

## Finding Aid to the Robert G. Dean Collection

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Robert G. Dean Collection

**Date Range:** 1850s-1920s.

**Collection number:** [Accession 03-21](#)

**Collectors:** This collection was part of a donation by Lorraine Bray.

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

**Physical location:** Special Collections

**Legal status:** public

### Information for Researchers

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

**Publication Rights:** [Contact the Contra Costa County Historical Society for publication permission](#)

**Preferred Citation:** Suggested citation of these records is: [Identification of item], Robert G. Dean Papers Collection, Contra Costa County Historical Society.

**Scope and Content:** A collection of diaries, letters, scrapbooks, and family bible of the Robert G. Dean family. Family bible which contains some family information, oil and gas certificates, diaries written by Robert G. Dean, scrapbooks, letters to his wife, ledgers, and 1836 Hooper's Dictionary. Also of importance is a remembrance plate to R.G. Dean from the Veale family and a Senate Report of the Commissioner of Patents of 1860 for agriculture for the 36<sup>th</sup> Congress second session.

**Arrangement of Materials:** 4 boxes

Box 1: Seven folders that are completely itemized; *Leaves of Affection* (autograph book of Jerusha); journal; *A Journal of Historical Account of the Life, Travels, Sufferings...* by George Fox, 1808.

Box 2: Holy Bible, 1872 diary of Miss Sarah H Martin (sister of Jerusha Dean); 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plate from the Veales; *Commissioner of Patents of 1860 for agriculture for the 36<sup>th</sup> Congress second session*; box of stock certificates; miscellaneous items

Box 3: diaries & journals of Robert G. Dean; cash book from John Marsh ranch, remembrance book of his life; foldout map of Seattle; an account book

Box 4: guest book, letters of Mrs. Dean, account books & ledgers, journals (including one from 1830's), bible, dictionary

**Biography:** Robert G[arwood] Dean (1831-1920) was a land owner in East Contra Costa County. He was also involved in mining, managed the 18,000 acre John Marsh rancho, was president of the Bank of Brentwood, farmed wheat, was an agent for Balfour Gurthrie & Co, and was instrumental in the establishment of Liberty High School in Brentwood. Robert G. Dean was the author of the "East Contra Costa County" chapter in F. J. Hulaniski's *The History of Contra Costa County California*, 1917. He married to Jerusha H. Martin in San Francisco and they had no children, though they raised a foster son, George O Wilson.

**Indexing Terms**

Diary

Scrapbook

Oil and gas certificates

Letters

**Personal Names:**

Robert G. Dean

Veale

John Marsh