

Turner Collection

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
Turner Collection: 1 box containing bed warmer, parasol, 2 tea sets, 2 pairs of gloves, box of pins, drawing of Judge Arnot, opera glasses, doily, pudding cook book, Trivet, photos, etc.	No	Yes - S.L. Turner was an important El Dorado County pioneer. His home still stands at 696 Main Street.	Yes	Donated 09/30/2018	Accession

Turner Collection Photos



Passing of Samuel L. Turner.

News of the death of S. L. Turner a former resident of this city, at St. Helena, Napa county, was received here the first of the week. He died on February 26th, after an illness of several weeks, from neuralgia of the heart; though he had not enjoyed good health for a long time. Mr. Turner with his wife and four children, William, Mabel, Dorothy and Agatha, came to Placerville about twenty-five years ago and established a home now occupied by the Kyburz family on Upper Main street, where many of their friends enjoyed their hospitality from time to time. Later they moved on to their property five miles above here, near Camino, where Mr. Turner and his son cultivated their orchards with good success, and where they still dispensed hospitality to their friends in their comfortable country home.

When the El Dorado Lumber Co. established their plant at Camino, Mr. Turner sold his property and removed with his family to Berkeley—to take advantage of the superior educational advantages. About two years ago they removed to St. Helena where they owned a tract of land. Mr. Turner was unable to do hard work and suffered severely before the end came, as stated. He was a native of England, and about 70 years of age. He was a man of keen intellect and observation, had traveled extensively and had held positions of trust in many countries, including Portugal and Brazil, and was a brilliant and entertaining conversationalist. After leaving here he and his family still retained a warm regard for Placerville and their friends here, and often sent messages of hearty good will. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Turner who is always kindly sympathetic for others, and her children, in their bereavement.

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Samuel Lucas Turner Family Information
Donations to El Dorado County Museum 9/30/2018

Samuel Lucas Turner 12/17/1842 - 2/24/1913

Born Stratford-on-Avon, England. Died in St. Helena, California. Interred St. Helena cemetery

- England, Portugal, Brazil where either Mable or Dollie was born
- 1883 Engineer who came to Placerville, California to direct mining operations (Agatha was a baby)
 - Established a home later occupied by Kyburz. Anita (Nita) Kyburz married Stan Arnot
- Moved near Camino, where Samuel and William cultivated their orchards
- El Dorado Lumber Co. established their plant at Camino, Turners sold and moved to Berkeley for the superior educational advantages.
- 1906 SF earthquake home burned and moved to Napa *1906*
- 1911 moved to St. Helena and owned a tract of land *2229 Carlton St. Berkeley*

(Mrs) *Adelaide E.* **Turner**

- Studied with Charles Gounod and sang "The Messiah" as Gounod conducted it, with Sir Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert and Sullivan fame, at the organ.
- Charter Member of the Placerville Shakespeare Club, the oldest continual women's organization in the country.

Children: William, Mable, (Dorothy Florence?) Dollie, Agatha

Agatha *1905 Placerville*

- Born in London, England
- Studied violin for seven years in San Francisco under Gual Minetti, classmate of Toscanini and concert master under him at La Scala, Milan.
- Agatha taught violin the Anna Head school for girls.
- 1906 their home burned down and the family moved to Napa. Agatha's cases of music were saved by a neighbor who buried them in a vacant lot.
- Returned to Berkeley and taught violin
- 1911 moved to St. Helena, taught violin.
- 1925 joined the Napa Symphony, also played in the Santa Rosa orchestra, Pacific Union College, Vallejo and Sonoma orchestras

Dollie *(Flora)*

- Registered nurse *March 1937*
- Worked at Agnew's State Hospital for awhile */ Marine Hospital SF*
- Did beautiful knitting, crocheting, and needle point. Marge has 2 beautiful bedspreads she made as well as many dollies. *MSTC*

Comments:

Dollie and Agatha were friends of Gene (Arnot) and Abe Rice and their family, Margaret (Rice) and Henry Luther and daughter Marge (Luther) and Jim Shively; and Bob and Fran Rice. Dollie and Agatha were "part of the family" and we celebrated all the holidays together.

We inherited some of the family jewelry

- long gold necklace (supposedly either Dollie or Agatha had teeth on it and left a tooth indentation on one of the long gold pieces) and engagement/wedding ring, with 5 rose cut diamonds, of their grandmothers

- gold chain
- large cameo, earrings, and ring from Mt. Vesuvius ash
- small pink cameo surrounded with seed pearls and 4 sapphires
- Mozambique garnet and diamond bee on rose gold bracelet and other bees made into tie tacks
- Mozambique garnet and diamond rose gold ring with Will Turner engraved in it
- Musical powder box with painted picture on top, dated 1906
- American Victorian piano stool with needle point cushion sewn by Dollie
- Lace Parasol that probably belonged to Mrs. Turner
- When they died in 1969, they left their home and furnishings to the Episcopal Church in St. Helena.

Dollie moved in with Agatha when she retired from her nursing career. She had known Margaret through nursing and the family. Neither ever married, but loved and spoiled Margie, since she was the "only child". They were "tea totalers", but when Agatha started to play with the college orchestras, she realized beer was made from hops and wine from grapes and relaxed her views on drinking a bit. Agatha had a wonderful contagious laugh, while Dollie was more subdued, but still had a wonderful giving personality.

