

Sarah A. Bradt Collection

Collection ID: MS.024

Collection Information

Inclusive dates: 1914-1985

Size: 2 boxes, 1 linear ft.

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Scope and Content

The Sarah A. Bradt Collection contains materials related to the life of Sarah Ann Bradt McKee Mood, Franklin F. Mood, and Fulmer Mood. Sarah A. Bradt was the daughter of Garrett G. Bradt, a San Diego pioneer. According to his death certificate, G. G. Bradt was born in Albany, New York in 1827. He moved to northern California in 1850 to prospect for gold. According to *An Illustrated History of Southern California: ...* (1890) he married Sarah A. Warren nee Hood in 1857 in San Francisco and had five children. Among the children were Henry, Sarah Ann, and Horace. In 1869 the family arrived in San Diego on the side-wheeler *Orizaba*. That same year the New San Diego Hotel was leased to G.G. Bradt and S.S. Gordon. The very next year he left the hotel business and launched a real estate business, which continued until 1877, at which time he opened Bradt & Sons, a grocery and general merchandise business. G.G. Bradt served three terms as president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. He also served as President of the Board of Delegates of the Common Council of San Diego.

Sarah Ann Bradt, daughter of G.G. Bradt, married William F. McKee in San Diego c. 1885. They had one child, E. Lila McKee (1891-1915). After William F. McKee's death in 1922, Sarah A. Bradt McKee subsequently married Franklin Fulmer Mood in 1930. Franklin Fulmer Mood died in 1947. He had a son Fulmer Mood from a previous marriage.

Fulmer Mood donated the collection in 1970. He noted in the biographical material found in Box 2, File 2 that some years earlier he had donated some Bradt family possessions found with the McKees' household goods to the *Junípero Serra Museum* in San Diego. The donor also noted that he thought Franklin F. Mood's business papers would have future value for students of the Great Depression of the 1930s to show how a property owner reacted in specific ways when he felt his property interests were in danger.

Container List

Box	File	Contents	Dates
1	1	Correspondence with Metropolitan Laundry	1930-1939
		Correspondence with First National Bank of Sonora, California	1931-1947
	2	Papers relating to Berkeley property, tax bills, etc	1931-1933
		Correspondence with George Friend Co.	1935-1939
	3	Correspondence with Earl L. Howatt, insurance agent	1926-1939
		Papers concerning a San Leandro house	1934
	4	Correspondence with American Trust Co.	1932-1938

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1	4	Correspondence with San Diego Trust & Savings	1943-1947
		Correspondence with Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank	1930-1943
	5	Correspondence with F.V. Du Brutz, real estate agent	1930-1939
	6	Rent payments for property owned by Franklin F. Mood	1944-1947
		Correspondence, Franklin F. Mood to Fulmer Mood	1934-1936
	7	Vital Records and other family documents	
	8	Miscellaneous family receipts, bills, and recipes	
		E. Lila McKee's diary	1904
		E. Lila McKee's diary	1915
		Floral Album signed by Sarah Bradt's friends in 1878 and daughter Lila's friends in 1904	
2	1	Papers concerning the estate of Franklin F. Mood	1944, 1947-1949
	2	Biographical information on Franklin F. and Sarah (Bradt) Mood	
		Sarah McKee Account Book	1921-1928
		Sarah Mood Account Book	1928-1936
		Sarah Mood Account Book	1936-1944
		Sarah & Franklin Mood Account Book	1944-1947
		Photograph album (mostly E. Lila McKee)	1914-1915