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Summary Information

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Abstract The John C. Osgood collection consists of various documents including: private correspondence, ephemera, financial records, genealogy, legal, personal, print, and unpublished biographies saved by the Osgood family and primarily related to nineteenth and early twentieth century Colorado coal baron, John Cleveland Osgood.

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Biographical note

John Cleveland Osgood was the wealthiest and most influential of the Colorado coal barons during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. A younger member of the Rockefeller generation, Osgood's rise to industrial power ultimately placed him in an elite circle of American financial titans often referred to by historians as "robber barons" including: J. Pierpont Morgan, Jay Gould, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and Edward H. Harriman, and John D. Rockefeller. He is perhaps best known as the industrialist who engineered the merger of Colorado Fuel and Iron. He is also known for his firm belief in the divine right of capital, his staunch opposition to organized labor, his failed experiment in corporate paternalism in a CF&I company town he built in Redstone Colorado, his 42-room Tudor Revival style mansion (Clevholm) which presently functions an inn in Redstone, and more recently, for his involvement in the 1913-1914 United Mine Workers of America strike and the related Ludlow Massacre. Osgood has been described by Perry Eberhart as "a reluctant dragon, a man of tempest, or a man of peace and beauty - a man of mystery," by Thomas Andrews as both "the quintessential self made man" and a "callous archindustrialist," and by F. Darrell Munsell as "a man who was very much a product of his age."

Osgood was born of humble origins in Brooklyn, New York, on March 6, 1851. As an orphaned youth, he lived with relatives and attended public schools in Rhode Island and Connecticut. At age fourteen, Osgood began working as an office boy for a manufacturing firm in Providence Rhode Island and was hired two years later by the William H. Ladd Produce Commission in New York City. While working for the firm, he began taking night classes at the Peter Cooper Institute and graduated with a degree in accounting at age 19. Around this time his work ethic impressed A.D. Moss, an assistant manager of a Colorado coal company, and Moss recommended him for a job as a bookkeeper and cashier for the Union Coal and Mining Company in Ottumwa, Iowa.

From 1870-1881 Osgood lived and worked in Iowa making highly calculated business decisions that paid off handsomely to his benefit. After four years with the Union Coal and Mining Company, Osgood resigned and took a position as cashier for the first National Bank in Burlington, Iowa. During the next four years, he saved enough money to buy the financially troubled Whitebreast Coal and Mining Company. Osgood became the company president in 1878, and WC&MC soon became a leading supplier of coal for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He had his first experiences with strikes during this time.

Osgood's Colorado venture began in 1882 at the age of thirty-one when the Burlington and Quincy Railroad sent him to investigate the state's coal resources. During the next ten years, Osgood brought together investors and experts and created a fine-tuned business operation that prospered in large part due to his management skills, wise investments, and aggressive salesmanship. Osgood also proved to be a keen opportunist having profited significantly off the collapse of his competitor William Jackson Palmer's Colorado Coal and Iron Company. His Colorado Fuel Company merged with Palmer's CC&I in 1892 and became Colorado Fuel & Iron, and through the merger, Osgood and his Iowa group seized control of an expansive and highly mechanized coal empire.

Osgood became one of the wealthiest industrial capitalists in American during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, but market fluctuations, government investigations, unionization, strikes, and an increasingly pro-working class public opinion proved to be persistent threats to his coal empire. Osgood's responses to these highly contentious issues, and the nature of his involvement in the Colorado coalfield war are discussed in detail by Thomas G. Andrews - *Killing for Coal: America's Deadliest Labor War* (2008), and F. Darrel Munsell - *Redstone to Ludlow: John Cleveland Osgood's Struggle Against the United Mine Workers of America* (2009).

The United Mine Workers of America organized a national work stoppage in 1894 which deeply comprised Osgood's various operations in Colorado's southern coalfields and forced him to recognize the union as a formidable economic and political opponent to his industrial designs. During this time Osgood used various coercive tactics to undermine the UMWA. The Colorado State Legislative Committee investigated the southern coal fields in 1901, and around this time, Osgood became an outspoken critic of the UMWA and unionization in general. His private family correspondence however reveals a much deeper grievance that can be traced back to his earliest experiences in the Coal industry.

Not all of Osgood's tactics to quell unionization were coercive. He briefly led an ambitious experiment in corporate paternalism in Redstone, Colorado that was largely undermined by the Rockefeller-Gould takeover of CF&I in 1903. After the Redstone experiment, the company abandoned nearly every aspect of Osgood's social betterment program. Mine accidents increased during this time and living conditions in coal camps deteriorated. In addition, economic grievances among miners, such as script payment and the right to have a checkweighman at each mine among other things, persisted. UMWA initiated a failed strike in 1903-1904, and by the spring of 1912, many Colorado miners were ready to strike again.