Marge (Luther) Shively
September 2018

Donations from Turners
To El Dorado County Museum 9/30/2018 *El Dorado County Museum*
Pictures in computer file: Marge/DONATIONS/TURNERS

American Victorian piano stool with needle point cushion made by Dollie; NOT accepted

- ✓ 2 Miniature tea sets, each in wooden box (one is cedar)
 - 1. 6 cups and saucers, 6 tin, embossed, tea spoons, tea pot, cream and sugar (pink)
 - 2. 6 cups and saucers, 6 plates, tea pot, cream and sugar (blue)
- ✓ 2 pair lady's gloves
 - 1. Lace on top
 - 2. Crochet with fancy work at wrist
- ✓ Opera glasses: possibly ivory, in leather case, very old
- ✓ Doily: crocheted by Dollie Turner
- ✓ Pudding cook book: from library at Agatha and Dollie's. Marge Shively remembers reading recipes with them.
- ✓ Trivet: "English, probably late 1800's. Stamped and possibly hand colored"
Marks on back: Poppy, W & H Stole of Trent
- ✓ Package of "Twelve SS White Pulp Canal Cleaners"
- ✓ Box of Birthday candles (match box style box) Columbia Wax Works
- Old box "Prouty's", Napa, California NOT accepted

Box "FF Barss & Son Watchmakers and Jewelers, Main St. Placerville Cal.

2 silver (sterling) match holders. One has W T initials (Will Turner); NOT accepted

- ✓ 2 metal "bobby" whistles
 - 1. Plain
 - 2. The Metropolitan Patent J. Hudson & Co., 131 Barr St. Birmingham

✓ 1 ivory (?) whistle

✓ Box of pins from El Dorado County, Placerville, elections

Wooden tea set with table (needs repair) in a broken wooden box label: ___ Buttercups Afternoon Tea Set; NOT accepted

✓ Photograph of Mrs. Samuel Turner

Portrait photo of Dollie (Dorothy Florence) Turner

✓ Obituary of Samuel L. Turner

✓ Announcement card in envelope of Samuel L. Turner's death

Several newspaper articles about Agatha Turner; NOT accepted

Box of envelopes and *a few* post cards addressed to Turners from 1902 -1913

✓ Program for Placerville Shakespeare Club (oldest women's organization in the country) April 23, 1903. Mrs. Turner listed as member and part of the program.

Several more recent photos of Dollie and Agatha (and one with Gene Arnot Rice). Probably late 1960's; not accepted

✓ ***Pen and Ink portrait of Judge Arnot done by his son, John Paul Arnot June 18, 1916.
On the back: Received July 22, 1916
Alvin (?) S. G. Beach, Hotel Placerville

✓ Fort/Bad weather - poetry

Box of 1960s Photos

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
1 box of photos from 1960s, mostly of locals at Vesuvio's Pizza	No	Dario Borelli appears to have donated the photos.	No	No date. Recommend scanning.	Accession

Box of 1960s Photos



Mineral/Geological Specimens

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
1 box of mineral/geological specimens from the collection of Bill Gray	No	Yes	No	Donated Dec 2019 and Jan 2020. No confirmation that the specimens are from EDC. Obsidian is not found in EDC. Without provenance, recommend we do not accession.	Deaccession

