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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-4149

CREATOR: Disney family , author

TITLE: Loren and Stanley Disney Family Papers

DATES: 1896–1989

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 7.08 linear feet (17 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Loren and Stanley Disney Family Papers, which span from 1896 to 1989, contain correspondence, diaries, writings, photographs, clippings, ephemera, and other papers created by or related to Loren G. Disney, his children Stanley E. Disney and Dorothy Cameron Disney MacKaye, and Stanley E. Disney's wife, Frances Higbee Martin Disney.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

The Loren and Stanley Disney Family

Loren G. Disney (1876-1938) was born in Leavenworth, KS and served in the Spanish-American War. He was a lawyer, judge, and Republican political figure in Oklahoma during its transition from territory to statehood. Disney's writings document the treatment of Indigenous peoples and African Americans in Oklahoma, along with political happenings, his experiences as a soldier, and other elements of his life.

Stanley Eugene Disney (1910-1985) was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He is the son of Loren G Disney and married Frances Higbee Martin in 1936. Disney attended Oklahoma University and George Washington University Law School. He worked as an attorney for the United States Department of Justice from 1929-1942, then served in World War II before returning to the Department of Justice from 1948-1950. Disney worked as Attorney for Allied High Commission in Germany through 1954, then returned to the US Justice Department from 1955 until his retirement in 1975.

Frances Higbee Martin Disney (1910-1993) was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, attended the University of Alabama, and graduated from National Park Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 1910, and married Stanley E. Disney in 1936. She and Disney adopted nine children during the course of their marriage.

Dorothy Cameron Disney MacKaye (1903-1992) was a mystery writer and journalist. Under a byline of Dorothy Cameron Disney, she published nine novels. Her column, "Can This Marriage Be Saved," ran in "Ladies' Home Journal" for thirty years.

Content Description

The Loren and Stanley Disney Family Papers, which span from 1896 to 1989, contain correspondence, diaries, writings, photographs, clippings, ephemera, and other papers created by or related to Loren G. Disney, his children Stanley E. Disney and Dorothy Cameron Disney MacKaye, and Stanley E. Disney's wife, Frances Higbee Martin Disney.

An unpublished, typescript memoir, "Political Recollections of L. G. Disney," describes Loren Disney's life in Oklahoma politics and government from 1900 into the 1920s including his work for the Dawes Commission in Muskogee; his collaboration with Edward Perry, the Canadian-born husband of Carrie LeFlore, the daughter of Choctaw leader Forbis LeFlore; and his participation in Alice Mary Robertson's successful 1920 campaign for election to the United States House of Representatives. The bulk of the papers document the personal lives of Stanley E. Disney and his wife, Frances Higbee Martin Disney. Stanley Disney's papers related to his service as Deputy chief and chief, Decartelization and Deconcentration Division, United States Office of Military Government in Germany, 1950-1955 were acquired by the Hoover Institute, Stanford University, in 1986. Stanley Disney's correspondence includes a run of letters from his sister, author Dorothy Cameron Disney MacKaye.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Correspondence, Writings and Personal Papers Related to Stanley E. Disney, 1898-1989. II. Correspondence, Writings, and Personal Papers Related to the Disney family, 1924-1965. III. Correspondence and Writings related to Loren G. Disney, 1896-1900.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, writings and personal papers related to Stanley E. Disney, 1898–1989

3.75 linear feet (9 boxes)

Contains extensive correspondence sent to Stanley E. Disney, much of it from his wife Frances Higbee Martin Disney. Also contains diaries, writings, clippings, ephemera, and personal papers created by or related to Stanley E. Disney.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 1	Letters sent to Stanley E. Disney (7 folders)	circa 1933-1942
b. 2	Letters sent to Stanley E. Disney (8 folders)	circa 1933-1950
b. 3	Letters sent to Stanley E. Disney (9 folders)	circa 1933-1989
b. 4	Letters sent to Stanley E. Disney (10 folders)	circa 1933–1989
b. 5	Letters sent to Stanley E. Disney (10 folders)	circa 1933–1989
b. 5	Notes from Frances Stanley Primarily contains numerous notes from Frances Disney, Stanley E. Disney's wife, many of which document marital discord and divorce. Also includes a small number of notes and cards from others.	circa 1969-1971, undated
b. 6	Diary	1924 June 19– 1926 March 17
b. 6	Diary	1927 March 4– 1927 May 24
b. 6	Diary	1938 June 3– 1938 October 13
b. 6	Diary	1938 October 15–1938 December 15
b. 6	Diary	1938 December 15–1939 February 7
b. 6	Diary	1939 February 7– 1939 March 27
b. 6	Diary	1939 March 28– 1939 October 6
b. 6	Diary	1939 October 8– 1940 June 21