In the wake of the 1913-1914 strike and the related Colorado coalfield war between miners and national guardsmen, a congressional investigation placed most of the blame John D. Rockefeller while Osgood was largely spared of responsibility despite playing an active role in directing the Colorado coal operators' campaign against the UMWA. Though never entirely successful in his attempt to undercut Rockefeller, Osgood retained a prominent position as a leader in the Colorado mining industry as the principal owner of the Victor American Fuel Company until his death in 1926.

Osgood finally signed a contract with UMWA in 1917 and largely escaped the worst of the labor troubles that affected CF&I in the years following the Colorado coalfield war. During the early 1920s he spent most of his years in Europe and New York and briefly turned over the daily operation of VAFC to officials in Denver. In August of 1924 however, he abruptly announced the resignation of the company's president, vice president, and chair of the board of directors, and announced his intent to once again actively manage the company. Osgood spent the last years of his life living at his Redstone mansion attempting to restore his estate and convert it into a resort. Osgood died of abdominal cancer in his Redstone mansion on January 4, 1926.

Osgood's private life has long been clouded in secrecy due to a lack of private papers and records. He was married three times, first to Irene de Belot, a recognized writer of romantic novels, poetry, and short stories between 1887-1899. His first divorce was apparently related to de Belot's unwillingness to leave England and live with Osgood in Colorado. It was also surrounded by a public scandal involving the suicide of Arthur E. Cobb, an English riding instructor who had taught Osgood's second wife Alma Regina Shelgram. Osgood reportedly met Shelgram in 1899 at the court of King Leopold II while seeking financial support for his Colorado mining operations. His name got mixed into the scandal due to the

fact that he was seen in New York with Shelgram and her friend Bertha Mckibbon of whom Cobb was allegedly in love with. Shelgram was rumored to have had ties to Swedish royalty. At Clevholm Manor, she entertained dignitaries but was also known as "Lady Bountiful" by miners and their families for her kindness. The union ended in divorce in 1920 and in that same year Osgood married his third wife, Lucille Reid who was only 24 at the time. Reid lived with Osgood at Clevholm until his death at which time she inherited his estate. She continued Osgood's resort plans, but the onset of the Great Depression prevented fruition and Reid eventually sold off much of the estate including Clevholm Manor.

The rest of Osgood's family life was complex as well. During his years in Iowa from 1870-1881, he increasingly assumed the defacto role of family patriarch providing financial support to his sisters Julia A. & Mary P. Osgood as well as his brother Charles Edward Osgood whom he also procured a job for in Iowa as a bookkeeper for a railroad contractor firm around 1872. He suffered two notable family tragedies: the accidental deaths of Charles E. Osgood by train accident in 1899, and Julia A. by auto accident in 1908. However, he remained close to the remainder of his family, particularly his nephew, Charles Russell Osgood (Charles Edward's son) whom he hired as a maintenance supervisor in 1924 during his attempt to restore his Redstone estate.

In private letters, Osgood's family often praised him for his kindness. One acquaintance, Hugh M. Chapman (Julia A. Osgood's doctor) praised him for his masculinity and determination: "what I like about you is your entire manliness and freedom from that most damnable quality known as can't." Others however, such as Mckenzie King, chief investigator of industrial relations for the Rockefeller Foundation criticized him for being representative of an old order that stood for the rights of property "whether in men or materials."

Most of the information provided in this biographical note was taken from Thomas G. Andrews' *Killing for Coal: America's Deadliest Labor War* (2008), and F. Darrel Munsell's *From Redstone to Ludlow: John Cleveland Osgood's Struggle Against the United Mine Workers of America* (2009). Additional information was taken from the John C. Osgood Collection at History Colorado.

Scope and Contents note

The John C. Osgood collection consists of eight series' arranged alphabetically including: correspondence, ephemera, financial records, genealogy, legal documents, personal documents, print materials, and unpublished biographies. The correspondence series consists of seventy-nine file folders primarily based on a three-way discourse between John Osgood, his sister Julia Osgood, and his brother Charles Edward Osgood. These letters are particularly significant in that they are one of a kind originals containing new information related to John C. Osgood's private life and the development of his career.