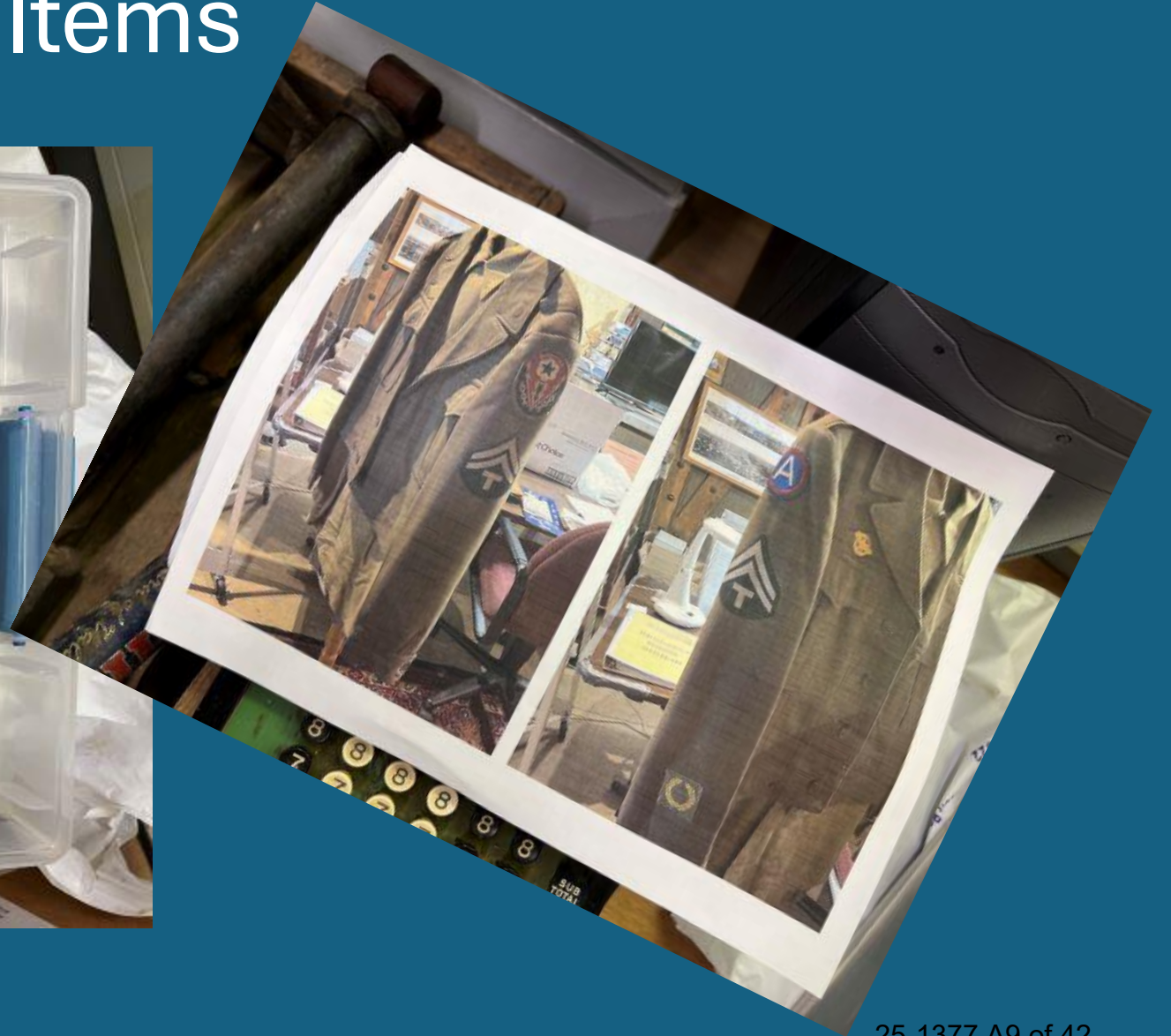
Bill Gray Collection Specimens



Floyd Cooper WWII Items

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
Floyd Cooper uniform (stored upstairs with textiles?), WWII photos (including liberation of Nazi concentration camps), medals, pamphlets, obituary.	No	Yes. From the estate of Floyd Cooper (Donated by Donald & Kim Cooper)	Yes	Floyd Cooper moved to EDC in 1960. He was not a resident during WWII. The war/military artifacts are likely better suited to an institution that focuses more broadly on WWII.	Deaccession

Floyd Cooper WWII Items

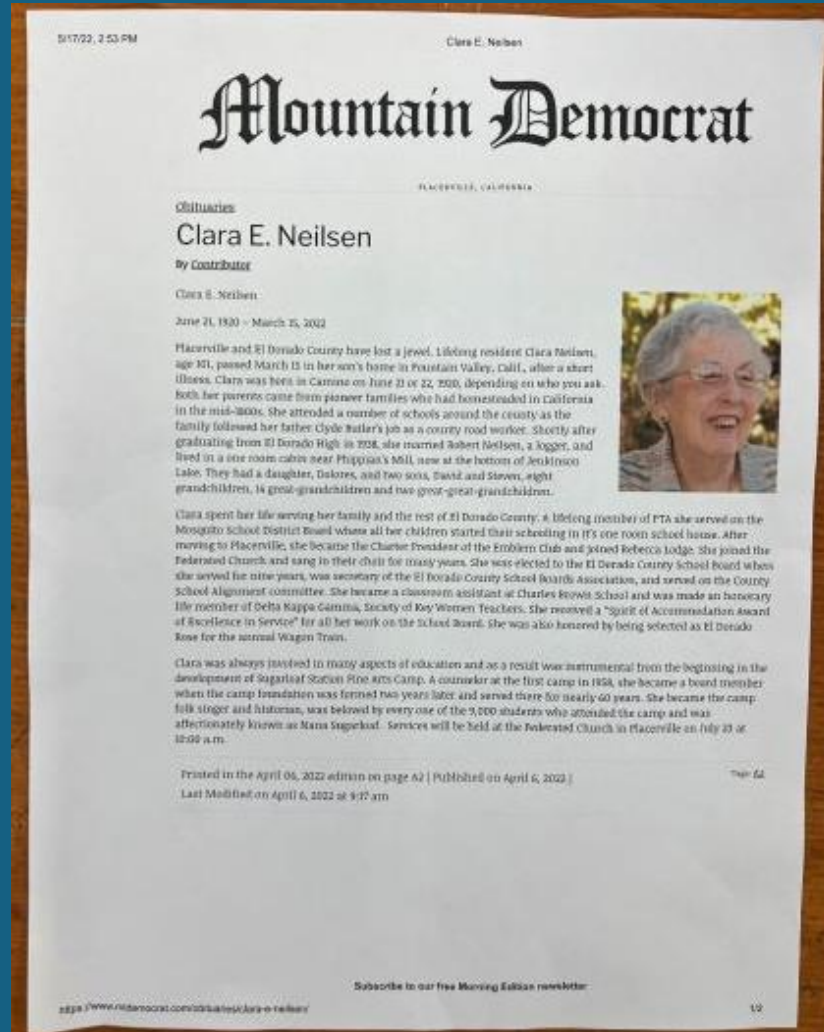




Nielsen El Dorado Rose Sash

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
1 El Dorado Rose Sash as worn by Clara Nielsen in 1982	No	Yes, from son Steve Nielsen	Yes	Donated in December 2019 and January 2020. Clara was one of the key individuals who helped to preserve Placerville and EDC history. For example, she was the primary coordinator and fundraiser for the ME Church preservation and restoration effort in the late 1990s.	Accession

Nielsen El Dorado Rose Sash



Mathis Photos

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
Loose photograph prints of works by artist Carol Mathis, including photos of Carol.	No	“Evolution of a Painter” exposé notes on Carol Mathis, along with several photographs of her work and that of her father, George Mathis, featuring Carol’s handwritten notations on the back.	Yes		Accession

Mathis Photos



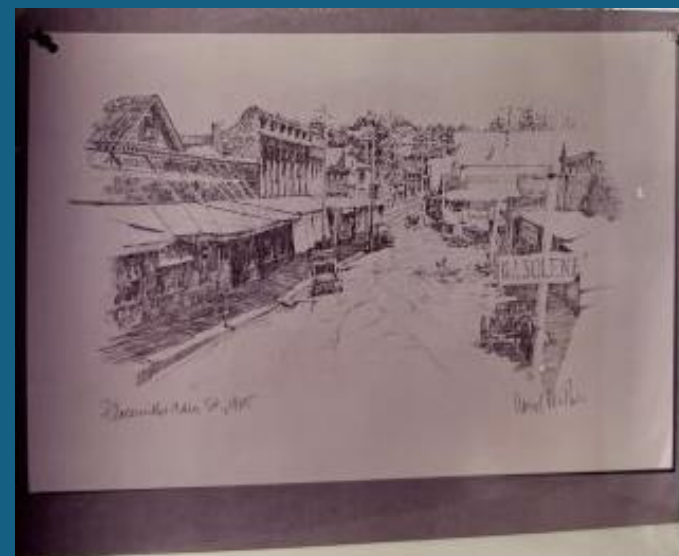
"Atlas
"Mining
Methods"
by George Mathis



