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BULK DATES: 1870-1893

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SUMMARY: Letters to Louie Earl Williams of Buckeye, California, and Reno, Nevada, chiefly from her sister and brother-in-law, Julia Earl Cadwell and Edwin Cadwell, that discuss farm and social life in Crawford County, Iowa, 1870-1893. The collection also includes letters by other family members and friends, including Jennie Ann Huckstep and Ella Jefferson. Many letters are addressed to her parents, Asa Colton Earl and Nancy Weakley Allred Earl. A few letters are written to her husband, William J. Williams. The collection also includes fragmentary business records related to Asa Colton Earl, 1834-1855, and two photographs, 1901-circa 1905.

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Julia Earl Cadwell (1838-1880)

Julia Earl Cadwell was the daughter of Asa Colton Earl (1810-1891) and Minerva Rich Earl (1816-1840), members of the Mormon Church; her mother was a sister of Charles Coulson Rich (1809-1883), an early leader in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her siblings were Joseph Rich Earl (1836-1898) and Nancy Minerva Earl Leavitt (1840-1911).

In 1843, Asa Colton Earl married Nancy Weakley Allred Earl (1815-1904) in Nauvoo, Illinois. They had seven children: Isaac W. Earl (1844-1864), Mary J. Earl (1846-1848), Artemesia Earl (1848-1934), Asa C. Earl (1850-1863), John A. Earl (1851-1910), Joel Earl (1853-1861), Louie Earl Williams (1855-1938). In 1860, the family lived in Union Township, Crawford County, Iowa. In 1870, the family lived in Buckeye, Yolo County, California.

Around 1860, Julia married Edwin Cadwell (born 1834), a farmer in Milford Township, Crawford County, Iowa. After her death, he married his cousin Jennie Murray Cadwell (born circa 1862) in 1881.

Biographical / Historical

Louie Earl Williams was the daughter of Asa Colton Earl and Nancy Weakley Allred Earl. In 1879, Louie married William J. Williams (1842-1924) in Reno, Nevada, where they operated a farm. They had four children: Jessie Julia Williams (1880-1888), William Ray Williams (born 1884), Roy Earl Williams (1886-1940) and Robin Leslie Williams (1889-1915).

Scope and Contents

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Many letters written by Julia Earl Cadwell discuss her Christian faith and deteriorating health. A group of letters by Edwin Cadwell describe his wife's death from a uterine inflammation in September 1880, as well as his subsequent mourning and marriage the following year.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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Except where noted, this collection consists of letters to Louie Earl Williams.

b. 1, f. 1	Lindley, Oliver, receipt to Asa Colton Earl	1834 February 18
b. 1, f. 2	Promissary note with a clipped signature, probably Asa Colton Earl to Stutsman & Donnel, Council Bluffs, Iowa Stutsman & Donnel was a general store in Council Bluffs, Iowa.	1854 August 3
b. 1, f. 3	Harrison County, Iowa, receipt to Asa Colton Earl for taxes	1855 December 15
b. 1, f. 4	Cadwell, Edwin and Cadwell, Julia, Boyer River, Iowa	1870 November 27-28
b. 1, f. 5	Cadwell, Edwin, and Cadwell, Julia, Strawberry Point, Iowa	1871 April 23
b. 1, f. 6	Cadwell, Edwin, Pleasant View, Iowa	1872 May 19
b. 1, f. 7	Cadwell, Edwin, Deloit, Iowa	1872 August 23
b. 1, f. 8	Cadwell, Edwin, Deloit, Iowa	1872 November 3
b. 1, f. 9	Cadwell, Edwin, Deloit, Iowa	1872 November 22
b. 1, f. 10	Cadwell, Edwin and Julia Cadwell, Deloit, Iowa	1873 January 26
b. 1, f. 11	Cadwell, Julia, Deloit, Iowa	1874 July 5
b. 1, f. 12	Cadwell, Julia, Deloit, Iowa	1874 October 11
b. 1, f. 13	Cadwell, Edwin, Deloit, Iowa	1875 May 2-3
b. 1, f. 14	Cadwell, Julia, Deloit, Iowa	1876 December 17
b. 1, f. 15	Cadwell, Edwin, Deloit, Iowa	1877 February 11
b. 1, f. 16	Cadwell, Julia, Deloit, Iowa	1877 March 2
b. 1, f. 17	Huckstep, Jennie A., Alexander Morgan Co., Illinois	1877 April 7
b. 1, f. 18	Jefferson, Ella, Woodbine, Iowa	1877 July 23
b. 1, f. 19	Jefferson, Ella, Woodbine, Iowa	1877 September 2
b. 1, f. 20	Cadwell, Julia, Pleasant View, Iowa	1877 November 18
b. 1, f. 21	Cadwell, Julia, Deloit, Iowa	1878 January 30