The next five series' contain significantly less items than the first. The ephemera series mainly consists of: cards, menus, and advertisements for John C. Osgood's mansion in Redstone, Colorado (Clevholm Manor) after it was converted into a hotel in the second half of the twentieth century. Financial records are associated with John C. Osgood and several of his family members (his brother and nephew). The

ledgers within the series are possibly handwritten by John C. Osgood and contain extensive information on his financial transactions from approximately 1909-1917. Genealogy consists of: notes, excerpts from various directories, and pedigree charts produced and/or collected by Charlotte Blackmer, a descendant of John C. Osgood and the collection's donor. Legal documents include: court records for both of John C. Osgood's divorces, and his Last Will and Testament. Personal documents include: a poem kept by Charles Edward Osgood, memoranda and eulogies related to the Death of Julia Osgood kept by John C. Osgood, and several pages from John C. Osgood's other sister, Mary Parmalee's account book and diary.

The print materials series contains forty-eight file folders and loose items divided into: books, magazines and journals, newspaper clippings, and other items. Of these sub-series' the newspaper clippings are the most extensive and may contain useful information to researchers interested in specific personages, places, and companies. Last, the unpublished biographies series contains two items: a biography of Osgood written by his nephew's son, Charles Edward 'Ted' Osgood, and an autobiography of John C. Osgood's father Samuel W. Osgood transcribed by JohnC. Osgood.

Series

- I Correspondence
- II Ephemera
- III Financial
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- V Legal Documents
- VI Personal Documents
- VII Print Materials
- VIII Unpublished Biography
- IX Correspondence II
- X Financial Records II
- XI Legal Documents II

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Donated by Charlotte Blackmer, relative of John C. Osgood.

Processing Information Note

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Series 9-11 (Correspondence II, Financial Records II, Legal Documents II) processed by Danielle Bonnici June 2015. These materials were donated later and added to the first set of material processed in March, 2015.

Related Materials

Separated Materials note

The John C. Osgood Collection is part of a larger donation of materials. See the Research Center staff at History Colorado for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.
- Marble-Yule Company.
- Minnequa Town Company. (Colo.)
- Scottish Rite (Masonic order).
- Union Coal and Mining Company. (Ottumwa, Iowa)
- United Mine Workers of America.
- Victor American Fuel Company.

Genre(s)

- Correspondence.

Geographic Name(s)

- Redstone (Colo.)

Personal Name(s)

- Caruthers, Mary Parmalee, 1890-1985
- Cleveland, Carry
- Cleveland, Charlotte, 1815-1862
- De Bolet, Irene, 1875-1922
- Eddy, William C.
- Lanard, Charlotte, 1879-1939
- Larimore, Lottie
- Larnard, Ellen
- Osgood, Charles Edward, 1849-1899
- Osgood, Charles Edward, 1903-1981
- Osgood, Charles Russell, 1875-1967
- Osgood, John Cleveland, Sr., 1879-1962
- Osgood, Julianna A., abt. 1846-1908
- Osgood, Mary Parmelee, b. 1855
- Osgood, Samuel Warburton, 1816-1859
- Osgood, Samuel Warburton, 1886-1964
- Reid, Lucille, 1912-1989
- Russell, Julia Long, 1846-1923
- Shelgram, Alma Regina, 1871-1955
- Webster, Casterine, 1881-1979

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Collection Inventory

Series I Correspondence 1865 - 1937 186.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The Correspondence series is the largest in the collection consisting of approximately 186 letters in 79 file folders arranged in 10 chronological sub-series'. Each of period reflects a specific Osgood family discourse determined by chronological gaps, significant shifts in subject matter, major turning points in the life of John Cleveland Osgood and his immediate family, and the previous notes of collection donor, Charlotte Blackmer. John Cleveland Osgood, his brother Charles Edward Osgood, and his sister Julia A. Osgood are the most significant contributors to the series as a whole. Others however, such as Charles Edward's wife Julia Long Russell, his children (particularly Charles Russell), John Cleveland's wives Alma and Lucile, and several of his relatives and friends are involved in the discourse as well.

The first period, 1865-1869, begins with John Cleveland in New York City and Charles Edward in Providence, Rhode Island. All but one of these letters were written by Charles Edward with John Cleveland as the primary recipient. The letters mainly pertain to Charles Edward's early life in Providence where he worked for a wholesaler of "small wares and fancy goods," his departure to Nebraska, and his early struggles out west. These letters also convey details regarding John Cleveland's early success as a bookkeeper for the William H. Ladd Produce Commission in New York City, and the beginning of his monetary support for Charles Edward, which was ongoing while the latter was struggling to make a living in retail and ranching from 1868-1871.