"Sutter's Mill"
by George Mathis



(Carol's own handwriting)
"It wasn't
beginner's
luck!"
by
Carol Mathis
Reports to
Around Here May 1976 4323



"Pinobrande
Cable Crossing"
by George Mathis

"Placerville
Dream"
by Carol Mathis

"Placerville's Main
St., 1905"
by Carol Mathis



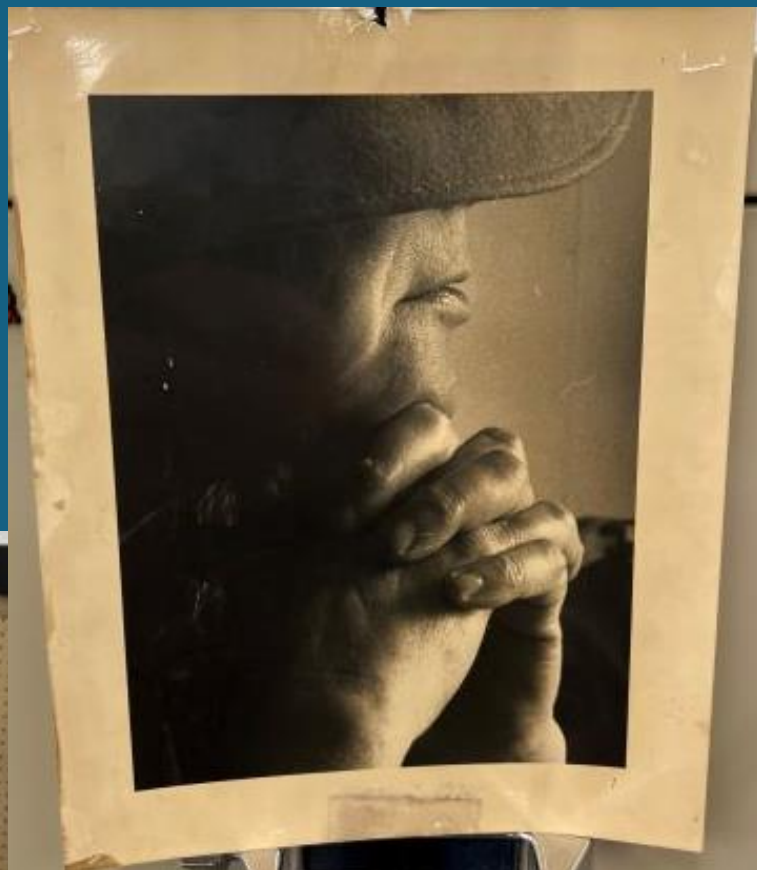
"Coloma Dream"
by Carol Mathis

EVOLUTION OF A PAINTER

from portrayer of historic scenes in
tradition of father, to
contemporary painter.

Carol is one of most imaginative of
Western painters.





Proto-icon Dolls

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
2 proto-icon dolls. Oak.	No	August 21 2005: Mary, I recently bought these dolls and wondered about their historical significance. If there is any, I'd like to get them to the right place to display, so others can see them. Ruth (626.1103)	No	Dressed in dresses and shawls. No exceptional craftsmanship. No provenance.	Deaccession

Proto-icon Dolls Photos



Antique Map of Nevada

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Authentic antique map of Nevada, taken from C.A. Gaskell's 1893 Atlas	No	No	No		Deaccession

