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Guide to the Alta McCormick Photograph Collection, 1905-1931

Title

Alta McCormick Photograph Collection (P 113)

Dates

1905-1931 (inclusive)
1905-1906 (bulk)

Creator

McCormick, Alta.

Summary

The Alta McCormick Photograph Collection consists of images of Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) students assembled by McCormick. The images depict groups of OAC students in 1905-1906 and a 1931 reunion of the Class of 1906. Cyrus Ross McCormick, Alta's husband, graduated from OAC in 1906 and is shown in the images.

Quantity

0.01 cubic foot, including 4 photographs (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Alta McCormick was the wife of Cyrus Ross McCormick.

Cyrus Ross McCormick, from Lebanon, Oregon, graduated from Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) in 1906 with a BS in Mining. After graduation, he worked briefly as an Assistant Assayer in Carson City, Nevada. By 1909, he had returned to Lebanon and was a farmer and cattleman.

John R. McCormick, also from Lebanon, graduated from OAC in 1905. In 1931, he was a building contractor in Portland. John and Cyrus may be brothers.

Content Description

The Alta McCormick Photograph Collection consists of four photographic prints assembled by McCormick. Three of the images depict groups of Oregon Agricultural College students in 1905-1906; these include a group of men students (with faculty?) in front of Benton Hall, a group of military cadets, and members of Philadelphian Literary Society. Cyrus McCormick is identified in the literary society photograph.

The fourth image is of the 25th reunion of the Class of 1906 in 1931, taken on the steps of the Memorial Union. It includes Cyrus Ross McCormick and his wife Alta. John R. McCormick is also depicted in the photograph. This photograph was published in the July 1931 issue of the *Oregon State Monthly* alumni magazine; it was taken by Howells Studio.

Preferred Citation

Alta McCormick Photograph Collection (P 113), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The photographs were acquired by the Archives in the 1960s.

Related Material

Other materials documenting the Class of 1906 are part of the [Alice L. Edwards Papers](#).

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Individuals

McCormick, Cyrus Ross.

Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Alumni and alumnae.

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Oregon Agricultural College. Class of 1906.

Philadelphian Literary Society (Oregon Agricultural College)

Topics

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Other Creators

Howell's Studio.