The second period, 1870-1874, begins with John Cleveland's departure to Iowa and covers his four years spent working as a bookkeeper for the Union Coal and Mining Company in Ottumwa. The majority of these letters are still Charles Edward to John Cleveland, but several are written by John Cleveland to Julia. From 1870-1871, Charles Edward was in Texas working in the cattle industry. His letters during this time expressed his frustrations with an unreliable employer, and a short lived ranching enterprise which John Cleveland funded. These letters also indicate that John Cleveland was trying to find work for Charles Edward in Iowa. Sometime during the next year, Charles Edward did move to Iowa and began work as a bookkeeper for a railroad contractor firm. Letters written by John Cleveland to Julia

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during this time reveal a significant reversal of fortune for Charles Edward. They also provide insights into John Cleveland's feelings on several subjects including: politics, his dissatisfaction with his work (the monotony of life as a bookkeeper), and being held back in business due to his youthful appearance. Additionally he reveals business details, and plans to move his sisters, Julia and Mary Parmalee, to a house he had built for them in Colorado (Julia refers to this as "one of the great events of our life"). By the end of this period, letters from Charles Edward to John Cleveland indicate that the two had a business relationship and that Charles Edward was reporting to his brother.

The third period, 1878-1881 marks a major turning point in John Cleveland's life: his emergence as an independent coal entrepreneur. Most of these letters were written by John Cleveland to Julia and they include details of both Osgood family matters and John Cleveland's business affairs. John Cleveland wrote some of his letters to Julia in a uniformly warm and casual tone often encouraging her to ask for money whenever she needed it. Yet in others, particularly those detailing his work as President of the Whitebreast Coal and Mining Company, he became abruptly serious at times, demonstrating a cold pragmatic approach toward business. Some of John Cleveland's letters reveal details of an 1879 strike and a merger involving WC&MC and a railroad. Several letters from Charles Edward to Julia also reveal that by February 1880, he had established a ranch in North Platte, Nebraska.

The fourth period, 1884-1891 covers Charles Edward's family life in North Platte, Nebraska, his farming and cattle ranching operations, and political career as Lincoln County Treasurer and North Platte School Board member. Roughly half of the letters are from Charles Edward to Julia, Mary Parmalee and his son Charles Russell which include both personal and business details but scarcely mention John Cleveland. This period also includes letters from Charles Edwards' children to Julia, and letters between Julia and Charles Edwards' wife, Julia Long Russell. There is only one letter from John Cleveland in this period, which was written to Julia in 1888. In it, he mentioned that he was "worn out from traveling." He also alluded to a plan for Charles Edward to "give up his ranch as quickly as possible as he has never made a dollar of it and never will," and discussed plans to pay the expenses of Charles Edward's childrens' education and to position them toward Ivy league colleges.

The fifth period, 1892-1898, covers a transitional period of Charles Edward's life from independent rancher in North Platte, NE to Colorado Fuel and Iron administrator. Most of these letters are from Charles Edward to his son Charles Russell who assumed responsibility for the North Platte ranch around 1895. Letterheads from this time place Charles Edward as Secretary and Treasurer of The Leadville Mine Leasing Company (likely a CF&I umbrella company), and John Cleveland as President. The letters

1865-1869

indicate that Charles Edward had not lost interest in his ranch as most of the letters detail his concerns regarding various aspects of the operation.

The sixth period, 1899-1900, covers the aftermath of Charles Edward's death by train accident. The last letter in this series written by Charles Edward was to Julia in June of 1899 and in it he discusses his work on mining prospects in Pitkin County that he suggested were becoming lucrative. The remaining correspondence includes several condolence letters from Julia and Julia Long Russell to John Cleveland immediately following Charles Edward's death on December 4, 1899. There is also one letter from John Cleveland to Julia in February 1900 in which he states his approval of several of his associates placing properties in her name.

The seventh period, 1908-1910, covers the aftermath of Julia's death by automobile accident (November 27, 1908). These letters are mainly condolence letters to John Cleveland from friends and family. There are no letters from 1910-1914, and the eighth period only contains one condolence letter from John Cleveland to Charles Edward's son, Charles Russell following the death of the latter's wife, Cora in 1915. John Cleveland did reference the aftermath of the 1913-1914 United Mine Workers of America Strike in this letter: "I am in the midst of all sorts of business troubles and perplexities. Now that the strike is over business is so poor that we cannot make any money and I am at my wits ends..."