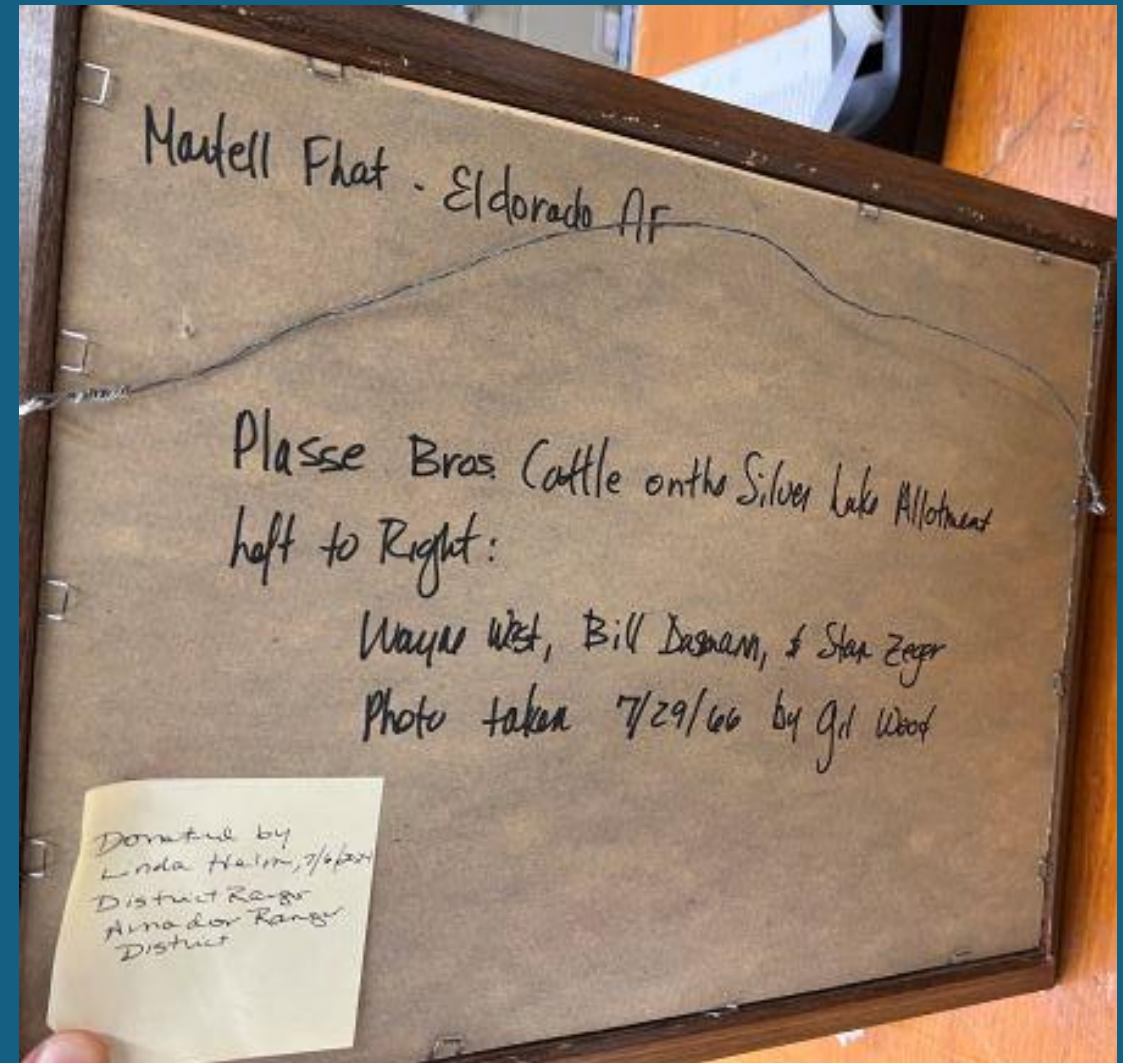
Antique Map of Nevada Photo



El Dorado National Forest Rangers Image

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
Framed image of 3 El Dorado National Forest rangers at Martell Flat, Amador County (was donated along with the reproduction ranger uniform previously accessioned).	No	Donated by Linda Helm of El Dorado National Forest, Amador County District	Yes	Recommendation: Scan photo to illustrate rangers wearing the uniform, then deaccession.	Deaccession

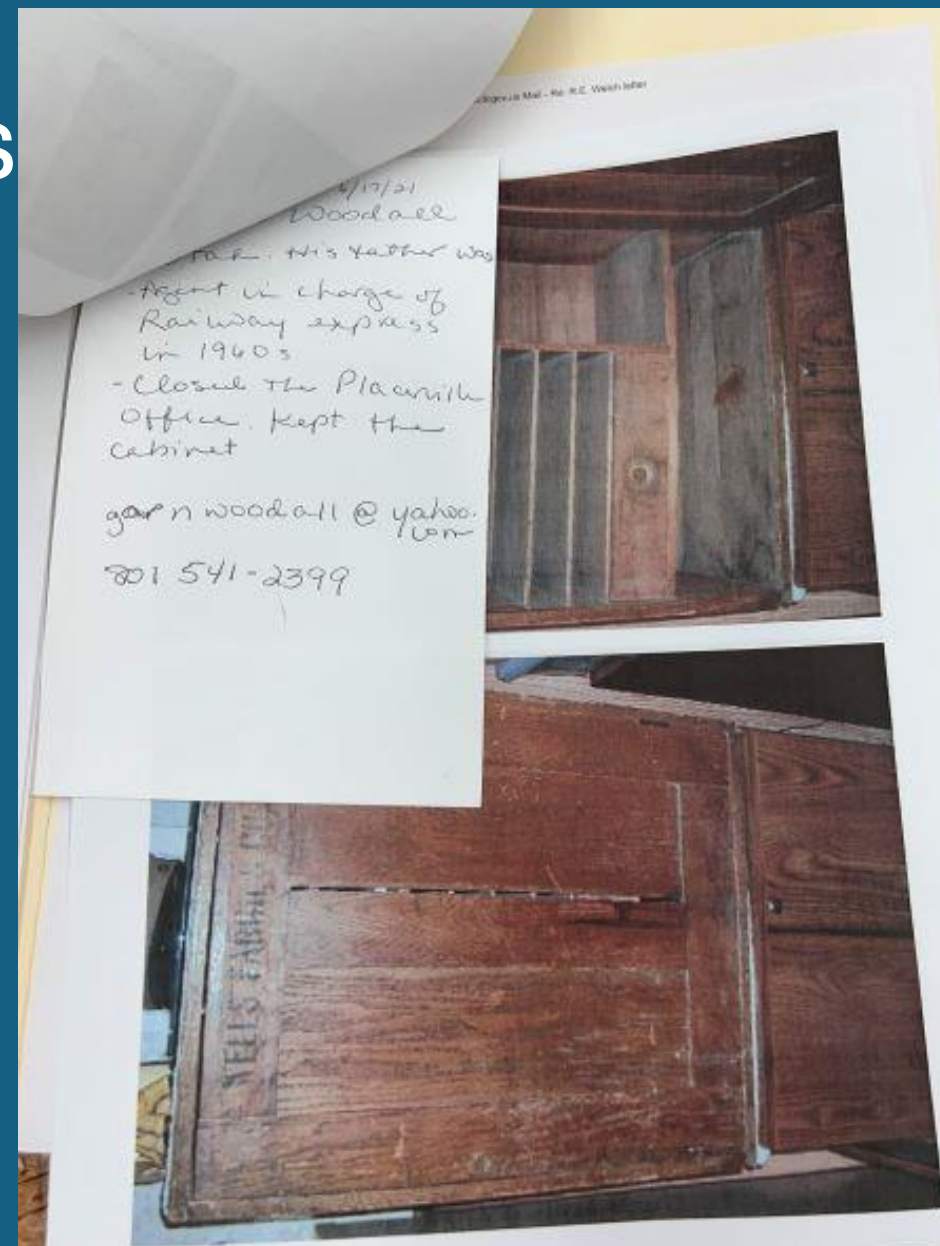
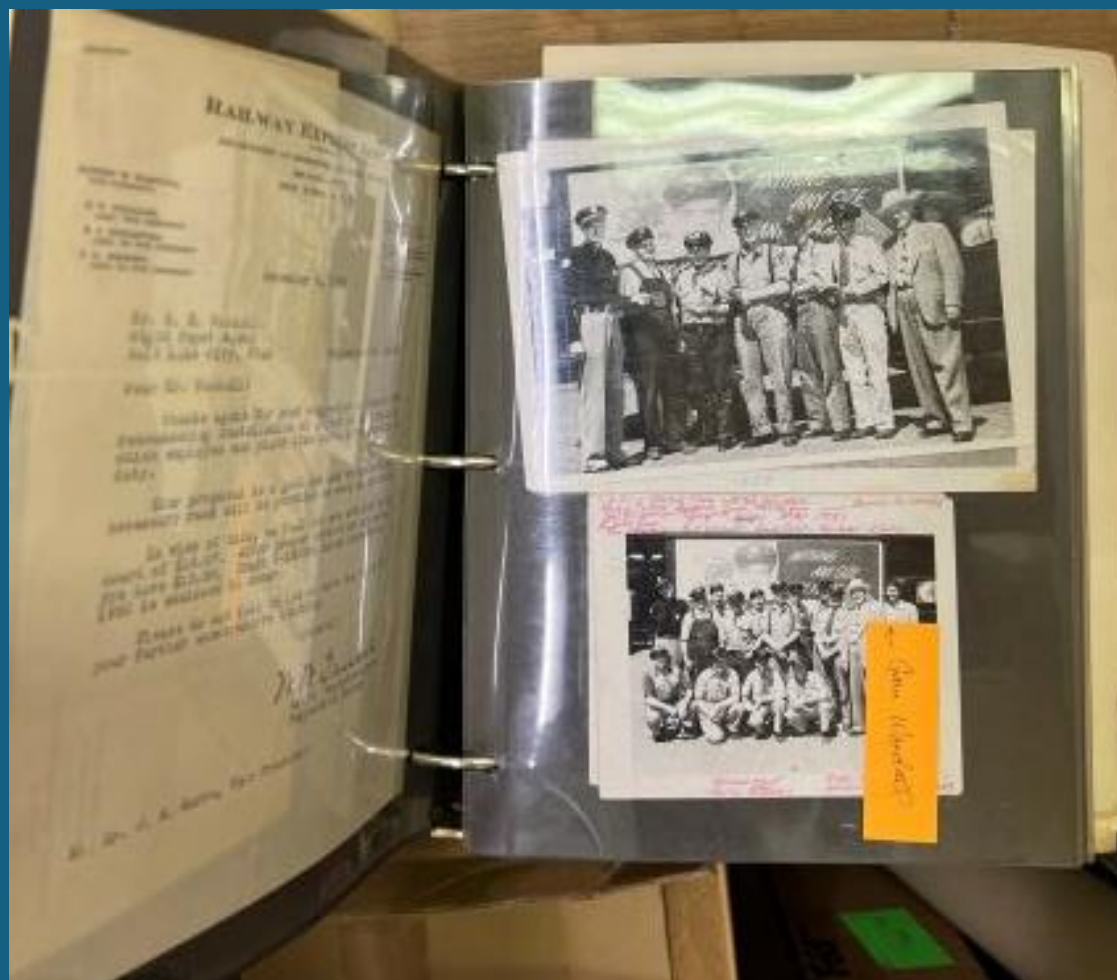
Forest Rangers Photo



