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personal name

Cottle, Zora (1837-1894)

Cottle, Francis Marion (d. 1916)

Cottle, Francis Marion, Jr. (d. 1971)

Kennedy family

Cottle family
Cottle, Edward (1650-1710)

subject

Agriculture -California -Stanislaus County -History
Overland journeys to the Pacific
Ferries -California -Stanislaus River
Ranchers -California -Stanislaus County
Oakdale (Calif.) -History -Sources

Biography

The Cottles were Oakdale, Stanislaus County (Calif.) ranchers from the early 1850s. Zora Cottle (1837-1894) settled with his wife, Catherine, and nephew, Francis Marion Cottle (d. 1916) on the Stanislaus River. They purchased an interest in a ferry and ran large herds of cattle. Francis Marion Cottle married Harriet L. Kennedy (1869), purchased his own land and raised fruit. A son, Francis Marion Cottle Jr. (d. 1971) served in World War I. He was employed by the Westend Chemical Company when the family ranch was lost during the Great Depression (1934).

Scope and Content

The Cottle Family Collection consists of correspondence, writings, printed materials, photographs, legal and financial documents, and postal memorabilia -stamps and cancelled envelopes. The majority of correspondence tells news of family and friends. Financial documents include a detailed account of John Loving's outfit for his trip to California in 1853, and tuition receipts for Zora Cottle's children's schools.

BOX 1: COTTLE FAMILY HISTORY

Index of "Book on Cottle Family"

- 1.1: Francis Marion Cottle Jr. Book on Cottle Family, Pt. 1 (1946) [56 pp.]
- 1.2: Francis Marion Cottle Jr. Book on Cottle Family, Pt. 2 (1946) [26 pp.]
- 1.3: Do., Chapt. on Harriet L. Kennedy Cottle & Kennedy Family [27 pp.]
- 1.4: Do., Pt. 3a: Early Stockton & the ferry business [28 pp.]
- 1.5: Do., Pt. 4a: Knight's Ferry area in 1850s [29 pp.]
- 1.6: Do., Pt. 5a: Stanislaus County in 1860s [39 pp.]
- 1.7: Do., Pt. 6b: Francis M. & Harriet L. Cottle [44 pp.]
- 1.8: Do., Pt. 7: Francis M. & Harriet L. Cottle in late 19th c. [44 pp.]
- 1.9: Do., Pt. 8: Do. [33 pp.]
- 1.10: Do., Pt. 9: Do. [37 pp.]
- 1.11: Notes
- 1.12: Francis Marion Cottle Jr. Book on Cottle Family, Pt. 10: Early 20th c. Stanislaus County [44 pp.]
- 1.13: Do., Pt. 11: Water; World War I [43 pp.]
- 1.14: Do., Pt. 12: 1920s-1930s [51 pp.]
- 1.15: Do., Pt. 13: 1920s-1930s continued [44 pp.]
- 1.16: Henry Cottle. "Edward Cottle, Emigrant" [1650-1710] [23 pp.]
- 1.17: Francis Marion Cottle Jr. "Oakdale characters & events" (1946?) [22 pp.]
- 1.18: Francis Marion Cottle Jr. "Stage ladies of the Mother Lode" (1946?) [7 pp.]

BOX 2: COTTLE CORRESPONDENCE, 1849-1968

- 2.1: Misc. [undated]
- 2.2: June 4, 1849
- 2.3: Jan. 1858 - Oct. 1865
- 2.4: Jul. 1874 - Oct. 1906
- 2.5: July 1910 - Sept. 1918
- 2.6: Oct. 2, 1918 - Oct. 14, 1918
- 2.7: Oct. 16, 1918 - Nov. 2, 1918
- 2.8: Nov. 6, 1918 - Dec. 21, 1918
- 2.9: Mar. 22, 1921- Dec. 17, 1937

- 2.10: Jan. 18, 1939 - Dec. 19, 1968
- 2.11: 1990
- 2.12: Photocopies of correspondence, 1852-1937
- 2.13: Correspondence/transcriptions, 1897-1901

