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Guide to the Merton and Eleanor Davis History of the Davis and Hall Families, 1983

Title

Merton and Eleanor Davis History of the Davis and Hall Families

Dates

1983 (inclusive)

Creator

Davis, Merton

Summary

This collection consists of the monograph *This We Remember*, a history of the Davis and Hall families of Union, Oregon; it was written by alumni Merton and Eleanor Davis. In addition to detailing the settlement and history of the two Oregon pioneer families, this monograph also describes Merton and Eleanor's experiences as students at Oregon Agricultural College.

Quantity

0.04 cubic foot (1 box)

Restrictions on Access

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Biographical Note

After graduating from Union High School, Merton Davis attended Oregon Agricultural College from 1915 through 1917, where he studied agriculture and architecture. He was a member of Kappa Sigma. He enlisted in the Navy in 1917 and served in World War I in Naval Aviation in Porto Corsino, Italy. After the war, he returned to North Powder, Oregon.

Eleanor Grace Hall, also from Union, attended OAC from 1915 to 1917; she studied music. When Eleanor was a student, she was a member of the Madrigal Club, which was formed in the fall of 1909 "for the combined purposes of the study of part song and operas and pleasure" (The Orange, 1917, page 75). In 1917, she was the president of the club. She was also a member of the Alpha Chi Omega fraternity.

Having met in college, the two were married on October 9, 1919, when Merton returned from World War I. In 1924, they founded the Texaco Service Station in Union, Oregon. After Merton's father, Alonzo Benjamine Davis, passed away in 1938, the two assumed responsibility for the family ranching business; they sold the station in 1947 and ranched full-time until their retirement in 1967.

Content Description

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Also included is a family tree for both the Hall and Davis families. It is a double-sided item, measuring 34 inches by 22 inches.

Preferred Citation

Merton and Eleanor Davis History of the Davis and Hall Families, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Custodial History

This collection was transferred to the Archives by the Alumni Association in 2006.

Subjects

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Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Topics

College environment--Oregon--Corvallis.

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Pioneers--Oregon--Union Region.

Ranch life--Oregon--Union Region.

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Family Names

Davis family

Hall family

Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)

Union (Or.)

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Family trees

Other Creators

Davis, Eleanor

Titles Within the Collection

This we remember