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personal name

Louisa Travis Bridwell Reyner (1835-1907)

Rhonda Jane Travis Bowers (1841-1914)

Richard Travis (b. 1839?)
John W. Bowers (1841-1898)
Mary Ella Bridwell Cook (b. 1860)
Clarence E. Cook (d. 1916)
Francis "Frank" Reyner, Jr. (1874-1962)
Clarice E. Cook Knowland Gilchrist (1902-1979)

corporate name

Bowers (J.W.) Company (Stockton, Calif.)

subject

Merchants - California - Stockton
Contractors - California - Stockton
Business records - California - Stockton
Photographs - California - San Joaquin County
Legal documents - California - San Joaquin County

geographic name

Banta (Calif.) - History - Sources
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Biography

Richard Travis came overland with his family to California in 1865. One of his daughters, Louisa (1835-1907), married Frederick Bridwell (d. 1872), while the other daughter, Rhoda Jane (1841-1914), married John W. Bowers (1841-1898), a fruit and vegetable dealer in Stockton. Travis' son, also named Richard Travis (b. 1839?), farmed for a time in Tracy, San Joaquin County, then moved to Stockton (c1900). Louisa and Frederick Bridwell had a daughter, Mary Ella (b.1860). After Bridwell's premature death (1872), his wife married Francis Reyner, a farmer of Banta, San Joaquin County (1873). Mary Ella kept Reyner's Banta property as late as 1936. The Reyners had a son, also named Francis, but known as "Frank" (1874-1962). He too farmed in Banta for most of his life. Mary Ella Bridwell married (1898) Stockton building contractor, Clarence E. Cook (d. 1916). Cook served as San Joaquin County Deputy Recorder from 1909 until his death. Following this marriage, the Cooks lived in Stockton. They had one daughter, Clarice (1902-1979), who married Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune (1952).

Scope and Content

The Travis-Cook Family Papers contain Travis family genealogies; correspondence and other papers of Rhoda Jane Travis Bowers (1859-1914); business papers of John W. Bowers (1894-1895); correspondence of Richard Travis (1909-1910); correspondence and other papers of Mary Ella Bridwell Cook (1890-1936); correspondence of Clarence E. Cook (1900-1901) and his father William (1874); correspondence of Frank Reyner (1897-1898); the will of Mrs. Frank Reyner (1965); papers of Clarice E. Cook (1912; 1952); clippings and photographs.

BOX 1: TRAVIS-COOK FAMILY PAPERS

- 1.1: Travis family genealogies [6 items]
- 1.2: Rhoda Jane Travis Bowers---corresp., 1865; 1897; 1903 [3 items]
- 1.3: Do.---poetry & other writings, 1859-1866; 1905 [18 items]
- 1.4: John W. Bowers---business papers, 1894-1895 [3 items]
- 1.5: Rhoda Jane Travis Bowers---will, 1914
- 1.6: Richard Travis---corresp., 1909-1910 [2 items]
- 1.7: William Cook---corresp., 1874 [1 item]
- 1.8: Mary Ella Bridwell Cook---corresp. to her parents, 1890-1902 [9 items]
- 1.9: Do.---corresp. to Clarence E. Cook prior to marriage, 1897-1898 [42 items]
- 1.10: Clarence E. Cook---corresp. to Mary Ella Bridwell Cook, 1900-1901 [23 items]
- 1.11: Mary Ella Bridwell Cook---corresp., 1901; 1906; 1919 [3 items]

- 1.12: Do.---wedding certificate & guest book, 1898
- 1.13: Do.---stock certificates in Fair Oaks Subdivision, Stockton, 1911-12; 1922; 1924
- 1.14: Do.---promissory notes from Frank Reyner, 1916-1918 [3 items]
- 1.15: Do.---tax receipts, 1916-17; 1923; 1932 [21 items]
- 1.16: Do.---receipts, 1917-1925 [9 items]
- 1.17: Do.---fire insurance policies, 1921 [2 items]
- 1.18: Do.---deeds of trust for Banta property, 1925; 1936 [2 items]
- 1.19: Do.---assessment notice, Banta Carbona Irrigation Distr., 1935 [2 items]
- 1.20: Do.---Bank of Italy savings acct. passbook for Clarice E. Cook, 1926
- 1.21: Mary Ella Bridwell Cook---misc. Documents, 1925-1936 [6 items]
- 1.22: Frank Reyner---corresp., 1897-1898 [3 items]
- 1.23: Anna M. Reyner [Mrs. Frank]---will, 1965
- 1.24: Clarice E. Cook---birth affidavit and wedding clipping (1952)
- 1.25: School essays, 1912 [2 items; one by Clarice]
- 1.26: Clippings [incl. Clarence E. Cook obits.] and miscellany [10 items]
- 1.27: Photographs [2 of Jamestown VA; 1 of three women, possibly Travis sisters]
- 1.28: Envelopes