The ninth period, 1924-1925, begins a few months after John Cleveland resumed complete control over his Victor American Fuel Company (he had previously turned control over to officials in Denver) and returned to Clevholm Manor in Redstone Colorado with his third wife, Lucille. The letters are mainly from John Cleveland to his nephew Charles Russell. The first few letters indicate that in November, 1924 John Cleveland hired Charles Russell to work for him in Redstone managing the restoration of his Tudor revival style mansion, Clevholm manor which he hoped to open to the public during the summer of 1925. The remaining correspondence is mainly comprised of short business letters pertaining to maintenance issues. However there is also one letter from Lucille to Charles Russell after John Cleveland was hospitalized in June 1925. The final tenth period, 1926-1937, mainly consists of letters to and from Charles Russell regarding the management of Clevholm manor after John Cleveland's death.

Subseries I 1865-1869 Sept. 4, 1865 - Dec. 25, 1869 7.0 File folder(s)

FF 1 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood Sept. 4, 1865 1.0 Item(s)

1870 - 1874

FF 2 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood Oct. 18, 1866 1.0 Item(s)

FF 3 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood April 11 - Dec. 12, 1867 2.0 Item(s)

FF 4 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood Jan. 4 - Dec 30, 1868 12.0 Item(s)

FF 5 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood June 4, 1868 1.0 Item(s)

FF 6 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood Jan. 22 - Aug. 25, 1869 6.0 Item(s)

FF 7 Mary P. Osgood to Unknown Osgood Dec. 25, 1869 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries II 1870 - 1874 March 6, 1870 - May 2, 1874 8.0 File folder(s)

FF 8 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood March 6 - July 29, 1870 4.0 Item(s)

FF 9 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood Feb 21 - Dec., 1871 13.0 Item(s)

FF 10 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood May 27 - June 26, 1872 4.0 Item(s)

FF 11 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood June 16, 1872 1.0 Item(s)

FF 12 John C. Osgood to Julia A. and Mary P. Osgood March 12, 1873 1.0 Item(s)

FF 13 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood May 22 - Sept. 20, 1873 10.0 Item(s)

FF 14 Eddy Mill to John C. Osgood Jan. 12 - March 28, 1874 2.0 Item(s)

1878 - 1881

FF 15 Charles E. Osgood to John C. Osgood March 20 - Aug. 4, 1874 8.0 Item(s)

FF 16 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood May 2, 1874 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries III 1878 - 1881 July 3, 1878 - Dec. 19, 1881 11.0 File folder(s)

FF 17 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood July 3, 1878 1.0 Item(s)

FF 18 John C. Osgood to Julia A. & Mary P. Osgood Feb.13, 1879 1.0 Item(s)

FF 19 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood March 23, 1879 1.0 Item(s)

FF 20 John C. Osgood to Julia A. and Mary P. Osgood July 6, 1879 1.0 Item(s)

FF 21 Charles E. Osgood to Aunt Mary Jan. 19, 1880 1.0 Item(s)

FF 22 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Feb. 15 - July 4, 1880 2.0 Item(s)

FF 23 Julia L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Aug. 8 - Sept., 1880 2.0 Item(s)

FF 24 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Oct. 24, 1880 1.0 Item(s)

FF 25 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Sept. 11, 1881 1.0 Item(s)

FF 26 Julia L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Oct. 4, 1881 1.0 Item(s)

FF 27 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Dec. 4 - 19, 1881 2.0 Item(s)

1884-1891

Subseries IV 1884-1891 Feb. 12, 1884 - Oct. 28, 1891 16.0 File folder(s)

FF 28 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Feb. 12, 1884 1.0 Item(s)

FF 29 Adalene Osgood to Mary P. Osgood Feb. 19, 1884 1.0 Item(s)

FF 30 Charlotte L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Jan. 30, 1887 1.0 Item(s)

FF 31 Julia L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood June 2, 1887 1.0 Item(s)

FF 32 Charlotte L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Jan. 4, 1888 1.0 Item(s)

FF 33 John C. Osgood Sr. (Charles E. Osgood's son) to Julia A. Osgood March 26, 1888 1.0 Item(s)

FF 34 John C. Osgood to Julia L. Osgood Oct. 24, 1888 1.0 Item(s)

FF 35 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood 1.0 Item(s)

FF 36 Charlotte L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood March 21, 1889 1.0 Item(s)

FF 37 Julia L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood June 23, 1889 1.0 Item(s)

FF 38 Charles E. Osgood to Mary P. Osgood July 29, 1889 1.0 Item(s)