“Woody” Woodall Scrapbooks and Stamps

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Scrapbooks and stamps from "Woody" Woodall who worked for the Railway Express Company, was stationed in Suisun City and Tahoe City. He also had an old Wells Fargo cabinet from the Placerville REA Office, which he collected when it closed. However, the box does not appear to have been donated.	No	Donated by daughter Garn Woodall	Yes	Items are not sufficiently related to EDC history. Mostly comprised of business conducted in the Bay Area and SLC, UT.	Deaccession

Woodall Scrapbooks Photos

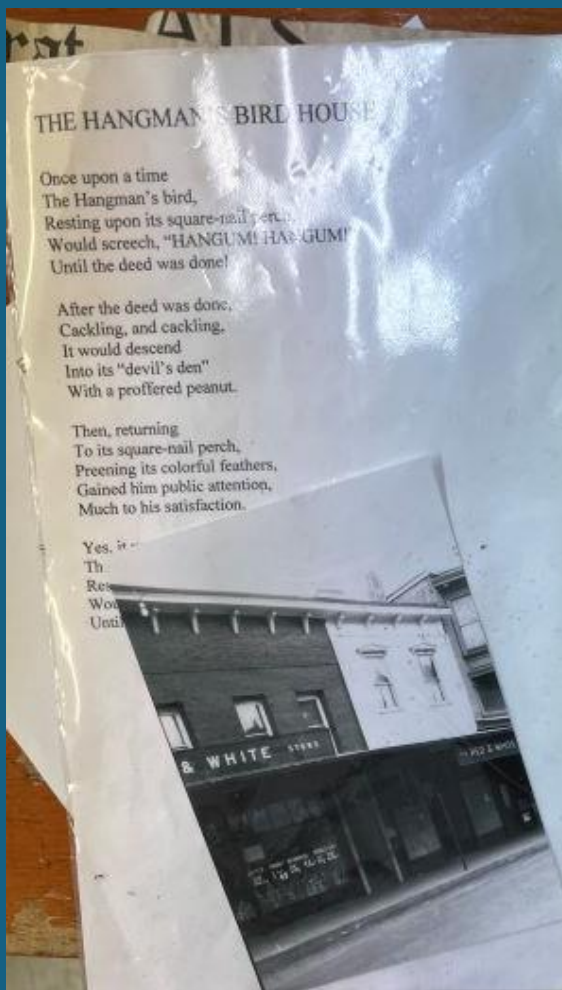




Wheeldon Birdhouse

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
Birdhouse made by George Wheeldon, comprised of old materials from the Hangman's Tree Building	No	Donated to County Museum by George Wheeldon	No		Deaccession

