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TITLE: Anna Regina Alles Burr Memorabilia

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1971.040

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1898-1904

Extent: 1 box

Language and Scripts: English

Name of creator(s): Anna Regina Alles Burr

Administrative/Biographical History:

Anna Regina Alles was born on a farm in St. Jacobs, Ontario, Canada on March 2, 1866 to Catherine Litt and Peter Alles. Regina was one of fifteen children, including three sets of twins. Her mother died when she was 10 years old and she lived with several family members, including her brother Ezra Alles in Detroit, Michigan as a young woman. She married Fred Baumbach in 1889 and lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She gave birth to a child who died and about two years later her husband died.

A few years later, Regina married Elisha D. Burr on April 19, 1894 and they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1898, the couple went to Alaska near the end of the Klondike Gold Rush (1896-1899) gold rush. They made their way to Dawson City from Valdez, and Regina is credited with being the first white woman to go over Mantasta Pass into Dawson. The couple stayed in Alaska for about 3 years and Regina kept a diary of her experiences during that time, and some of her experiences were shared in local newspapers back home such as the *Detroit Free Press*. Upon their return to the Lower-48 around 1904, the couple moved to California and divorced.

Regina married Perley Frank Linton on July 8, 1910 in San Francisco and they settled in Alhambra, California. In 1949, they moved into a small house behind George and Harriett Linton, Frank's son and daughter-in-law, in Compton, California. Regina died March 20, 1952 and is buried in Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California.

Scope and Content Description:

This collection includes one diary written by Anna Regina Alles Burr from March 15, 1898 to February 22, 1904, two transcribed copies, a photo, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement: Not applicable.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by George and Harriett Linton on November 3, 1971.

Processing Note

The original newspaper that was included with donation was disposed of after copies were made and replaced original in the collection. Also removed typed transcription of diary from plastic binder and disposed of the binder because it was hardening and discoloring.

RELATED MATERIALS

B1956.005 William H. Crary Newspapers and Scrapbooks

B1962.001 Crary-Henderson Collection

B1969.013 CIHS Hall Collection

B1969.015 Fred Winter Collection

B1972.070 Kenneth Metcalf Collection
B1977.107 AHFAM Roe Photographs
B1993.018 Lamp Collection
B1994.022 Hoyt Family Collection
B2014.015 Axel Nelson on the Valdez Trail Photograph

SUBJECTS

Burr, Anna Regina Alles, 1866-1952
Burr, Elisha D.
Dawson City (Yukon Territory, Canada)
Valdez (Alaska)
Gold rush – Alaska

Detailed Description of the Collection

Folder 1

Diary, "Mrs. A. Regina Burr, Detroit, Mich." 86 pages.

Folder 2

Transcription of Diary (2 copies)

Folder 3

.1 – Photo portrait of Anna Regina Alles Burr, taken by C.M. Hayes & Co., Detroit [oval portrait with gold embossed design, circa 1898]

Folder 4

Newspaper photocopies

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