

## Finding Aid to the Small Volumes Collection

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Small Volumes Collection

**Date Range:** 1853-1941

**Collection number:** [Accession #84-4](#)

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Repository:** County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

**Legal status:** public

### Information for Researchers

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

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**Preferred Citation:** Suggested citation of these records is: [Identification of item], Small Volumes Collection, Contra Costa County Historical Society.

**Scope and Content:** The collection includes autograph books, diaries, business ledger books, textbooks, student notebooks, a Danville school census of students, farmers' almanacs, a wedding memory book, an emergency handbook, and a U.S. Army Drill Regulations book. These small volumes belonged to 15 to 20 different individuals. All were collected by Louis Stein and donated to CCCHS along with many other materials in 1984. Six of the small volumes belonged to members of the Neustaedter Family of Concord. These have their own Finding Aid entry (see Neustaedter Family Collection).

### Arrangement of Materials:

Materials are in two boxes. Most are in small envelopes. Within each box, the materials are arranged as follows.

#### **Box 1**

- George H. Newman, Diary, 1853, Antioch
- Rachel Neustaedter, Autograph Books (2), 1886-89 and 1888-94, Concord
- Mitchel Neustaedter, Autograph Book, 1884-97, Concord
- Jeannette Neustaedter, Autograph Books (2), 1901 and 1902-03, Concord
- Neustaedter (no first name), Diary, 1934-37, Concord
- James Nook, Grocery Account at John Gambs Store, 1883, Pacheco
- James Nook, Organic Chemistry Notebook, 1872, Pacheco
- Mrs. Karl Gehringer, Progressive Primary Arithmetic Notebook, 1858-63, Oakley
- Mabel Sherbourne, Autograph Book, 1896-98, Walnut Creek
- Sallie Sydnor, Autograph Books (2), 1880s, Walnut Creek

- Lillian Alice Whitman, Autograph Books (2), 1880s, Santa Rosa

## **Box 2**

- Lois Raffetto, John Swett Union High School Memory Book, Class of 1941
- Mary A. Hook, Diary, 1855
- Selby Lead and Silver Smelting Co., San Francisco, Ledger Book 1871-72
- Elbert Hall, Autograph Book, 1884, Alamo
- Guggenhime and Co. Receipt Book, 1921-22, Walnut Creek\*
- Hook (no first name), Botany Lecture Notes, 1872.
- U.S. Army Drill Regulations Book, 1911, property of Company "I", Contra Costa Home Guard, Concord
- Matthew Cody and Elise Asmus, Bridal Souvenir Book, 1895, Black Diamond
- Sarah Davis, Autograph Book, 1880, Nortonville
- Farmers Almanac, 1867
- Leavett's Farmers Almanacs (2), 1868 and 1869
- Peruna Drug Co. Almanac, 1904
- James H. Boone, Account Book 1866-79 and School Census 1880-89, Danville
- Emergency Handbook (copy), 1884

\*--Another Guggenhime Co. book (fruit invoices from 1923) is stored in the **Miscellaneous Books Collection**, Box #3.

**Indexing Terms:** Autograph book, Day Books, Business Records, Danville.

**Personal Names:** George Newman, Rachel Neustaedter, Jeannette Neustaedter, Mitchel Neustaedter, James Nook, Mabel Sherbourne, Sallie Sydnor, Lillian Alice Whitman, Lois Raffetto, Mary A. Hook, Elbert Hall, Matthew Cody, Elise Asmus, Sarah Davis, James H. Boone.