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**CREATOR:** Scott, Charles, 1863-1923 , author

**TITLE:** Charles Scott correspondence

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection consists chiefly of business correspondence to Charles Scott regarding the Oregon Land Co. and the Woodburn Milling Co., 1889-1909. Business correspondents include merchants, producers, manufacturers, traders, and individual landholders in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Iowa. Included is personal correspondence from Scott's family, as well as letters soliciting his endorsements for political candidates. Multiple letters concern the Oregon State Secular Union.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Michael Ginsburg Books on the Winlock William Miller, Jr. Memorial Fund, 2011.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Charles Scott (1863-1923)

Charles Scott (1863-1923) was born to Ann West Scott (1835-1909) and Robert Hall Scott (1826-1897) in Oregon.

In 1866, Robert Hall Scott purchased a flour mill and sawmill on Butte Creek in Marion County, Oregon, with his brother Thomas Scott--consequently, the village soon became known as Scotts Mills. Later, in 1897, Charles Scott, his father, and brother Robert Hall Scott (1875-1950) established the Woodburn Milling Co. in Woodburn, Oregon.

In 1916, Charles Scott served as the first mayor of Scotts Mills.

Charles Scott married Lulu A. Shaver Scott (1871-1956) in 1893. The couple had two sons, Alfred Merle Scott (1894-1977) and Charles W. Scott (1915- ).

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## Oregon Land Company

In 1888, the Oregon Land Co. organized with Henry John Minthorn (1846-1922) as its president. In 1889, the company bought around 2,200 acres of land surrounding Scotts Mills, Oregon, previously owned by Robert Hall Scott.

The company then marketed the land to Quakers primarily from Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania as an offshoot from the Quaker settlement at Newberg, Oregon.

In 1892, the company organized a Friends Colony at Scotts Mills. By March 1898, it declared insolvency and made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors to Charles Wood.

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into three series: I. Woodburn Milling Company, 1896-1899. II. Oregon Land Company, 1889-1902. III. Other Business and Personal Papers, 1897-1909.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Woodburn Milling Co., 1896-1899

Series I contains business correspondence to Charles Scott regarding the Woodburn Milling Co.

Series I is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	Albany Farmers Company, Albany, Oregon	1897 June 22
b. 1, f. 2-45	Allen & Lewis, San Francisco (44 folders)	1897 April 8-1897 December 31, undated
b. 1, f. 46	Ames and Harris Bags, Portland, Oregon	1897 December 14
b. 1, f. 47-48	Barhan, A., Glendale, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 November 17-21
b. 1, f. 49-51	Barkley, Henry L., California (3 folders)	1897 August 21-1898 February 7
b. 1, f. 52	Benedictine Sisters, Mt. Angel, Oregon	1897 July 19
b. 1, f. 53	Briggs, A. L., Oregon	1897 October 30
b. 1, f. 54-55	Brintzenhoff, H. K. and Bertie, Portland, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 September 20-October 5
b. 1, f. 56	Brooks, F. M., Silverton, Oregon	1897 December 3
b. 1, f. 57	Buff, J. K., Silverton, Oregon	1897 February 21
b. 1, f. 58	Carlton & Rosenkrans, Canby, Oregon	1897 December 11
b. 1, f. 59	Casey, S. J., Butte, Montana	1897 December 9
b. 1, f. 60	<i>Clackamas County Independent</i> , Canby, Oregon	1898 March 14
b. 1, f. 61	Constable, C. O., Salem, Oregon	1899? December 13
b. 1, f. 62	Cornwall, A. L., Woodburn, Oregon	undated
b. 1, f. 63	Corvallis Flouring Mills, Corvallis, Oregon	1897 August 18
b. 1, f. 64-117	Cusiter & Davenport, Silverton, Oregon (54 folders)	1897 January 3-1898 March 3
b. 1, f. 118	Dangerfield, C. V., Portland, Oregon	1897 June 21
b. 1, f. 119	Engle, G. M., Mrs., Portland, Oregon	1897 November 1

