

Vincenzo Guerrieri Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator	Guerrieri, Vincenzo, 1864-1949
Title	Vincenzo Guerrieri Collection
Date	1899-1901, 1914
Extent	1.0 File folder(s) 1 file folder
General Physical Description note	Account book is fragile. Please note there is a reference copy that can be used for research.
Language	English
Collection [Folder]	1
Abstract	The collection contains a daily account book and a few receipts of Denver musician Vincenzo "Vincent" Guerrieri (1864-1949). The book includes brief descriptions of his work-related travel around Colorado.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

In 1872, The Guerrieri brothers - Vincenzo "Vincent," Francesco "Frank," and Giuseppe "Joseph" - immigrated to America from Cavello, Italy, with their parents Pasquale and Maria Theresa. The family first settled in St. Louis. Four years later, Vincent and Frank moved to Colorado, followed by their parents and their brother Joseph in 1877.

After working as miners and musicians in Leadville, the brothers settled in Denver around 1890 and were playing music together under the names The Guerrieri Brothers String Trio, Guerrieri Bros. Orchestra and Guerrieri Bros. Band. Frank and Vincent played the violin while Joseph played the harp. Successful in music, the brothers also pursued other business ventures. After attending Denver University Law School, Vincent became a notary public and real estate dealer, was active in politics and served as an interpreter for Denver's Italian population. Frank and Joseph started the Colorado Wine and Liquor Company at 2155 Blake Street. The business did well and in 1895, Frank and his wife Maria built a house at 1650 Pennsylvania Street. Certainly influenced by Italian architectural designs - perhaps to recreate a piece of Italy in Denver - the Italianate-style house was a reflection of middle-class life in Denver in the early twentieth century. Frank Guerrieri died in Denver in 1924 at the age of sixty-three, followed by Joseph, who died in 1932 at the age of seventy-one, and Vincent, who died in 1949 at the age of eighty-five.

Biographical information taken directly from: Zahller, Alisa. *Italy in Colorado: Family Histories from Denver and Beyond*. Virginia:Donning Company Publishers, 2008.

Scope and Contents note

This collection includes a daily account book, dated January 1899 to July 1901 with a few entries in 1914, of musician Vincenzo "Vincent" Guerrieri. The book includes brief descriptions of Vincent's work-related travel around Colorado, mostly by train. Guerrieri lists expenses, earnings, lodges, meals and RR fares. At times he is joined by P. (Paschal) Guerrieri, G. (Giuseppe) Guerrieri, B. (Bernardo) Campiglia, N. M. (Nicolas M.) Campiglia and/or M. J. (Michael) Capolungo. Also included is Vincent's music list. P. Guerrieri most likely refers to Paschal C. Guerrieri, Vincent's nephew from his half-brother Egidio Guerrieri. This gives an excellent look into the daily life of a traveling musician. Also found in this collection are Vincent and Giuseppe "Joseph" registered mail receipts from 1914, and a receipt for payment Vincent made towards the purchase of a harp.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donated by Eron Johnson Antiques, 1996.

Processing Information note

Processed by Leigh Jeremias, March 2013.

Existence and Location of Copies note

This collection has been scanned. Please contact Research Center staff to access the reference copy.

Related Materials

Related Materials note

See also Colorado Italian America Preservation Association Archives, Mss.02595.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Account books.

- Receipts.

Geographic Name(s)

- Italian Americans--Colorado--Denver--History.

Occupation(s)

- Musicians.
- Traveling musicians

Personal Name(s)

- Campiglia, Bernardo, b. 1859
- Campiglia, Nicholas M., c. 1875-
- Capolungo, Michael J., 1881-1955
- Guerrieri, Giuseppe, 1862-1932
- Guerrieri, Paschal C., abt. 1884-
- Guerrieri, Vincenzo, 1864-1949

Subject(s)

- Italian Americans--Social life and customs
- Italian Americans.

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Collection Inventory

Daily Account Book 1899-1901, 1914

Mail Receipts 1914 4 Receipts

Harp Receipt May 31, 1900 1 Receipt