Inventory of the William Haman Collection
1891-1942

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Descriptive Summary

Title

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P118

Creator

William Haman

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1 file folder

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Language

English

Abstract

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Physical Location

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Administrative Information

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Restrictions

None

Acquisition Information

The William Haman estate donated this collection in 2003.

Processing Information

Lola Aguilar processed this collection and created its finding aid in 2008.

Biographical Narrative

William Haman arrived in California in the mid 1890s to work for Leland Stanford's Vina vineyards and winery near Los Molinos in Tehama County. In 1906 the owner of the newly-built Placer County Winery in Roseville enticed Haman to work for him by offering him the job of superintendent and winemaker producing medicinal brandy.

William was born in Avondale, New Jersey on February 7, 1871 to Michael and Catherine Haman. He had two sisters, Eva and Mary, and one brother George. After moving to Sacramento he met his future wife Susie, born in 1874, whom he married in 1900. In 1904 their son Claude was born. Haman served as a member of Roseville's first City Council and ran for and won the office of County Supervisor for District 1 in 1909. The same year he built a new two-story home on the corner of Oak St. and Taylor St. In 1913 his wife Susie died, leaving the widower to raise his son alone. Later he bought the Placer County Winery and began buying surrounding lots.

As president of the Royer Park League, Haman headed the drive to purchase Thomas Francis Royer's seventeen acres along Dry Creek for a city park. By April 1917 the city acquired the land for $3,000, well under market value. The city named the new park, Royer Park in honor of Tom Royer and his generosity.

With the prospect of prohibition looming, Haman closed the winery in 1918 and revamped the buildings to open the Roseville Ice and Beverage Company. His business partners included Al Wolf, M. J. Royer, and G. W. Lohse. As business declined with the advent of refrigeration, Haman and his partners sold the ice house. Haman then worked as the manager of the Southern Pacific stock corrals, bought property in Roseville, and continued to serve as County Supervisor. On December 20, 1924, Haman married Susan Alice Peter. Alice was born on March 28, 1871 in Salinas, Monterey, California to Jesse and Sarah A. Peter, early pioneers who settled in Sonoma Co. She taught school in Sacramento until her marriage to William.

By January 1931, Haman's failing heath forced him to retire from his position as County Supervisor. In March of that same year he suffered from a heart attack on his way to visit with Governor James Rolph at the Capitol. He survived but never fully recovered. William Haman died on April 2, 1935 in the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco, with his wife Alice at his bedside. His unexpected death at the age of sixty-four shocked the Roseville community. His long career in local and county politics brought praise from the city council, which passed a resolution expressing sympathy over his death. His friend and colleague Senator J. L. Seawell served as one of his pallbearers.

Claude died during WW II, survived by his wife Nina and daughter Janet. Alice continued her involvement in civic affairs, residing at her Oak St. home until her death on May 19, 1968. The Roseville Community Projects leased the Haman House in 1969 for use as the Roseville Arts and Historical Center, and bought the property in 1976. The National Register of Historic Places listed the house in 1976. Roseville Arts sold the Haman House to private investors in 2003.

Scope and Content

The William Haman Collection is arranged in one series: 1. Photographic Material. Items span the years 1892-1942. Photographs include those of Haman and family members from four generations.

Indexing Terms

Haman, Claude W.
Haman, Susan Alice
Haman, William
Roseville (Calif.)

Series Description

Series 1. Photographic Material, 1891-1942. **1 ff.**

Photographs are arranged by size.

Box 1:	001.001	Catherine Haman, (William's mother) undated.
	.002	Alice Peter Haman, undated.
	.003	Jesse Peter, (Alice's father) 1916.
	.004	William Haman, 1891.
	.005	Sarah Peter, (Alice's mother) undated.
	.006	Claude Haman, (William's father) undated.
	.007	E. W. Hulbert, 1908.
	.008	Haman sister,? undated.
	.009	Janet Perry Haman Keck, undated.
	.010	Sarah Peter, (Alice's mother) dated.
	.011	William Haman, (in front of car) undated.
	.012	William and Alice Haman, (sitting on porch) undated.
	.013	William, Alice, Sarah, and unidentified woman in front of car, undated.
	.014	William, Alice, and unidentified woman, undated.
	.015	Mrs. Greleaven and Alice sitting on the shore, undated.
	.016	Sarah, unidentified young man, and Alice at the beach, undated.
	.017	Alice and unidentified man in a rowboat, undated.
	.018	Alice Haman, undated.
	.019	Alice Haman in uniform, undated.

.020 Alice Haman in uniform undated.

.021 Alice Haman with dog and cat, undated.

.022 Alice Haman in snow, undated.

.023 Alice Haman, undated.

.024 Alice Haman, undated.

.025 Alice, Sarah, and unidentified woman, undated.

.026 Alice and feline in yard, undated.

.027 Feline in yard, undated.

.028 Alice with birdcage, undated.

.029 Claude Haman (William and his first wife Susie's son) with dog, undated.

.030 Claude Haman and his daughter Janet Haman, 1942.