FF 39 Charles R. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Sept. 16, 1899 1.0 Item(s)

FF 40 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Oct. 5 - Dec. 22, 1889 3.0 Item(s)

1892 - 1898

FF 41 Charlotte L. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Jan. 17, 1890 1.0 Item(s)

FF 42 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood May 21 - June 10, 1891 2.0 Item(s)

FF 43 Unknown Sender to Charles R. Osgood Oct. 28, 1891 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries V 1892 - 1898 May 3, 1892 - Sept., 1898 9.0 File folder(s)

FF 44 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood May 3 - Dec. 28, 1892 3.0 Item(s)

FF 45 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Feb. 23 - June 17, 1893 4.0 Item(s)

FF 46 Charles H. Tall to Charles Russell Osgood July 22, 1895 1.0 Item(s)

FF 47 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood July 24 - Sept. 30, 1895 3.0 Item(s)

FF 48 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Feb. 17 - Oct. 29, 1896 5.0 Item(s)

FF 49 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Aug. 31, 1897 1.0 Item(s)

FF 50 Charles E. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Jan. 10 - May 1, 1898 12.0 Item(s)

FF 51 Julia L. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood March 13, 1898 1.0 Item(s)

FF 52 Julia A. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Sept., 1898 1.0 Item(s)

1899 - 1900

Subseries VI 1899 - 1900 June 8, 1899 - Feb. 21, 1900 4.0 File folder(s)

FF 53 Charles E. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood June 8, 1899 1.0 Item(s)

FF 54 Julia A. Osgood to John C. Osgood Dec. 8-16, 1899 3.0 Item(s)

FF 55 Julia L. Osgood to John C. Osgood Dec. 22, 1899 1.0 Item(s)

FF 56 John C. Osgood to Julia A. Osgood Feb. 21, 1900 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries VII 1908-1910 Oct. 11, 1908 - March 10, 1910 9.0 File folder(s)

FF 57 Julia A. Osgood to John C. Osgood Oct. 11, 1908 1.0 Item(s)

FF 58 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Nov. 29 - Dec. 4, 1908 2.0 Item(s)

FF 59 Carry Cleveland to John C. Osgood Dec. 1, 1908 1.0 Item(s)

FF 60 Tom to John C. Osgood Dec. 2, 1908 1.0 Item(s)

FF 61 Lottie Larimore to John C. Osgood Dec. 2, 1908 1.0 Item(s)

FF 62 Ellen Larned to John C. Osgood Dec. 8-17, 1908 2.0 Item(s)

FF 63 Marion S. Melyard to Alma R. Osgood Feb. 22, 1909 1.0 Item(s)

1915

FF 64 Hugh M. Chapman to John C. Osgood March 22, 1909 1.0 Item(s)

FF 65 Clara M. Pike to John C. Osgood March 10, 1910 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries VIII 1915 May 5, 1915 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 66 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood May 5, 1915 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries IX 1924-1925 Nov. 18, 1924 - Dec. 3, 1925

FF 67 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Nov. 18 - Dec. 30, 1924 3.0 Item(s)

FF 68 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood April 29 - May 19, 1925 10.0 Item(s)

FF 69 John C. Osgood to Unknown Business Associate May 3, 1925 1.0 Item(s)

FF 70 Lucille Osgood to Charles R. Osgood June 27, 1925 1.0 Item(s)

FF 71 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood July 24, 1925 1.0 Item(s)

FF 72 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood July 28 - Oct. 26, 1925 8.0 Item(s)

FF 73 John C. Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Nov. 5 - Dec. 14, 1925 7.0 Item(s)

FF 74 Charles R. Osgood to John C. Osgood Dec. 3, 1925 1.0 Item(s)

1926-1937

Subseries X 1926-1937 Jan. 16, 1926 - June 1, 1937 5.0 File folder(s)

FF 75 Charles R. Osgood to Mrs. Charles R. Osgood Jan. 16 - Jan. 18, 1926 1.0 Item(s)

FF 76 Frank Edward Gove to Charles R. Osgood Dec. 7, 1926 1.0 Item(s)

FF 77 W. Osgood Eddy to Charles R. Osgood Aug. 1, 1927 1.0 Item(s)

FF 78 Lucille Osgood to Charles R. Osgood Jan. 13, 1928 1.0 Item(s)

FF 79 Huntley E. McDonald to Mr. Dieter June 1, 1937 1.0 Item(s)

Series II Ephemera 1897 - 1981 16.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The Ephemera series consists of sixteen items, most of which were likely kept by Osgood family members from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth century. The series is primarily arranged by type into four sub-series': cards, menus, forms, and Redstone, Colorado advertisements. The only exception to this type based arrangement is a menu placed with the Redstone, Colorado advertisements due to a photograph and advertisement of Clevholm Castle in Redstone on the front cover. All sub-series' are kept in single file folders except Redstone, Colorado advertisements which is divided into two.

