
Register of the Williams (Earle E.) Tracy/Westside History Collection, 1881-1981

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Williams (Earle E.) Tracy/Westside History Collection,

Date (inclusive): 1881-1981

Collection number: Ms50

Creator: Earle E. Williams

Extent: 0.5 linear ft.

Repository: San Joaquin County Museum.

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personal name

Williams, Earle E.

DeWelt, Marie Cornelia Stewart

Smith, Amber

corporate name

El Rancho Pescadero (Tracy, Calif.)
Carnegie (Calif.) Brick & Pottery Company

subject

El Camino Viejo Trail (Calif.)
Pottery - California - San Joaquin County
Agriculture - California - Tracy
Land tenure - California - Tracy
Coal mines and mining - California - Corral Hollow
Brickmaking - California - San Joaquin County

geographic name

Corral Hollow (Calif.) - History
San Joaquin City (Calif.) - History
Carnegie (Calif.) - History
Tracy (Calif.) - History

Biography

Earle E. Williams was an educator, civic leader and amateur historian who lived in Tracy (Calif.) for much of his adult life. Following his retirement (c1960), Williams devoted himself to historical research and writing relating to the Tracy area, a region of southwestern San Joaquin County that includes both hilly and river delta terrain and that has seen coal mining and pottery production in addition to farming and stock raising. A Tracy middle school was named for Williams (1990).

Scope and Content

The Williams Collection consists principally of essays and photographs by Mr. Williams on various Tracy area topics, including: Corral Hollow, El Camino Viejo Trail, El Rancho Pescadero and San Joaquin City. The collection also contains land records pertaining to El Rancho Pescadero, a transcript of the first issue of the first Tracy newspaper (1881), an itinerary for a walking tour of 19th c. Tracy by Amber Smith and a reminiscence of life in Corral Hollow by Marie Stewart DeWelt (1965).

BOX 1: WILLIAMS TRACY/WESTSIDE HISTORY COLLECTION

- 1.1: Earle E. Williams. "El Camino Viejo; the old Los Angeles Trail," 1961 [5 pp.; typescript]
- 1.2: Earle E. Williams. "The region of Corral Hollow & other related subjects," 1961 [incl. essays on Holy Week at Mission Santa Barbara & America Kelsey; 28 pp.; typescript]
- 1.3: Earle E. Williams. "Tesla, Pottery and Carnegie in Corral Hollow...1892-1912," 1961 [incl. photographs; 12 pp.; typescript]
- 1.4: Earle E. Williams. [San Joaquin City], 1961? [incl. photographs; 19 pp.; typescript]
- 1.5: Earle E. Williams. "El Rancho Pescadero, 1843-1890," 1979 [incl photocopies of land records; 211 pp.; typescript & photocopy of typescript]
- 1.6: R.E. Wilhoit & Sons. "Abstract of McLaughlin Lands: Pescadero Rancho, Vol. 2," 1907
- 1.7: Marie Cordelia Stewart DeWelt. "After fifty years...my happy childhood days," 1965 [incl. commentary on Corral Hollow by Earle E. Williams; 34 pp.; typescript]
- 1.8: Amber Smith. [Tracy 19th c. buildings for walking tour], n.d. [after 1981] [4 pp.; typescript]
- 1.9: The Tracy News 1:1 (12-10-1881) [transcribed by Earle E. Williams w/ notes & related corresp. (1968)]
- 1.10: El Camino Viejo Project---project outline and related corresp., 1970
- 1.11: Earle E. Williams corresp. pertaining to Swiss living in Tracy area, 1981