
Guide to the Bateson Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bateson Family papers

Dates: ca. 1835-1942

Bulk Dates: (Bulk 1900-1930)

Collection number: MS 113

Creator: Family, Bateson

Collection Size: 4 document boxes, 1 oversize portfolio

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Abstract: This collection includes family correspondence, notebooks, address books, sketchbooks, school papers from Anna Aiken Bateson, William H. Bateson, Caroline Beatrice Bateson, and John, Martin and Gregory Bateson.

Physical location: Stored offsite at NRLF: Advance notice is required for access to the papers.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mary Catherine Bateson, David Lipset, 1987

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection includes family correspondence, notebooks, address books, sketchbooks, school papers from Anna Aiken Bateson (b.1829 - d.1918), William Bateson (b.1861 - d.1926), Caroline Beatrice Durham Bateson (b.1870? - d.1942), and John Bateson (b.1898 - d. 1918), Martin Bateson (b.1899 - d.1922) and Gregory Bateson (b.1904 - d.1980).

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Bateson family--Archives

Bateson, William, 1861-1926

Bateson, Gregory, 1904-1980

UCSC Finding Aids

- MS 98 Gregory Bateson Papers, 1925-1985
- [MS 206, Mark Engels Papers, ca. 1933-1987](#)
- [MS 297, David Lipset Papers, 1943-1982](#)
- [MS Coll 2, Bateson Family Papers, 1829-1940, American Philosophical Society, 105 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386](#)

Box:Folder 1:1 **Anna Aiken Bateson ca. 1835-1880**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains a scrapbook of Anna Aiken Bateson with geneological history, clippings about the Aiken family and friends, cards and notes.

Box:Folder 1:1 **Scrapbook ca. 1835-1880**

Box:Folder 1:2, 4 **William Bateson 1886-1926**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series includes correspondence to William Bateson and photographs. A majority of the correspondence relates to his son Martin's suicide and his estate.

Box:Folder 1:2 **Correspondence undated ca. 1913-1926**

Box:Folder 4:5 **Portrait photograph, Wm. Bateson ca. 1900-1926**

Box:Folder 4:5 **Negative of Wm. Bateson ca. 1900-1926**

Box:Folder 4:6 **Snapshots from the Russian Steppes taken during the 1886-1887 trip (12, B/W, 3x5) ca. 1886-1887**

Box:Folder 1:3-4, **Caroline Beatrice Durham Bateson ca. 1905-1942**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains correspondence to Caroline Beatrice Durham Bateson, her address book/scrapbook and photographs from a trip to South America.

Box:Folder 1:3 **Correspondence undated ca. 1905-1940**

Box:Folder 1:4 **Address Book 1923 ca. 1923-1942**

Box:Folder 4:7 **Photographs (13, B/W, 5x7) taken or collected during South American trip to Manaus, Brazil ca. 1930-1939**

Box:Folder 2:1-6**John Bateson ca. 1905-1918**

Physical Description: 6 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains early school sketchbooks, notebooks and one Army book of John Bateson.

Box:Folder 2:1-2 **Sketchbooks Undated ca. 1905-1906**

Box:Folder 2:3 **"Caxton" Penny Exercise Book August 1907**

Box:Folder 2:4 **"Notes on plants collected round Charter House for the Poole Prize, Summer Quarter, 1916" 1916**

Box:Folder 2:5 **"Answers to Chemistry Papers" 1917-1918**

Box:Folder 2:6 **"Officers' Record of Services, Army Book" ca. 1917-1918**

Box:Folder 2:7-9**Martin Bateson ca. 1905-1922**

3:1-8, 4:8-10, 5:1

Physical Description: 15 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains sketchbooks, school notebooks and papers, photograph album, passports, notebooks and pocket diaries, photographs and small ephemera of Martin Bateson.

Box:Folder 2:7-8 **Sketchbooks (2) ca. 1905-1910**

Box:Folder 2:9 **"The Blue Bell Exercise Book" ca. 1905-1910**

Box:Folder 3:1 **Album - Photographic competition, St. Faith's, Brownie Division July 1913**

Box:Folder 3:2 **"Rugby School Book, Summer Term" 1917**

Box:Folder 3:3 **"Ideal" Royal Flying Corps - loose leaf notebook ca. 1918-1920**

Box:Folder 3:4 **Passports 1920-1921**

Box:Folder 3:5 **Correspondence (2) 1921**

Box:Folder 3:6 **Notebooks, Pocket Diaries ca. 1919-1922**

Box:Folder 3:7 **Barclays Bank Ltd. account book 1919-1922**

Box:Folder 3:8, 4:10 **Misc. ephemera - empty rec'd envelopes, stationary, empty notebooks undated**

Box:Folder 5:1 **Oversize - University of Cambridge, St. John's College BA Certificate, Royal Air Force Appointment 1918 1921**

Box:Folder 4:8-9 **Snapshots taken during trip(s) to Ireland ca. 1915-1922**

Box:Folder 4:1-4**Gregory Bateson 1912-1936**

Physical Description: 4 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains school papers, notebooks, and incoming correspondence of Gregory Bateson.

Box:Folder 4:1 **Charterhouse School papers 1912**
Box:Folder 4:2 **"Natural History Notes, April 15, 1916 - August 15, 1918" 1916-1918**
Box:Folder 4:3 **Correspondence undated ca. 1922-1936**
Box:Folder 4:4 **Notes on New Guinea ca. 1922-1925**