
Guide to the Augusta Bixler Farms Records, 1879-1970

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History

This farm of approximately 4,400 acres was located on Union Island in the San Joaquin River and was a producer of grain, asparagus, truck crops, and alfalfa. This delta farm had been in the Hyde-Bixler family for four generations.

Scope and Content

The papers include accounts from the years when David Bixler (1831-1908) ran the farm, 1879-1908, and from the years that the Augusta Bixler Estate held the farm, 1920-1944. Included also are family letters, especially from Elizabeth Augusta Bixler, and research notes made by William Hyde Irwin in his preparation of *Augusta Bixler Farms*, 1973.

Added Entries

Adler, Felix, pp. 7, 8, 26 of folder 27 Organized Kindergarten Assoc. in 1878
Bixler, Ben, folder 26
Bixler, David (1831-1908), folders 22, 26, and 27, pp. 30, 31
Bixler, Elizabeth Augusta Hyde (1838-1921), folders 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 27, pp. 7-9, 16, 18
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Hyde, Helen, folders 26; 1901 letter in 29; pp. 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, etc. in folder 27
Hyde, Kate de Vida, folder 23
Hyde, Marietta Butler (1837-1898) folders 26, 28, and pp. 72-77 and back pages in 27
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Hamilton, Samuel Plumbley (-1925), folder 23
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Irwin, William Hyde (1903-), folders 19, 20, 30, 32, 33
Irwin, David Smith, folder 31
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Lund, Nelson, 1912 land lease in folder 2
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Ratto, John, Jr., 1907-1908 land lease in folder 1
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Mourning customs, folder 26, EAB 1908 letter

Pioneer Kindergarten Assoc., folder 27, pp. 7-8, 26

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Society of Local Arts Patrons, folder 27, pp. 40, 42

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Japanese in California, folder 32

Woman's Exchange, folder 27, pp. 42-43

Montzuma High School, folder 33

- Irwin, William Hyde, *Augusta Bixler Farms, a California Delta Farm from Reclamation to the Fourth Generation of Owners*. Transferred to book stacks.
- Photographs placed in Photograph Department.
- Montezuma Mountain School for Boys, 1920 Yearbook. Transferred to book stacks.
- Bohemian Club, In Memoriam for Waldemar Young, 1908-38. Transferred to book stacks.

Box 1, Volume 1 **Account book, 1879-1889**

Volume 2 **Receipt book, mainly wages for labor, 1887**

Volume 3 **Ledger, 1889**

Volume 4 **Cash book, 1889-1894**

Volume 5 **Account book, 1886-1889**

Box 2, Volume 6 **Account book, 1889-1897**

Volume 7 **Day book, 1894-1897**

Volume 8 **Cash book, 1896-1900**

Volume 9 **Day book, 1898-1902**

Volume 10 **Cash book, 1901-1909**

Volume 11 **Account book, 1902-1908**

Box 3, Folder 1 **Farm land lease, 1907-08, with Joseph Ratto and John Ratto, Jr.**

Folder 2 **Farm land leases, 1912, with Nelson Lund and John Edmund Moran**

Folder 3 **Time and payroll sheets, 1908-09**

Folder 4	Yearly reports, letters, legal notices, and research notes by William Hyde Irwin, 1921-28
Folder 5	Yearly reports, etc., 1929
Folder 6	Yearly reports, etc., 1930
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Folder 8	Yearly reports, etc., 1931, August-December
Folder 9	Yearly reports, etc., 1932-33
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Folder 18	Yearly reports, etc., 1943-44
Folder 19	William Hyde Irwin's notes and miscellany
Folder 20	William Hyde Irwin's yearly summaries of farm, 1926-1970
Folder 21	Financial figures, 1928-40
	Family papers
Folder 22	David Bixler's Wills, obits, etc., 1888-1908
Folder 23	Elizabeth Augusta Bixler's Wills, obits, etc., 1919
Folder 24	Elizabeth Augusta Bixler's volumes:
	Vol. 1 - Inventory of jewels, silver, lace, etc.
	Vol. 2 - Notebook of favorite quotes
	Vol. 3 - 1898 Account book of European trip
Folder 25	Inventory of E.A. Bixler's estate
Folder 26	Letters, 1876-1914 some genealogical material
Folder 27	Hyde Family Scrapbook including family tree, 1883-98
Box 5, Folder 28	Hallie Hyde (autograph book)
Folder 29	Marriage of Hallie and Will Irwin
Folder 30	Letters sent on birth of son, William Hyde Irwin, 1903
Folder 31	Herman Irwin to David Smith Irwin, 1904
Folder 32	Siberius Saito to William Hyde Irwin, 1942, from Tanforan Assembly Center for Japanese-Americans
Folder 33	Autograph book of Montzuma High School, 1915-18, and commencement announcement, 1920, class of Will Irwin, Jr.
