
Finding Aid to the Annie Montague Alexander Papers, 1904-1949

Collection Number: BANC MSS C-B 1003

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Berkeley, California

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Annie Montague Alexander papers

Date (inclusive): 1904-1949

Collection Number: BANC MSS C-B 1003

Creator : Alexander, Annie Montague, 1867-1950

Extent: Number of containers: 3 boxes and 2 volumes Linear feet: 1.4

Repository: The Bancroft Library
Berkeley, California 94720-6000

Abstract: Contains incoming and outgoing correspondence of Annie Montague Alexander, concerning the establishment, work with and gifts to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (MVZ) at the University of California, Berkeley. The bulk of the letters are from Joseph Grinnell, the first Director of the MVZ. Other correspondents include Seth Bertram Benson, E. Raymond Hall and Alden H. Miller. Also includes scrapbooks containing photographs and copies of letters written by Alexander and her father, Samuel T. Alexander, while on safari in British East Africa (present-day Kenya) in 1904. Collection does not include correspondence with her companion Louise Kellogg. Papers concerning the establishment and work with the University of California Museum of Paleontology can be found at that museum.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

Physical Location: Many of the Bancroft Library collections are stored offsite and advance notice may be required for use. For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Access

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Preferred Citation

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Alternate Forms Available

There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Related Collections

Biographical sketch of Annie M. Alexander (BANC MSS 69/15)
Joseph and Hilda Wood Grinnell papers (BANC MSS 73/25)
Alden H. Miller papers (BANC MSS 68/82)
Records of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (CU-120)
Annie Montague Alexander papers at the University of California Museum of Paleontology

Separated Material

One African safari album has been transferred to the Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library. (BANC PIC 1966.013--ALB) Photograph of Annie Montague Alexander and Louise Kellogg has been transferred to the Pictorial Collections of the Bancroft Library. (BANC PIC 2005.053)

Indexing Terms

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

Alexander, Annie Montague, 1867-1950--Archives
Alexander, Samuel T.--Correspondence
Grinnell, Joseph, 1877-1939--Correspondence
Benson, Seth Bertram, 1905--Correspondence
Hall, E. Raymond, (Eugene Raymond), 1902--Correspondence
Miller, Alden H. (Alden Holmes), 1906--Correspondence
University of California (1868-1952). Museum of Vertebrate Zoology--History
Zoology
Zoology--Pictorial works
Hunting--Africa, East--History
Safaris--Africa, East
Africa, East--History--Pictorial works
Africa, East--History
Kenya--History--1895-1963
Kenya--History--1895-1963--Pictorial works
Photographs
History of science and technology collection

Acquisition Information

The Annie Montague Alexander Papers were transferred to The Bancroft Library by the University of California, Berkeley, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology in 1965. Additions were made in February 1967. Additions of copies of Alexander's outgoing correspondence were made by Alice Q. Howard, heir to Louise Kellogg's estate, on April 29, 2005.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Processing Information

Reprocessed by Alison E. Bridger in 2006.

Biographical Information

Annie Montague Alexander was a naturalist, explorer, and patron of the sciences. She founded both the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (MVZ) and the University of California Museum of Paleontology (UCMP) on the Berkeley campus and was the benefactress of those museums for more than 40 years.

More information can be found on Alexander from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/history/alexander.html> and the University of California Museum of Paleontology, <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/history/alexander.html> websites.

Scope and Content of Collection

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SERIES 1 CORRESPONDENCE

Physical Description: Boxes 1-3

Arrangement

Arranged into two subseries: outgoing and incoming.

Scope and Content Note

Contains the outgoing and incoming correspondence of Alexander.

SUBSERIES 1.1 OUTGOING

Physical Description: Box 1, folders 1-6

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

Contains Alexander's copies of her outgoing correspondence. Correspondents include Joseph Grinnell, University of California officials and other persons related to her interests in the Museums of Vertebrae Zoology and Paleontology. Also includes a small amount of personal correspondence. Some of the outgoing correspondence was found in Louise Kellog's papers.

Box 1, Folder 1	1907
Box 1, Folder 2	1908
Box 1, Folder 3	1909-1923
Box 1, Folder 4	1929
Box 1, Folder 5	1930
Box 1, Folder 6	1931-1949

SUBSERIES 1.2 INCOMING

Physical Description: Box 1, folders 7-15; Box 2; Box 3, folders 1-23

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

Mostly concerns Alexander's involvement with the University of California Museum of Vertebrae Zoology.

Box 1, Folders 7-8	Benson, Seth Bertram 1930-1949
Box 1, Folder 9	Case, W. H. 1910
Box 1, Folder 10	E. E. Lee & Brothers 1931
Box 1, Folder 11	Fisher, Harvey I. 1945-1947
Box 1, Folders 12-15	Grinnell, Joseph, 1877-1939 1907-1910
Box 2, Folders 1-20	Grinnell, Joseph, 1877-1939 1911-1930
Box 3, Folders 1-9	Grinnell, Joseph, 1877-1939 1931-1939
Box 3, Folders 10-11	Hall, E. Raymond 1930-1949
Box 3, Folder 12	Heller, Edmund 1910, 1919
Box 3, Folder 13	Merriam, C. Hart 1911
Box 3, Folders 14-15	Miller, Alden H. 1934-1949
Box 3, Folder 16	Munro, George C. 1944

SERIES 1 CORRESPONDENCE

SUBSERIES 1.2 INCOMING

Box 3, Folder 17	Stephens, Frank 1909
Box 3, Folder 18	Swarth, Harry S. 1910-1918
Box 3, Folder 19	Taylor, Walter Penn 1910-1916
Box 3, Folder 20	University of California (1868-1952), Office of the Comptroller 1921-1937
Box 3, Folder 21	University of California (1868-1952), Office of the President 1908-1940
Box 3, Folder 22	University of California (1868-1952), Regents 1908-1922
Box 3, Folder 23	Miscellaneous 1907-1937

SERIES 2 TRAVEL SCRAPBOOKS and MISCELLANEOUS 1904, 1909-1932

Physical Description: Volumes 1-2; Box 3, folder 24

Arrangement

Arranged as received.

Scope and Content Note

Contains photographs and copies of letters written by Annie Montague Alexander and her father Samuel T. Alexander to family while on safari in British East Africa from April to August in 1904. Similar letters and photographs are in each one and follow the course of the trip from beginning to end, but are not exactly the same. A third volume that did not contain copies of the letters only variants of the photographs was transferred to the Pictorial Collections of the Bancroft library and can be found under call number BANC PIC 1966.013--ALB Also includes some miscellaneous items.

Volume 1	Travel Scrapbook, version 1 1904
Volume 2	Travel Scrapbook, version 2 1904
Box 3, Folder 24	Miscellaneous 1909-1932