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The Museum of Northern Arizona
Harold S. Colton Memorial Library
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001
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Title

Dorothy Pollock collection

Dates

1925-1959

Extent

4 linear in.

Name of Creator(s)

Pollock, Dorothy Oldham P., 1913-1982
Colton, Mary-Russell Ferrell, 1889-1971
Lockett, Hattie M.
Northern Arizona Society of Science and Art

Biographical History

Dorothy Oldham Peach Pollock (1913-1982) was born in Copper Basin, Arizona. After receiving her BA in musical education from Arizona State Teachers College (NAU) in Flagstaff, Arizona, Dorothy went on to become the supervising music instructor for Flagstaff Public Schools. She later did graduate studies at Columbia University. In 1940 she married Thomas Pollock, Jr., the adopted son of Thomas and Mary Morton Pollock. Thomas Pollock, Sr. was an early business man in Flagstaff in the lumber, banking, and ranching industries. Thomas and Mary Pollock were close friends of Harold and Mary Russell Ferrell Colton, the founders of the Museum of Northern Arizona. Dorothy and Thomas Pollock, Jr. had three children, including Olympian, Thomas Pollock, III. Thomas Pollock, Jr. was tragically died falling out of a hotel room in route to the Bahaman Islands with Dorothy.

Dorothy and Tom were avid supporters of the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra, and carried on in the family business of ranching and land development. Dorothy would serve on the MNA Board of Trustees from 1947 to 1982, many years serving as its Secretary. She was also a close friend of Mrs. Colton.

Scope and Content

Legal documents, correspondence, maps, clippings and manuscripts (1925-1959) document Mrs. Pollock's collection of materials regarding a water rights case involving the Rio de Flag and several landowners in its drainage, as well as, Dorothy Oldham Peach Pollock's interest and friendship with Mary Russell Ferrell Colton. This collection is divided into two series. The first series documents (2 linear in.) the water rights settlement deriving from C.C. Chesire's, a local rancher, desire to build a dam to create a reservoir on the Rio de Flag. Several interested land holders along the water way, including Dorothy and Tom Pollock, Jr., Mary-Russell Ferrell

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Colton, Hattie Lockett, the Lockett Sheep Company, and the Northern Arizona Society for Science and Arts, filed objections with the Water Division of the State Land Department of the state of Arizona. Eventually a settlement was reached that guaranteed each of the plaintiffs certain water rights. The second series (2 linear inches) documents Mrs. Pollock's research into the life of Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton. This series includes note cards with information regarding MRFC's ancestry and life and works. It also includes clippings regarding Mrs. Colton and some manuscripts of a biography on her.

System of Arrangement

Collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Rio de Flag Water Rights Settlement

Series 2: Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton Biographical Materials

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Materials are open for research.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

MS-260 was donated by Dorothy Pollock in 1979.

MS-283 was a gift of Tom Pollock, III in 1983.

Accruals

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Related Archival Materials

MS-207 (Colton Family Archives)

Description Control

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Inventory

Title

Series 1: Rio de Flag Water Rights Settlement

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1952-1955

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Series 1: Rio de Flag Water Rights Settlement				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-260-1-1	Rio de Flag Water Rights Agreement	1952-1953		Box 1.1
MS-260-1-2	Tom & Dorothy Pollock	1952-1955, n.d.		Box 1.2
MS-260-1-3	C.C. Chesire	1952-1953, n.d.		Box 1.3
MS-260-1-4	Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton & NASSA	1952-1953		Box 1.4
MS-260-1-5	Hattie M. Lockett	1952-1955		Box 1.5
MS-260-1-6	Lockett Sheep Company	1952-1954		Box 1.6
MS-260-1-7	Maps of Rio de Flag and Coyote Springs	1952-1953		MF 2.6

Title

Series 2: Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton Biographical Materials

Dates

1925-1959

Extent

2 linear in.

Series 2: Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton Biographical Materials				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-260-2-1	Biographical Notes RE: MRFC	c. 1950s	1.5 in.	Box 1.7
MS-260-2-2	MRFC Biography Notes, clippings & Narrative	1925-59, n.d.	.5 in.	Box 1.8