) Brockway Family

Administrative/Biographical History

Biographical note of Jessie Brockway Miller

Jessie Brockway was born on Christmas day in 1856 in Brockway, New Brunswick. She was the first child of David and Catherine Brockway. Jessie traveled with her mother and siblings to Greeley, Colorado by train when she was 17 years old. The following year she married James “Jim” Miller. Jim and Jessie had 2 children named Edwin (1876) and Albert E. (1881). Later the family moved to Timnath and then Fort Collins and Wellington. In their later years, the couple worked as sales people in a general store. Jim died in Wellington in 1931. Jessie was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greeley. Jessie spent her remaining years in Fort Collins and died in April 1952 at the age of 96.

Biographical note of Elizabeth “Lizzie” Brockway Ingram

Lizzie was born in New Brunswick, Canada on March 4, 1860. She was the third child of David and Catherine Brockway. She came with her family to Greeley, Colorado when she was 13 years old. Lizzie married William Edgar Ingram in 1879. The couple had two daughters, Lillian Grace

(who went by Grace) and Lizzie Edgar. Lizzie died at the age of 22 while giving birth to Lizzie. Her daughters were raised by her parents.

Biographical note of David Brockway

David Brockway was born in 1835 in Brockway, New Brunswick and was the third child and second son of Alvia and Mary Brockway. David married Catherine Jane Turner from Fredericton in 1855. David was a farmer. David and Catherine had seven children: Jessie (1856), Mary Catherine “Kate” (1858), Elizabeth “Lizzie” (1860), Lillian (1862), Clymena “Minnie” (1864), Sarah A. “Sadie” (1866), and Charles Edward (1868). All of their children were born in New Brunswick before moving to Greeley in 1873. David and his brother, Jeremiah, went to Greeley first and settled before sending for their wives and children who traveled by train to Greeley. David and his wife Catherine lived in Greeley until their deaths. After the death of their daughter Lizzie in 1882, David and Catherine raised her two daughters, Lillian “Grace” and Lizzie. David and Catherine were faithful members of the First Presbyterian Church in Greeley. David died in October of 1924 at the age of 88.

Biographical note of Catherine Jane Turner Brockway

Catherine was from an established family who served in the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa. Catherine had two brothers and a sister. Catherine married David Brockway in 1855. David and Catherine had seven children. Catherine died in 1915 at the age of 81.

Biographical note of Mary Catherine “Kate” Brockway Butler

Kate was born in Brockway, New Brunswick to David and Catherine Brockway. She moved to Greeley, Colorado when she was 15. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Greeley and was very active in the women’s organizations and Sunday School. For many years, she was also involved with the Women’s Christian Temperance Union. When she was 21, she married 35 year old Albert D. Butler, a Civil War veteran. Kate and Albert had 2 children Albert David (1883-1943) and Jesse Paul (1891) who died when he was 5 months old. Kate was a step mother to Albert’s daughter from a previous relationship. The couple operated a dairy farm north of Greeley. Later they moved to a farm near Gilcrest where Albert died in 1908 at the age of 65. Kate then sold the farm and returned to Greeley where she lived until she died in August of 1952 at the age of 94.

Biographical note of Lillian Grace Ingram Cushman

Lillian “Grace” was born to Lizzie Brockway Ingram and Edgar Ingram. After her mother died in 1882, Grace and her sister, Lizzie, were raised by their maternal grandparents, Catherine and David Brockway. Grace was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Northern Colorado. Grace became an assistant librarian at the Normal School. After she married Homer Cushman in 1905, she was notified by her employer that she would have to be let go because “she had a husband who could support her.” Though later she was able to resume her work as an

assistant librarian at UNC. Her sister, Lizzie, moved to California, married, and had three children but never kept in contact with her family in Colorado.

Biographical note of Lillian J. Brockway Jacobs

Lillian was born in Brockway, New Brunswick to David and Catherine Brockway and moved to Greeley at the age of 11. She was a member of the Greeley First Presbyterian Church. After finishing her education in Greeley public schools, Lillian married Alonzo W. Jacobs when she was 21 years old. She and her husband were actively associated in the educational, social, and civic affairs of the community. She was a bookkeeper in her husband's market for 18 years. The couple had two sons. Her only surviving son was Lucian Turner Jacobs, and he was born in 1887, and her son, Albert, died when he was 14 months old. Alonzo died in 1924. In 1934, Lillian married Sam D. Griffiths, (who was 12 years younger than Lillian) who was a bailiff with the District Court. Her son, Lucian, died in 1941 at Dr. Brady's Sanitarium in Colorado Springs following a long illness. Lillian died in 1943 at the age of 81.