b. 1, f. 22	Williams, John. W., to William J. Williams, Elizabeth, Illinois John W. Williams (1857-1929) was a brother of William J. Williams.	1878 March 30
b. 1, f. 23	Huckstep, Jennie, Deloit, Iowa	1878 May 1-2
b. 1, f. 24	Cadwell, Julia, Deloit, Iowa	1879 January 13
b. 1, f. 25	Huckstep, Jennie, Vail, Iowa	1879 January 29
b. 1, f. 26	Jefferson, Ella, Woodbine, Iowa	1879 February 1
b. 1, f. 27	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1879 March 23
b. 1, f. 28	Huckstep, Jennie, Vail, Iowa Enclosures include a swatch of cloth and pressed flowers.	1879 April 25
b. 1, f. 29	Jefferson, Ella, Woodbine, Iowa	1879 May 11
b. 1, f. 30	Jefferson, Ella, Woodbine, Iowa	1879 July 26
b. 1, f. 31	Cadwell, Louie E., Vail, Iowa	1879 September 6
b. 1, f. 32	Cadwell, Julia, Pleasant View, Iowa	1879 October 15
b. 1, f. 33	Cadwell, Julia, and Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1880 January 22
b. 1, f. 34	Cadwell, Edwin,, Vail, Iowa	1880 April 20
b. 1, f. 35	Cadwell, Edwin, and Cadwell, Julia,, Vail, Iowa	1880 August 6
b. 1, f. 36	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1880 September 5
b. 1, f. 37	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1880 October 18
b. 1, f. 38	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1880 November 21
b. 1, f. 39	Cadwell, Edwin, Iowa City, Iowa	1880 December 5
b. 1, f. 40	Cadwell, Edwin, Jacksonville, Iowa	1881 January 11
b. 1, f. 41	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1881 May 30
b. 1, f. 42	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1881 July 10
b. 1, f. 43	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1881 August 23
b. 1, f. 44	Cadwell, Edwin, and Jennie Murray Cadwell, Vail, Iowa	1881 October 2
b. 1, f. 45	Cadwell, Jennie Murray, Vail, Iowa	1881 November 21
b. 1, f. 46	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1882 February 12
b. 1, f. 47	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1882 February 16

b. 1, f. 48	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1883 May 27
b. 1, f. 49	Jefferson, Ella,, Woodbine, Iowa	1884 July 5
b. 1, f. 50	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1888 January 10
b. 1, f. 51	Wright, Minerva Elizabeth Earl, Nonpareil, Box Butte County, Nebraska Minerva Elizabeth Earl Wright (1867-1915) was a daughter of Joseph C. Earl.	1888 April 17
b. 1, f. 52	Cadwell, Edwin, Vail, Iowa	1888 April 25
b. 1, f. 53	Williams, Mary, Elizabeth, Illinois Mary Ann Belk Williams (1861-1933) was the wife of George Douglas Williams (1852-1928), a brother of William J. Williams.	1888 August 8?
b. 1, f. 54	Williams, Isaac, and Theresa Reynolds Williams, Jo Daviess County, Illinois Isaac Williams (1816-1904) and Theresa Reynolds Williams (1821-1892) were the parents of William J. Williams.	1889 February 20
b. 1, f. 55	Wright, Minerva, Alliance, Nebraska	1893 January 8
b. 1, f. 56	Unidentified photographer, Exterior portrait of a woman and man in front of a wooden house, probably Louie Earl Williams and William J. Williams in front of their home in Reno, Nevada Inscription on verso: The old house in 1901, and mother and father.	1901
b. 1, f. 57	Issott, James H., San Jose, California, Studio portrait of Cynthia Louise Sheperd and her grandmother	circa 1905
b. 1, f. 58	Cadwell, Julia, Iowa	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.

Subjects

Mormons -- California
Mormons -- Iowa
Women -- West (U.S.) -- Correspondence

Geographic Names

Crawford County (Iowa) -- Description and travel
Reno (Nev.) -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats

Photographic prints

Families

Cadwell family

Names

Cadwell, Edwin, 1834-
Cadwell, Jennie Murray, approximately 1862-
Cadwell, Julia Earl, 1838-1880
Earl, Asa Colton, 1810-1891
Earl, Nancy Weakley Allred, 1815-1904
Huckstep, Jennie Ann, 1854-1885
Jefferson, Ella
Williams, Louie Earl, 1855-1938
Williams, William J., 1842-1924