BOX 3: KENNEDY CORRESPONDENCE, 1852-1921 AND POEMS

- 3.1: Undated
- 3.2: Jan. 24, 1852- May 17, 1861
- 3.3: Jan. 26, 1862 - Sept. 18, 1878
- 3.4: Sept. 1, 1931 - 1955
- 3.5: Poems (undated)
- 3.6 Photocopies of John, Joseph, Moses, and Angus Kennedy Families, and Gilman Usher Family, and Kate Bud materials. Includes report of 1918 fatal accident at the Calaveras Copper Company's Union Copper Mine at Copperopolis.

BOX 4: FINANCIAL & LEGAL DOCUMENTS, 1853-1942; PHOTOS & MEMORABILIA

- 4.1: FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS---Undated receipts and documents
 - a-Receipt sale of cattle to Cottle
 - b-[Receipt?] Cottle beef
 - c-Receipt, cattle
- 4.2: FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, 1853-1859
 - a-John Loving account to outfit trip to Calif, 1853
 - b-Heath & Emory Ferry account register, 1854
 - c-Loving's Ferry statement of account, 1854
 - d-Receipt for cattle to Cottle,1855
 - e-Promissory note to John Loving, 1855
 - f-Receipt from M. Wood paid to Zora Cottle, 1856
 - g-Promissory note to Mr. Matthew Wood, 1856
 - h-Receipt, Zora Cottle paid to Wm. M. Clay, 1858
 - i-Receipt, sheriff's office, Stanislaus Co.,1858
 - j-Grocery receipt, Centre St. Market, Stockton, to Zora Cottle, 1858
 - k-Tuition receipt, Zora Cottle, 3 pupils, 1858
 - l-Receipt, Ellen Cottle, Stockton, to Cyrus Collins,1859
 - m-Receipt for land, Zora Cottle, 1859
 - n-Receipt, M. W. Kennedy to E. Darling, Columbia, 1859
 - o-Receipt for Board & tuition for Daughter M. E. to [?] W. Hunt, Stockton,1859
- 4.3: FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, 1860-1883
 - a-Statement of account, Loving & Leach [Leitch?], 1860
 - b-Receipt, Court costs, Joseph Walker Vs. Zora Cottle, 1861
 - c-Cottle, Ensler & Wilson, receipt for meat, 1861
 - d-Military Poll Tax receipt, Stanislaus Co.Zora Cottle, 1863
 - e-Promissory note to F. M. Cottle, 1883
- 4.4: FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, 1900-1942
 - a-Receipt and envelope, S. F. Examiner, 1900
 - b-Bank draft, Mayflower-Bullfrog Cons. Mining Co., Rhyolite, Nev, to Gus Winter, John S. Cook & Co, Bankers,1907
 - c-Tax receipt, Stanislaus Co./Cottle, 1909
 - d-Tax receipt, Stanislaus Co./Cottle, 1912
 - e-Tax receipt, Stanislaus Co./Cottle, 1915
 - f-Receipt, Francis M. Cottle, 1942
- 4.5: LEGAL DOCUMENTS, 1854-1889
 - a-Contract, Elias Beach & Hiram Bailey, March 1854
 - b- Articles of Agreement, John Loving and David Gardner, Loving's Bridge, Stanislaus River, June 1859
 - c-Contract, John Berry & A. H. Duncan, May 1860
 - d-License, Stanislaus Co. for toll bridge, 1861
 - e-U.S. Government & George W. Hardin transfer of land in Stockton, July 1862
 - f-Rental agreement, Zora Cottle to Otis Z. Bailey, Oct.1,1889

4.6: WW I PAPERS

4.7: WWII PAPERS

4.8: Misc. printed materials (6 items + envelopes)

4.9: Photo of Francis Cottle, Ruth Bailey, Peggy and Perria Trivett

4.10: Legal documents copied from Haggin Museum collections

4.11: photographs and glass negatives