Subseries I - FF 80 Cards 1897-1953 1.0 File folder(s)

Subseries II - FF 81 Menus 1908 2.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Forms - Colorado Yule Marble Co. Blank Stock Certificate

Subseries III - FF 82 Forms - Colorado Yule Marble Co. Blank Stock Certificate 1.0 File folder(s)

Subseries IV Redstone, Colorado Advertisements 1940s - 1980s 2.0 File folder(s)

FF 83 Redstone, Colorado Advertisements pt.1 1940s - 1950s 5.0 Item(s)

FF 84 Redstone, Colorado Advertisements pt.2 1950s - 1980s 3.0 File folder(s)

Series III Financial Records 1898 - 1937 18.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The Financial Records series consists of eighteen items arranged by type into four sub-series': bank check receipts, insurance policies, ledgers, and stock certificates. All sub-series' are kept in single file folders with the exception of the third which consists of two large leather ledgers. The ledgers, titled under the name "Colorado Securities Company" are the only items in this series which detail John C. Osgood's finances.

Subseries I - FF 85 Bank Check Receipts - Charles E. Osgood Sept. - Dec., 1898 12.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Subseries II - FF 86 Insurance Policies - Colorado and Southeastern RR Co. Oct. 9, 1935 - Oct. 20, 1937 2.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Subseries III Ledgers 1909 - 1917 2.0 Item(s) Two Leather Ledgers

Stock Certificates - Charles R. Osgood and J.H. McGeel

FF 87 Colorado Securities Co. (John C. Osgood) #1 1909 - 1915 1.0 Item(s) Leather Ledger

FF 88 Colorado Securities Co. (John C. Osgood) #2 March 1915 - Aug. 1917 1.0 Item(s) Leather Ledger

Subseries IV - FF 89 Stock Certificates - Charles R. Osgood and J.H. McGeel Sept 23, 1903 - Nov. 16, 1909 2.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Series IV Genealogy 9.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The Genealogy series contains all of the collection's materials related to Osgood family linkage. These documents are arranged by type into three sub-series': combined genealogical references, excerpts from directories, and pedigree charts. Each sub-series is kept in a single file folder.

Subseries I - FF 90 Combined Genealogical References 1581 - present 5.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Subseries II - FF 91 Excerpts From Directories 1812 - 1895 3.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Subseries III - FF 92 Pedigree Charts 1595 - present 15.0 Item(s) in one file folder

Series V Legal Documents 1899 - 1925 3.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

Divorce

The Legal Documents series consists of three items arranged by type into two sub-series': divorce, and last will and testament. Court records for John C. Osgood's first and second divorces from Irene Osgood on July 26, 1899, and Alma R. Osgood on February 19, 1920 comprise the first sub-series. The Last Will and Testament of John C. Osgood, which he wrote on Aug. 10, 1925 comprises the second.

Subseries I Divorce July 1926, 1899 - Feb. 19, 1920 2.0 File folder(s)

FF 93 John Cleveland Osgood, Plaintiff v. Irene Osgood, Defendant July 26, 1899 1.0 Item(s)

FF 94 John C. Osgood, Plaintiff vs. Alma R. Osgood, Defendant Feb. 19, 1920 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries II - FF 95 Last Will & Testament - John Cleveland Osgood Aug. 10, 1925 1.0 Item(s)

Series VI Personal Documents 1873 - 1908 7.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The Personal Documents series consists of seven items arranged by person into three sub-series': Charles E. Osgood, Julia Osgood, and Mary P. Osgood. The Charles E. Osgood sub-series consists of one hand-written poem that he kept entitled: "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep." The Julia Osgood sub-series contains two memoranda of condolence letters written to John C. Osgood after Julia's death in 1908. They were compiled by Osgood to help him keep track of who had written him. It also contains three separate eulogies, also kept by John C. Osgood. The last sub-series, pertaining to Mary P. Osgood, consists of eleven pages from her account book and diary from the years 1873-1880, and 1899.