Biographical note of Clymena "Minnie" Brockway

Minnie Brockway was born in 1864 in Brockway, New Brunswick and moved with her family to Greeley when she was 9 years old. Minnie married Edward C. Elmer around 1884. Minnie and Elmer had three children: Raymond (born 1885), Marjorie (born 1888), and Catherine (born 1894). Edward began a tinsmith and plumbing business in Buena Vista, Colorado. The family later moved to Grand Junction. Edward died in 1896 at their home when he was 43 years old. Minnie and the children moved back to Greeley around 1900. By 1910 Minnie was working as a matron in a hospital. By 1920 Minnie was living in Dinuba, California with her 29 year old daughter, Marjorie. Minnie died in Fresno, California in 1926 at the age of 61.

Biographical note of Sarah "Sadie" Brockway

Sadie Brockway was born in Brockway, New Brunswick, Canada in 1866 and moved to Greeley with her family in 1873. She attended Greeley schools. Sadie married Edmund "Ed" M. Pier in early 1888 and the couple had three children: Harold Brockway Pier (born 1889), Stanhope Reid Pier (born 1891), and Josephine Pier (born 1893). By 1913, Sadie and her family were residing in Lincoln, Nebraska (this is when Sarah changed her name to Sadie and her name appeared as Sadie in records). Edmund was working as a travel agent and all three of their children were students and both boys attended the University of Nebraska. In 1915, the family was still in Lincoln and Edmund was working as a clerk in a basket store. Harold became an instructor of animal husbandry at the University of Nebraska and married Ella "Leta" Turner. Josephine was working as a stenographer. Stanhope was still a student at the University. Sadie died in July 1916 at the age of 50 in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was buried in Greeley Colorado.

Biographical note of Charles E. Brockway

Charles E. Brockway was born in 1868 in Brockway, New Brunswick and moved with his family in 1873. Charles married Elizabeth "Lizzie" M. David. The couple had three children: Ada (born 1891), Clarence (born 1896), and Donald (born 1906). They lived in Greeley and he

worked as a teamster and then as a farm foreman. In 1910, Charles and his family were living in Peckham, Colorado. In 1910 their daughter, Ada, married. By 1920, the family moved to Hoffland, Nebraska. He was working as a teamster at a potash factory and his 14 year old son Donald was employed at the same place as an office boy. Charles died in 1926 in Hastings, Nebraska at the age of 58. He was buried in Greeley, Colorado.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of various items from the Brockway family. The collection includes photographs, newspaper articles, church service programs, a hair weaving, a marriage announcement, a wedding anniversary party invitation, an invitation to a high school reunion, a warranty deed, a certificate of discharge from the United States Army, an agricultural program, a letter, a certificate of election to City Council, and family genealogy.

System of arrangement No original order. Order imposed by person and subject and then date

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Languages and scripts of the materials English

Immediate source of acquisition This collection was donated by Sandra Lu Thomas.

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Names Brockway, Ada, 1891-
Brockway, Catherine Turner, 1834-1915
Brockway, Charles Edward, 1868-1926
Brockway, Clarence, 1896-
Brockway, David, 1835-1924
Brockway, Donald, 1906-
Brockway, Elizabeth "Lizzie" M. Davis
Butler, Albert David, 1843-1908
Butler, Albert David, 1883-1943
Butler, Jesse Paul, 1891-1891
Butler, Mary Catherine "Kate" Brockway, 1858-1952