Wheeldon Birdhouse Photos



Shell Oil Gas Can

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Shell Oil gas can (poor condition)	No	Donated by Scott Moore	No		Deaccession

Shell Oil Gas Can

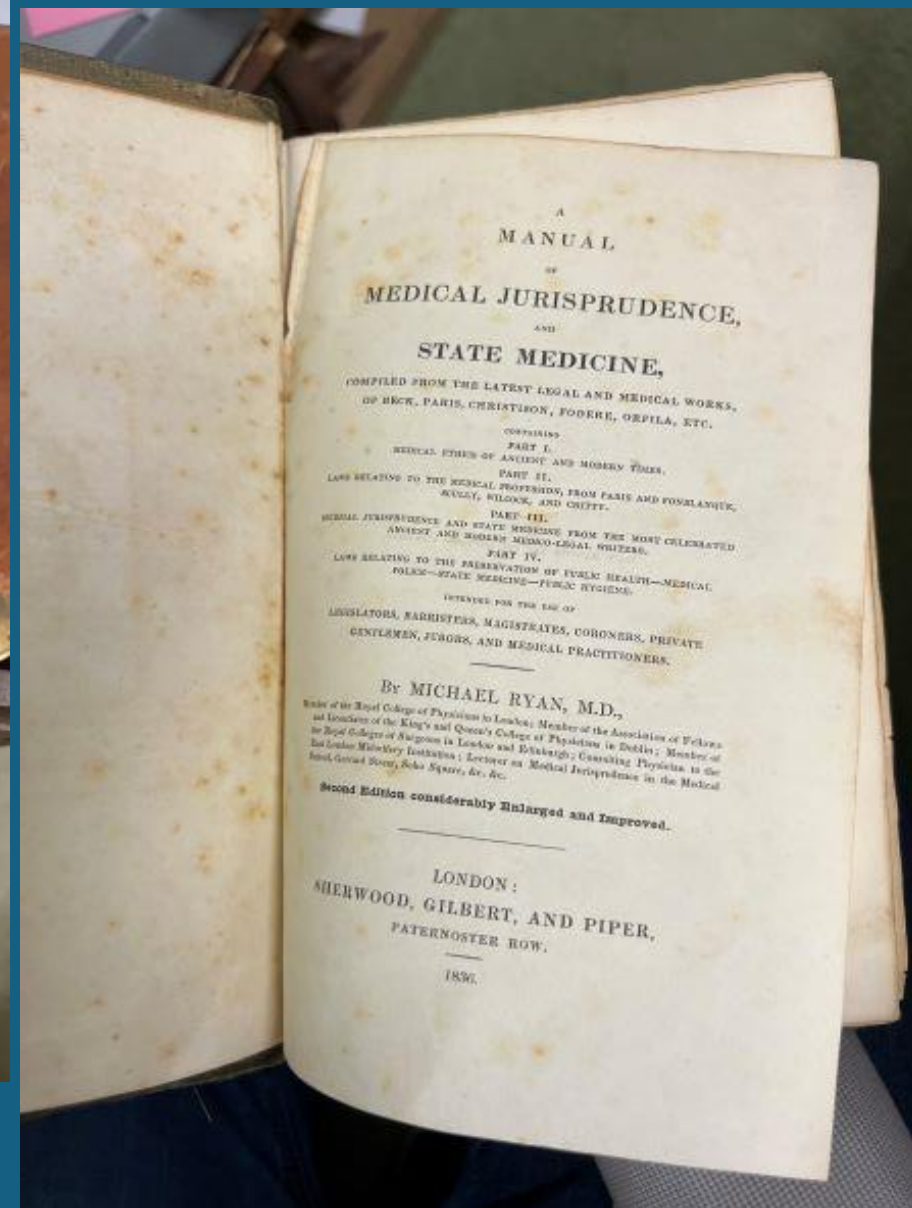
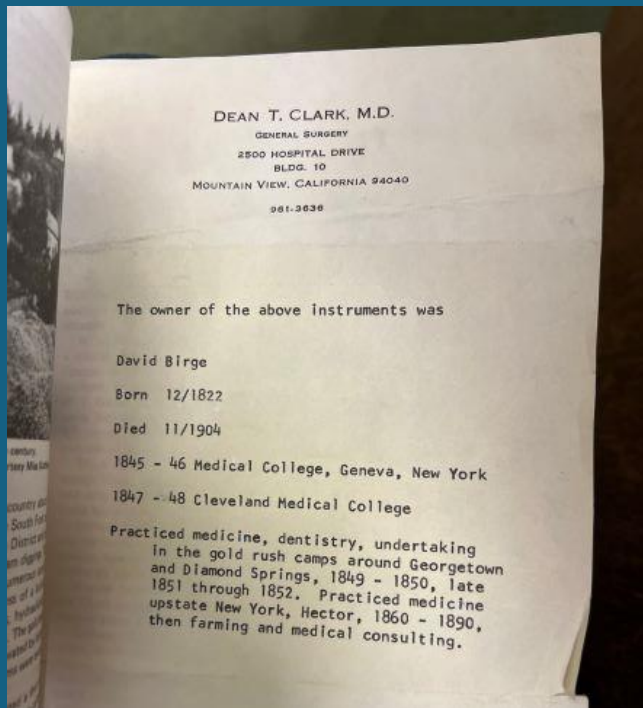


Dr. Birge Gold Rush Era Medical Items

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David Birge, El Dorado County gold rush era doctor's medical books, journals, instruments, etc. which belonged to Dr. David Birge, who practiced medicine in the mining camps, being stationed in Georgetown and Diamond Springs from 1849-52 before returning to NY.	No	Donated by Doctor Clarke of Mountainview	Yes		Accession

