Guide to the Sherman Family Letters
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Preferred Citation note

Sherman Family Letters, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Maryland Sherman's mother writes to her from Watertown, New York, while Mrs. Sherman is residing in Norfolk, New York. These letters both date to 1906.

The 1912 letter from Maryland Sherman to her husband was sent from Portland, Oregon, to Francis A. Sherman in British Columbia. According the details in the letter, Mr. Sherman is establishing a home in British Columbia, and Mrs. Sherman and their children plan to join him there. The additional letter from R.L. Horton, forwarded in this envelope by Maryland Sherman, originated in Hudson, Oregon.

The last letter lacks a precise date, but concerns a party hosted by Philippa Sherman, who, according to the census, was estimated to have been born in 1904, thus the letter is categorized as circa 1930. Mr. A. Lot Beatie sends the letter from Oregon City, Oregon, to Portland, Oregon.

Scope and Contents note

Contains two letters from the mother of Maryland Sherman, who writes to her married daughter with daily news and advice about church and Christian life. There is one letter from Maryland Sherman to her husband, Francis A. Sherman, concerning moving to where he is located in British Columbia, as well as money matters and news of the children, with an additional enclosed letter forwarded by Mrs. Sherman from a man, Mr. R.L. Horton, who promises to repay Mr. Sherman an unidentified sum of debts. Finally, there is one letter from Mr. A. Lot Beatie to Maryland and Francis Sherman's daughter, Philippa Sherman, accepting her party invitation in a letter that is composed entirely as a telephone conversation between Mr. Beatie, the operator, and Miss Sherman.

The relationship among the family members was confirmed through facts mentioned in the letters and data from the 1920 census in Portland, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Gift of Wade Hall, 2006.

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## Collection Inventory

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