Cushman, Homer Craven
 Cushman, Lillian Grace Ingram 1881-1977
 Elmer, Catherine, 1894-
 Elmer, Clymena "Minnie" Brockway, 1864-1926
 Elmer, Edward C., d. 1896
 Elmer, Marjorie, 1888-
 Elmer, Raymond, 1885-
 Griffiths, Lillian J. Brockway Jacobs, 1862-1943
 Ingram, Elizabeth "Lizzie," 1882-
 Ingram, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Brockway, 1860-1882
 Ingram, William Edgar
 Jacobs, Alonzo "A.W.," d. 1924
 Jacobs, Lucian T., 1897-1941
 Miller, Albert E., 1881-
 Miller, Edwin A., 1876-
 Miller, James "Jim," d. 1931
 Miller, Jessie Brockway, 1856-1952
 Pier, Edmund, d. 1949
 Pier, Harold Brockway, 1889-
 Pier, Josephine, 1893-
 Pier, Sarah "Sadie" Brockway, 1866-1916
 Pier, Stanhope Reid, 1891-

Places Greeley, Colorado
 Brockway, New Brunswick, Canada

Subjects Anniversaries
 Army
 Churches
 Correspondence
 Family
 Family members
 Graduation ceremonies
 Invitations
 Land
 Newspapers
 Photographs
 Presbyterian churches
 Programs
 Reunions
 Weddings

Document forms Correspondence
 Ephemera
 Genealogy
 Newspapers

Photographs
Programs

Contents

Series I: Photographs

Consists of photographs of the Brockway family members.

Subseries A: Lillian “Grace” Ingram Cushman

Contains a photograph of Grace and her sister

Subseries B: Charles Scott

Contains a photograph of Charles Scott.

Subseries C: Kate and Albert Butler

Contains two photographs Kate and Albert Butler.

Subseries D: Stanhope and Harold Pier

Contains photographs of Stanhope and Harold Pier

Subseries E: Lillian Brockway Jacobs

Contains photographs of Lillian Jacobs and her family.

Subseries F: Alonzo “A.W.” and Lucian Jacobs

Contains photographs of A.W. and Lucian Jacobs

Subseries G: Brockway family

Contains photographs of Brockway family members including Jessie and her husband James Miller.

Series II: Programs

Consists of various paper programs for various events relating to the Brockway family.

Subseries A: Play

Contains a program to a Midsummer Night’s Dream by Shakespeare. Put on by Greeley High School.

Subseries B: Graduation Ceremony

Contains a program from Greeley High School’s graduation ceremony in 1900.

Subseries C: Reunion

Contains a program for a 50 class reunion.

Subseries D: Society of Union Colony Pioneers

Contains a program for the anniversary of the Union Colony Pioneers, which Kate Butler was involved in.

Series III: Newspapers

Consists of newspaper articles relating to the Brockway family.

Subseries A: High School Reunion

Contains a newspaper article about the 50 year class reunion from the class of 1900.

Subseries B: Wedding Announcement

Contains an announcement of the wedding for Lillian "Grace" Ingram Cushman.

Subseries C: Family

Contains a newspaper article about a Butler family member. Also contains an article about David Brockway.

Subseries D: Church

Contains newspapers from the Church the family was involved in.

Series IV: Church

Consists of various items related to the Church the Brockway family was involved in.

Series V: Documents

Consists of various documents relating to the Brockway family.

Subseries A: Army Discharge certificate

Contains an army discharge certificate for Albert Butler.

Subseries B: Warranty Deed

Contains a warranty deed between Albert and Kate Butler.

Subseries C: Certificate of Election

Contains a Certificate of Election for A.W. Jacobs for City Council.

Subseries B: Charles Scott

Contains a photograph of Charles Scott.

Series VI: Invitations

Consists of invitations Brockway family members sent out or received.

Subseries A: Wedding invitations

Contains an invitation to an anniversary celebration.

Subseries B: Church

Contains programs from the Church the family was involved in.

Series VII: Family Genealogy

Consists of family genealogy for the Brockway family.

Series VIII: Object

Consists of hair art in the form of a bouquet of flowers.

Container List

Series I: Photographs

Box	Folder
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Series II: Programs

Box	Folder
1	1, 2, 7

Series III: Newspapers

Box	Folder
1	1, 2, 6, 7

Series IV: Church

Box	Folder
1	7

Series V: Documents

Box	Folder
1	2, 5

Series VI: Invitations

Box	Folder
1	1

Series VII: Family Genealogy

Box	Folder
2	1

Series VIII: Object

Rehoused separately with 3D objects