b. 1, f. 120	Flohner, Robert S., Switzerland, Oregon	1897 August 2
b. 1, f. 121-144	George B. Fox & Co., Barlow, Oregon (24 folders)	1897 June 25-1898 December 2
b. 1, f. 145-154	Goldendale Milling Company, Portland, Oregon (10 folders)	1897 May 27-1898 March 28
b. 1, f. 155	Graham, N. R., Hubbard, Oregon	undated
b. 1, f. 156	Hovend?, G. B.	undated
b. 1, f. 157-159	Hoxie, A. C., Roseburg, Oregon (3 folders)	1898 April 15- May 10, undated
b. 1, f. 160-163	Jones, M. L., Brooks, Oregon (4 folders)	1897 June 9-1898 March 15
b. 1, f. 164	Kurtz, W. E., Portland, Oregon	1897 August 13
b. 1, f. 165	Lauthers, William S., Portland	1898 February 16
b. 1, f. 166-167	Mather, A., Clackamas, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 June 4-1898 January 18
b. 1, f. 168-169	Nendel, O. A., Woodburn, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 February 15-March 24
b. 1, f. 170-171	Nottingham & Co., Portland, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 January 29- March 14
b. 1, f. 172-176	O. R. Additon Company, Portland, Oregon (5 folders)	1897 June 24- July 16, undated
b. 1, f. 177-178	Oregon & Washington Flour Company, Portland, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 June 8-1898 February 18
b. 1, f. 179	Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Portland, Oregon	1897 June 4
b. 1, f. 180-185	Pacific Coast Home Supply Association, Portland, Oregon (6 folders)	1897 May 29- November 15
b. 1, f. 186-220	Portland Flouring Mill Company, Portland, Oregon (35 folders)	1897 May 28-1898 December 4, undated
b. 1, f. 221	Russell & Co., Portland, Oregon	1898 January 3
b. 1, f. 222	Scriber, C. W., Salem, Oregon	1897 July 3
b. 1, f. 223-244	Sibson & Kerr, Portland, Oregon (22 folders)	1897 October 9-1897 December 22

b. 1, f. 245-246	Statesman Publishing Company, Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 December 14-24
b. 1, f. 247-248	Steiner & Blosser, Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 October 19- November 15
b. 1, f. 249	Stewart, Charles, Mrs., Portland, Oregon	1897 October 25
b. 1, f. 250-252	W. C. Noon Bag Co., Portland, Oregon (3 folders)	1897 November 10-1898 February 19
b. 1, f. 253	Whealdon, Isaac H., Washington	1898 February 17
b. 1, f. 254	White, Richard, Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 January 28
b. 1, f. 255	White, S. F.	1896 August 13
b. 1, f. 256	Zimmerman, Charles C., Silverton, Oregon	1898 February 20



**Series II: Oregon Land Co., 1889-1902**

Series II contains business correspondence to Charles Scott regarding the Oregon Land Co.

Series II is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 2, f. 257-260	Adell, L. T., Whittier, California (4 folders)	1898 January 17- April 12
b. 2, f. 261	Baldwin, Charles, Liberty, Oregon	1899 October 25
b. 2, f. 262	Beatty, E. N., Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 July 5
b. 2, f. 263	Bever?, G. W., Portland, Oregon	1898 August 30
b. 2, f. 264-266	Blackburn, A., Rosedale, Oregon (3 folders)	1899 December 29-1900 February 24
b. 2, f. 267-270	Booth, John J., Hayward, California (4 folders)	1894 October 30-1899 April 27
b. 2, f. 271	Brown, C. K.?, San Francisco, California	1900 February 28
b. 2, f. 272-276	Brown, John, Bossburg, Washington (5 folders)	1899 January 7- November 20
b. 2, f. 277	Browne, John, Roseburg, Oregon	1898 April 15
b. 2, f. 278	Burnett, E. E., Rosedale, Oregon	1899 February 12
b. 2, f. 279-280	Capital National Bank, Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 May 26- June 20
b. 2, f. 281	Clark, B., Scotts Mills, Oregon	1899 October 5
b. 2, f. 282-284	Commons, F. E., Scotts Mills, Oregon (3 folders)	1898 June 18- November 12
b. 2, f. 285	Commons, J., Scotts Mills, Oregon	1900 January 22
b. 2, f. 286-289	Constable, C. O., Salem, Oregon (4 folders)	1899 January 7-1900 January 10
b. 2, f. 290	Cook, J. F., Salem, Oregon	1898 April 12
b. 2, f. 291	Cooper, H., Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 June 27
b. 2, f. 292	Coulson, J. E., Scotts Mills, Oregon	1900 March 2
b. 2, f. 293-296	Cox, Wilson H., Department of the Interior, Indian School Service, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Rosebud, South Dakota (4 folders)	1898 June 2- September 22
b. 2, f. 297-298	Cronk, B. B., Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1899 November 30-1901 March 25