b. 6	Diary	1940 June 22– 1940 September 26
b. 6	Diary	1942 January 28–1942 March 4
b. 6	Diary	undated
b. 6	Diary	undated
b. 7	Miscellaneous Writings of Stanley Disney for Frances Disney Bound volume includes writings, clippings, copyright paperwork, and a letter tucked inside the cover.	circa 1931-1948
b. 8	Writings and related correspondence	circa 1898-1945
b. 8	Notebooks with writings	circa 1929-1932
b. 8	Writings	circa 1936-1940s
b. 8	Letter to Stanley E. Disney's parents	1942
b. 8	Writings	undated
b. 8	Writings	undated
b. 8	Invitations	1935–1936
b. 8	Receipts and statements	1937–1939
b. 8	Insurance papers	1942–1943
b. 8	Court papers	1967–1973
b. 8	Photograph album Album includes loose and adhered photographs, many of which depict military life.	circa 1942, undated
b. 9	Passes to United States Senate Chamber	undated
b. 9	Military history papers	circa 1938-1946
b. 9	Work history papers	1936–1942
b. 9	Ephemera	circa 1930s-1940s
b. 9	Printed material (2 folders) Includes programs, booklets, and other pieces of printed material collected by Stanley E. Disney.	1927–1949

Series II: Correspondence, writings, and personal papers related to the Disney family, 1924–1965

2.92 linear feet (7 boxes)

Contains extensive correspondence sent to Disney family members, much of it sent to Frances Higbee Martin Disney. Also contains diaries, ephemera, and personal papers created by or related to Disney family members.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 10	Letters sent to Frances Martin Disney (13 folders) Primarily contains letters sent to Frances Martin Disney, but also includes several possibly written by Frances Martin Disney.	circa 1924-1949
b. 11	Letters sent to Frances Martin Disney (10 folders)	circa 1929–1940
b. 12	Letters sent to Frances Martin Disney (6 folders)	circa 1933-1942
b. 13	Letters sent to Frances Martin Disney (7 folders)	circa 1929-1965
b. 14	Letters sent to Frances Martin Disney	circa 1929-1965
b. 15	Letters sent to Frances Martin Disney (9 folders)	circa 1929-1965
b. 16	Family correspondence	1934–1939
b. 16	Correspondence from Frances Martin Disney's mother	undated
b. 16	Correspondence from Stanley E. Disney's mother	circa 1938-1951, undated
b. 16	Correspondence from Dorothy Disney MacKaye	circa 1936-1948, undated
b. 16	Photographs	circa 1930s-1940s, undated
b. 16	Diary of Frances Higbee Martin This notebook contains writings by Frances Higbee Martin, who later married Stanley E. Disney.	circa 1932-1936

Series III: Correspondence and writings related to Loren G Disney, 1896–1900

0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)

Contains writings, diaries, and correspondence created by Loren G Disney. Much of the writing documents Disney's experiences as a soldier during the Spanish-American War and his life and work in Oklahoma.

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

b. 16	Correspondence from Loren G Disney	1898
b. 16	Diary of Loren G Disney	1896–1897
b. 16	Diary of Loren G. Disney	1898
b. 16	Diary of Loren G Disney	1899–1900
b. 17	Political Recollections of L. G. Disney Contains bound volume of typescript writings by Loren G. Disney.	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Robertson, Alice

Geographic Names

Atoka (Okla)
Kansas -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950
New York (N.Y.) -- Description and travel
Oakland (Kan)
Oklahoma -- Muskogee
United States -- Commission to the Five
Civilized Tribes

Contributors

Disney family , author
Disney, Loren G.
Disney, Stanley
Disney, Frances
Disney, Dorothy Cameron (Dorothy Cameron
Disney MacKaye)

Subjects

Choctaw Indians -- Government relations
Choctaw Indians--Land tenure
Courtship -- United States
Elections -- United States
Indians of North America--Indian Territory
Indians of North America -- Oklahoma
Indians of North America--Oklahoma--
Government relations
Journalists, American -- 20th Century
Key West (Fla.)--Description and travel
Local elections--Oklahoma
Oklahoma--Politics and government
Political campaigns--Oklahoma
Political campaigns -- United States
Political conventions
Political Conventions—Indian Territory
Political Conventions—Kansas
Political Conventions—United States
Political parties--Oklahoma
Political parties -- United States
Politicians--Oklahoma
Republican Party (U. S. : 1854 -)
Spanish-American War, 1898--personal
narratives

Occupations

Journalists--Oklahoma

Names

Disney, Frances
Disney, Loren G.
Disney, Stanley
Perry, Adolphus Edward , 1867-1939