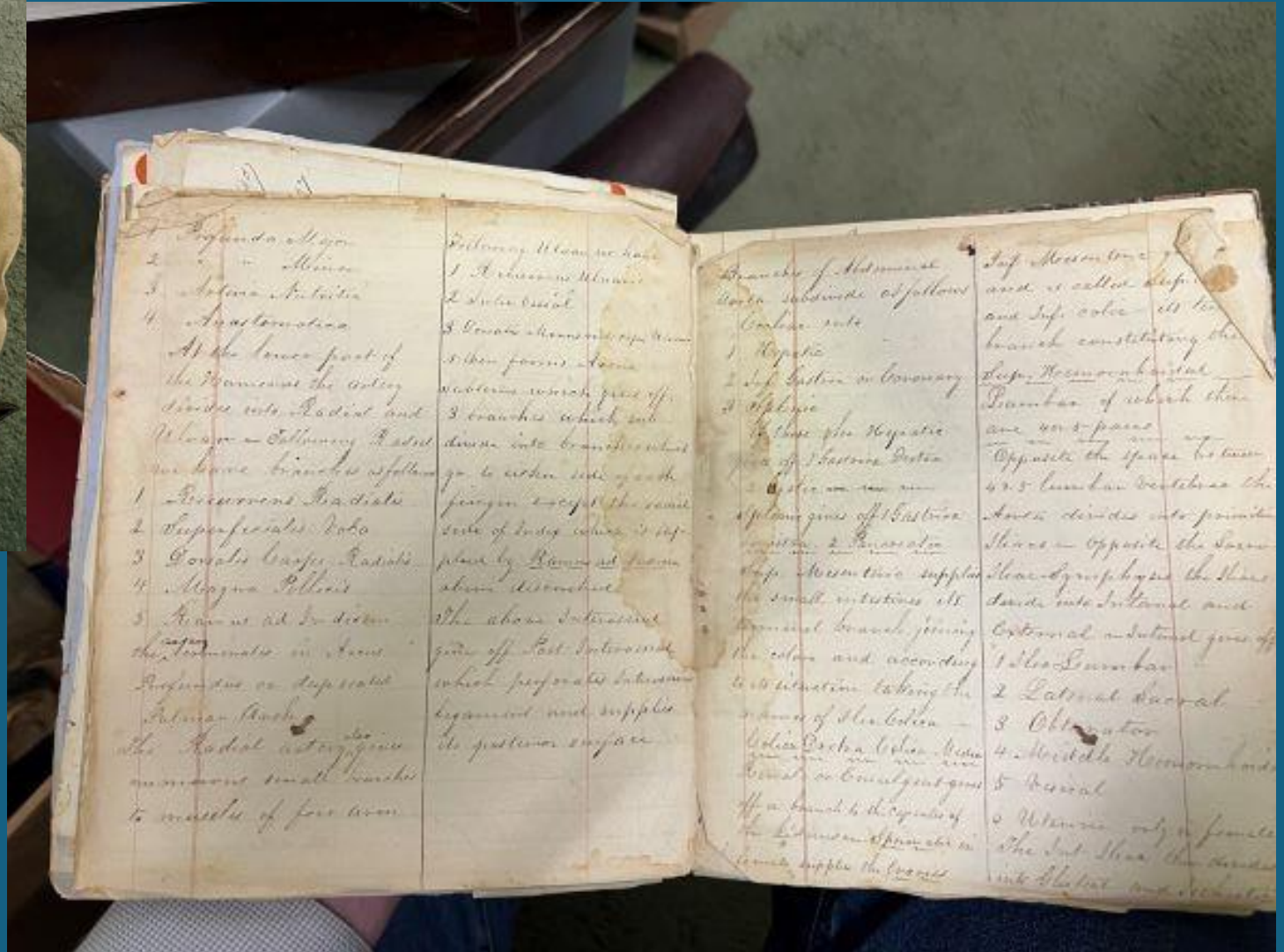
Birge Medical Item Photos







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ROSTROM, A.I.A.
SEPH C. LOMBARDO, A.I.A.
NIE O. ERICKSON, A.I.A.

December 13, 1968

Dear Dave:

This piece of the original Atlantic Telegraph cable was purchased by your grandfather, George Clark, from Tiffany, which is still the largest jewelry store in New York. As you can see it is a piece of the first Atlantic telegraph cable. As I understand, it worked only for a short time and then for some unknown reason went out of commission.

If you feel that it is not something you want to keep, you could no doubt turn it over with the enclosed certificate to the Stanford Museum who would probably be glad to have it.

Benet M. Clark



White Family Letters & Photos

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
Peggy Bosch donation of Johnny & Selma White family letters and photos (late 19th and early 20th century). The Whites lived in Placerville.	No	Donation from Peggy Bosch on 06/26/2025	Yes		Accession

White Family Letters & Photos



1940s-1950s Fur Collar

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
1940s-50s fur collar once belonging to Barbara Brown, who lived in the China Garden Mobile Park.	No	Donation from Barbara Brown	Yes	No connection to EDC history.	Deaccession

1940s-1950s Fur Collar



Trinity County Crucible

Item(s)	Accession #	Documentation	Provenance	Notes	Recommend
19th century Trinity County crucible. Crucible found in old Chinese mine in Trinity Alps, donated to the County Historical Museum by Barbara Raines. Barbara received the artifact from Rich and Patsy Thompson. The Thompsons received it as a gift from "Bert", who originally discovered it in the old mining site in Trinity County.	No	Donated by Barbara Raines	Yes	No connection to EDC history.	Deaccession

Trinity County Crucible



This is called a cruet -
Used in the gold mining days
to melt down gold - Told to me
by a man in the Trinity River Area
that owned a char up there - He
quoted it at about worth \$70.00.
I don't know if this is true -

I picked it up at an
old Chinese mining site in
the Trinity Alps and it
probably dates back to the
1800's. I want you to have
it for your show case home
Thanks again for the
great hear - Best Wishes
Bert