Guide to the Frederick Russell Burnham Papers

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TITLE: Frederick Russell Burnham papers

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, subject files, writings, scrapbooks, film, and photographs documenting the personal and professional life of Frederick Russell Burnham, especially his years in Africa, and his exploration work in Mexico.

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Biographical / Historical

Frederick Russell Burnham, scout, mining expert, and adventurer, was born on May 11, 1861, in Tivoli, Minnesota, to Reverend Edwin Otway and Rebecca (Russell) Burnham. After nine years of frontier life in Minnesota, during which Frederick and his mother survived an Indian attack on New Ulm, the family moved to Los Angeles. Edwin Burnham died in 1873, and Rebecca and Howard, Frederick’s brother, moved back east. Frederick, however, enjoyed California so much that he chose to stay and began to acquire the outdoor skills that were to make him famous. For the next twenty years he travelled throughout the southwestern United States and Mexico. He sought out the best scouts in the regions and from them learned riding, tracking, hunting, and wilderness survival skills. His jobs ranged from mounted messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company (when he was thirteen), to cowboy, big game hunter and seller, gold prospector, deputy sheriff, and Apache fighter.

While mining for gold in Arizona in 1893, Burnham read in the newspapers of the career of Cecil John Rhodes. Feeling he was being “summoned,” Burnham, with his wife, Blanche (Blick), and son, Roderick, journeyed to the South African frontier to be of assistance to Rhodes in his endeavors. For the next four years he was a scout for Rhodes’ British South Africa Company, and he fought and gained widespread fame in the two Matabele Wars. He also led exploring expeditions north of the Zambesi River and made significant discoveries of archeological ruins and fields of coal and copper. After returning to North America to mine gold in the Klondike, Burnham went back to Africa early in 1900 to serve as chief of scouts for the British army during the Boer War. Again earning fame for his exploits, and mustered out in 1900 due to injuries received in battle, Burnham was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and the South African Medal by the British government.

Burnham arrived back in the United States in 1904 and during the next three decades he lived in California and engaged in prospecting and archeological expeditions. He was particularly interested in Mexico and made several important archeological discoveries that shed light on the Maya civilization. With John Hays Hammond, the well-known mining engineer who Burnham had first met in Africa, he attempted to irrigate and cultivate the Yaqui Valley in northern Mexico, but encountered difficulties after the outbreak of the Mexican civil war in 1912. The two men were more successful in establishing the Burnham Exploration Company, which operated the productive Dominguez Hill oil field in California.
Burnham had a number of personal interests, to which he devoted a good deal of time and energy. He was a friend and admirer of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, and helped that organization spread in America. He was concerned with preserving American wilderness and was one of the original members of the California Park Commission. He also explored the importation of wild game animals from Africa to live in the American Southwest where they could provide a food alternative to beef and pork.

Burnham had little formal education, but he learned to read and write at home when he was a child. After being pursued by publishers for a number of years, Burnham wrote two books detailing his life and exploits: *Scouting on Two Continents* (1926) and *Taking Chances* (1944).

Burnham married Blanche Blick of Clinton, Iowa, in 1884, and she accompanied him on many of his trips, as did Blanche’s brothers, John and Judd. He had two sons, Roderick and Bruce, and a daughter, Nada. Blanche died in 1938, and in 1943, Burnham married Ilo K. Willetts. He died on September 1, 1947, in Santa Barbara, California.

**Scope and Contents**

The Frederick Russell Burnham Papers are particularly useful for the detailed information they provide on Africa, from approximately 1893 to 1911. Burnham’s correspondence, and that of his wife, Blanche, his journals and diary extracts, and photographs provide written and visual observations of military life, native inhabitants and cultures, geography, and wildlife in south and western Africa. Although Burnham was an American, his views of Africa and its future, native Africans, the Boers, and the wars in which he participated, were very much in keeping with those of British imperialists, many of whom he admired, befriended, and fought alongside. There is also substantive material in his subject files, and extensive photographs, on the mining explorations and development operations he undertook in Mexico, from approximately 1905 to 1920. Blanche’s life is primarily documented through the informative letters she wrote to Frederick and other relatives.

**Arrangement**

Collection Contents

Series I. Correspondence

The series is arranged in three sections: Family, General, and Letterbook. The Family correspondence is comprised of letters written by Frederick, generally to his wife, Blanche (“BB”); letters written by Blanche to various family members; and letters written by members of the Ingram family, into which one of Blanche’s sisters married. The letters of Frederick are excellent sources of information on his trips, explorations, and military assignments, and contain fairly detailed observations of the geography he traversed, the wildlife he hunted, and the native peoples he encountered. Blanche’s letters to her relatives often summarize Frederick’s trips, the day-to-day routines of her family and social life, and include reports on Roderick and Bruce. Many of the letters in the series from the years 1893 to 1896 were published in *An American Family on the African Frontier: The Burnham Family Letters, 1893-1896*, edited by Mary and Richard Bradford.

The General section is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Frederick remained in contact with a number of men he met and befriended in Africa, including Lord Baden-Powell, A. Kingsley Macomber, and H. Rider Haggard, and his letters to and from them often contain reminiscences of battles and military life in Africa and commentary on the future of the country. His long friendship and business collaborations with John Hays Hammond are documented in the Hammond files, and in various files in the Subjects series.

A letterbook at the end of the series, entitled “Bulawayo, Rhodesia,” holds seven letters written in 1897 by Burnham to Lord Gifford, Henry Green, and John W. Nolan. There is additional correspondence between Burnham and the three men in the General section. The letters are damaged and difficult to read, but appear to concern land and mining claims and sales in Africa.

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**Series II. Subject Files**

The series is arranged alphabetically by corporate names, individuals’ names, topics and primarily documents Burnham’s mining, oil, and exploration pursuits in Africa and Mexico, especially after the Boer War. The various company, syndicate, land, and mining folders mostly contain correspondence, contracts, and financial transaction records. Occasionally, however, there are reports, written by Burnham or field agents, which provide detailed descriptions of various geographical areas. The Yaqui Project folders document the efforts by Burnham and Hays Hammond to cultivate the Yaqui Valley in Mexico and the difficulties they encountered with the local Indians during the Mexican civil war. The series also documents Burnham’s personal interests in such matters as animal importation, the Boy Scouts, and his efforts during World War I to recruit men for a military division headed by former President Theodore Roosevelt (the government rejected Roosevelt’s offer to lead a division to France).

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This series is comprised of Frederick Burnham’s various writings, published and unpublished. The Deletions folder under *Taking Chances*, and the Articles contain writings about American Indians, scouting, hunting, and several interesting individuals he met on his explorations.

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The series is arranged alphabetically, by name of family member. The most informative materials are the diaries of John Blick and Frederick (which should be used in conjunction with his journals in the Writings series), which detail African expeditions. The diary of Rebecca Burnham (Frederick’s mother) mostly describes her social life in California and England during the years 1895 and 1896.

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Selected Search Terms
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**Subjects**
Explorers -- Africa

**Geographic Names**
Africa
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**Occupations**
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**Names**
Burnham, Frederick Russell, 1861-1947