b. 2, f. 299-300	Dailey, George F., Rosedale, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 December 24-1899 September 15
b. 2, f. 301	Dandy, W. H.	1898 May 3
b. 2, f. 302	DePue & Cook, Salem, Oregon	1898 June 9
b. 2, f. 303	Douglas, J. H., McMinnville, Oregon	1899 February 9
b. 2, f. 304	Field, Frank, Scotts Mills, Oregon	? September 22
b. 2, f. 305-310	Fleming, Robert J., Salem, Oregon (6 folders)	1900 April 28-October 27
b. 2, f. 311	Floyd, Walter, Cortland, Oregon	1899 December 20-30
b. 2, f. 312-313	Frederick C. Howe & Bro., Boston, Massachusetts (2 folders)	1898 May 25-June 10
b. 2, f. 314	Geer, Pearl W., Silverton, Oregon	1897 September 2
b. 2, f. 315	Gilbert, L. M., Rosedale, Oregon	1899 February 20
b. 2, f. 316	Greenbaum, Isadore, Salem, Oregon	1900 March 29
b. 2, f. 317-322	Gumm, M. W., Newberg, Oregon (6 folders)	1898 June 27-1900 February 22
b. 2, f. 323-324	Hadley, J. H., New Providence, Iowa, and Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 June 9-1899 October 16
b. 2, f. 325-326	Hamilton, W. R., Marshalltown, Iowa (2 folders)	1898 August 23-December 3
b. 2, f. 327-328	Hammer, W. C., Scotts Mills, Oregon (2 folders)	1899 April 13-October 14
b. 2, f. 329	Harritt, J. W., Salem, Oregon	1900 May 29
b. 2, f. 330-331	Henry, Charles K., Portland, Oregon (2 folders)	1899 March 20-25
b. 2, f. 332	Holden, A. C., Portland, Oregon	1899 May 14
b. 2, f. 333	Holmes & Kellogg, Salem, Oregon	1898 November 24
b. 2, f. 334-396	Holmes, W. H., Salem, Oregon (63 folders)	1898 January 9-1902 January 2
b. 2, f. 397-398	Howland, U. S., Portland, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 April 15-May 10

b. 2, f. 399-400	Hunt, J. A., Maryville, Missouri (2 folders)	undated
b. 2, f. 401	Hutchins, Frank, Sterling Run, Pennsylvania	1898 October 24
b. 2, f. 402	Johnson, Levi D., Whittier, California	1898 July 2
b. 2, f. 403	Jory?, J. C., Salem, Oregon	1898 June 14
b. 2, f. 404-405	Kaiser, W. M., Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1899 September 22-1900 March 1
b. 2, f. 406-410	Korb, J. S., Scotts Mills, Oregon (5 folders)	1899 April 25-1900 June 8
b. 2, f. 411	McCourt, John, Salem, Oregon	1899 May 20
b. 2, f. 412-413	Miles, Thomas E., Scotts Mills, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 May 2-June 16
b. 2, f. 414	Nilsen, H. N., Big Rapids, Michigan	1900 May 25
b. 2, f. 415-424	Oregon Land Company, Salem, Oregon (10 folders)	1889 January 3-1897 November 26
b. 2, f. 425	Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Company, Salem, Oregon	1898 April 4
b. 2, f. 426	R. L. Polk and Co., Salem, Oregon	1889 June 22
b. 2, f. 427-429	Scott, Charles, Woodburn, Oregon (3 folders)	1898 April 28- June 3
b. 2, f. 430-431	Scott, John, Scotts Mills, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 March 30- December 27
b. 2, f. 432	Unique Printing Co., San Francisco, California	1890 July 30
b. 2, f. 433	Wm. G. Obenauer & Co.	1892 November 4
b. 2, f. 434	Unidentified, Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 April 13

**Series III: Other Business and Personal Papers, 1897-1909**

Series III contains business and personal correspondence to Charles Scott.

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b. 2, f. 435	Blain, J. W., Portland, Oregon	1897 July 6
b. 2, f. 436	Booth, John J., Hayward, California	1897 May 16
b. 2, f. 437	Bradstreet Company, Portland, Oregon	1907 December 23
b. 2, f. 438-439	Catterlin, F. J., Salem, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 February 21-April 2
b. 2, f. 440-441	Commons, F. E., Scotts Mills, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 January 2-7
b. 2, f. 442	Crozer, L. M., Turner, Oregon	1899 December 6
b. 2, f. 443	Dose, Fred, Cowles, Montana	1900 July 18
b. 2, f. 444	Douglas County, Roseburg, Oregon	1897 June 10
b. 2, f. 445	Evans, Wilkens & Co., Washington, D. C.	1905 August 9
b. 2, f. 446	Field, Frank, Portland, Oregon	1898 April 29
b. 2, f. 447-448	Guaranty Savings & Loan Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2 folders)	1897 June 28-29
b. 2, f. 449	Hiles, J. S., Ostrander, Washington	1909 August 8
b. 2, f. 450	Hunt, J. W., Rosedale, Oregon	1898 May 2
b. 2, f. 451	Kellogg, Frank, Salem, Oregon	1898 February 1
b. 2, f. 452-459	Kellum, A. T., Lima, Montana (8 folders)	1900 April 4-1901 January 15
b. 2, f. 460	Kendall, J. L.	1897? October 15
b. 2, f. 461-462	Marion County, Oregon (2 folders)	1894 November 2-1907 March 3
b. 2, f. 463-464	Marshall, B. H., Harwick, England (2 folders)	1906 November 15, undated
b. 2, f. 465	Minthorn, Henry John, Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 July 28
b. 2, f. 466	Osazas Brothers, Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 September 17
b. 2, f. 467	<i>Pacific Monthly</i> , Portland, Oregon	1907 January 31
b. 2, f. 468	Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company	1909 April 22

b. 2, f. 469-471	Plympton, C. F., Portland, Oregon (3 folders)	1898 January 3- April 1
b. 2, f. 472-473	Sawtell, Frank, Molalla, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 July 15- December 4
b. 2, f. 474	Scott, Bela, Scotts Mills, Oregon	1898 March 9
b. 2, f. 475-478	Scott, Charles, Mulino and Woodburn, Oregon, and San Miguelito, Mexico (4 folders)	1897 August 16-1906 November 11
b. 2, f. 479-480	Scott, Jean, Westport, Oregon (2 folders)	1898 January 9-12
b. 2, f. 481-482	Scott, John, Rossland, British Columbia, and Scotts Mills, Oregon (2 folders)	1897 August 20- October 18
b. 2, f. 483	Scott, Robert H.	undated
b. 2, f. 484	Scott, Robert H., Jr., Woodburn, Oregon	1898 February 19
b. 2, f. 485	Shaver, J. R., Molalla, Oregon	1898 March 27
b. 2, f. 485-488	Shaw, John, Steilacoom Hospital, Fort Steilacoom, and Seattle, Washington (4 folders)	1894 September 7-1897 October 29
b. 2, f. 489	Thames, Henry, Wilhoit, Oregon	1897 November 27
b. 2, f. 490-491	Thomas W. Emerson Co., Boston, Massachusetts (2 folders)	1898 April 26-27
b. 2, f. 492-499	Watson, D. M., Portland, Oregon (8 folders)	1897 June 30- August 14
b. 2, f. 500	White, Mary E., Scotts Mills, Oregon	1897 October 18
b. 2, f. 501	-----, Winnie, Portland, Oregon	1897 June 24
b. 2, f. 502	Unidentified, Portland, Oregon	1909 March 29
b. 2, f. 503	Unidentified	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.

### **Geographic Names**

Oregon -- Economic conditions  
Oregon -- Politics and government  
Scotts Mills (Or.)  
Woodburn (Or.)

### **Subjects**

Land companies -- Oregon  
Mills and mill-work -- Oregon

### **Occupations**

Millers -- Oregon

### **Corporate Body**

Oregon State Secular Union

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