Subseries I - FF 96 Charles E. Osgood - Handwritten Poem: "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries II Julia Osgood Dec. 1908 2.0 File folder(s)

FF 97 Memoranda - John C. Osgood, "Memoranda of Letters Written in 1908 in Connection with Julia's Death," "Memoranda in Relation to Letters." Dec. 1908 2.0 Item(s)

FF 98 Eulogies - Clark Kate Upson, "Julia Osgood." F.B. Sanborn, "In Remembrance of Miss Julia Osgood." Untitled Card 1908 3.0 Item(s)

Subseries III - FF 99 Mary P. Osgood - Pages from Account Book and Diary 1873-1880, 1899 11.0 Page(s) in one file folder**Series VII Print Materials 1884-1993 104.0 Item(s)****Scope and Contents note**

The Print Materials series is the second largest in the collection consisting of one hundred and four items arranged by type into four sub-series': books, magazines & journals, newspaper clippings, and other. The first two sub-series', books and magazines & journals, are arranged alphabetically. Newspaper clippings are arranged alphabetically by type or person and chronologically within each group. The last sub-series, other, is arranged alphabetically.

Most of the series' six books were previously owned by Osgood family members, particularly John C. Osgood and Charles R. Osgood and are typically related to mining procedures, capital investments, or Colorado mineral resources.

The magazines & journals sub-series is comprised of six items including: two editions of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company publication *Camp and Plant* (1903,1904); and one of: *Colorado Wonderland* (1959), *The Pitkin Miner* (1899), *Scenic Idaho* (1951), and *Trolley Talk* (1906).

The largest sub-series, newspaper clippings, is comprised of eighty-nine articles divided into fourteen sub-sub series' including: Alma Regina Osgood, Clevholm & Redstone, Charles Edward Osgood, Charles Russell Osgood, Colorado Fuel and Iron, Irene Osgood, John C. Osgood's first divorce and the

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Aurthur E. Cobb suicide scandal, John C. Osgood biographies and obituaries, Julia A. Osgood, Lucille Osgood, Marble, Colorado/Marble Yule Co., misc. mining, Samuel W. Osgood, and Victor American Fuel Company. Some of these articles may provide useful information on John C. Osgood's wives and family members, the development of Redstone, Colorado as a resort town, and the histories of Colorado Fuel & Iron and the Victor American Fuel Company.

The last sub-series, other, contains three miscellaneous items including: a photocopied excerpt from the third volume of *Legislative Documents Submitted to the Twentieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa* (1884) containing an accidents statement from the Ottumwa & Kirksville Railroad CO. of which John C. Osgood was the Vice President, a map of the Minnequa company town in Pueblo Colorado from 1908, and a masonic pamphlet entitled "Resolutions Adopted by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry at Denver, Colorado – Monday May 18th, 1914." The latter item was placed in the Print Materials series rather than the Ephemera series due to its historical value as a direct and immediate response from the Scottish Rite Masons of Denver to the Ludlow Massacre.

Subseries I Books 1900 - 1963 6.0 Item(s)

FF 100 Foote, Alvin. *The Fabulous Valley: Some Facts and Conjectures About Crystal River Valley in Colorado*. New York, NY: AT&T Company, Inc. 1950 1950 1.0 Item(s)

FF 101 *Fruits, Trees and Flowers*. Rochester, NY: United Litho & Printing COS. 1901 1901 1.0 Item(s)

FF 102 *The Coal and Metal Miners Pocketbook of Principles, Rules, Formulas, and Tables*, Sixth ed. Scranton, P.A.: The Colliery Engineer Company. 1900 1900 1.0 Item(s)

FF 103 *The Colorado-Yule Marble Company: Reports of Engineers and Marble Experts*. New York, N.Y.: Knickerbocker Syndicate. 1908 1908 1.0 Item(s)

FF 104 *The Natural Resources of Colorado*. Washington D.C.: United States Department of the Interior - Division of Information. 1963 Dec. 24, 1963 1.0 Item(s)

Magazines & Journals

FF 105 Trautwine, John C. *The Civil Engineer's Pocket-Book*, Eighteenth ed. New York: John Wiley & Sons. London: Chapman & Hill Limited. 1902 1902 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries II Magazines & Journals Dec. 29, 1899 - Feb., 1959 6.0 Item(s)

FF 106 Colorado Fuel and Iron. *Camp and Plant*. Vol. 4. No. 2. July 25, 1903 July 25, 1903 1.0 Item(s)

FF 107 Colorado Fuel and Iron. *Camp and Plant*. Vol. 5. No. 11. March 26, 1904 March 26, 1904 1.0 Item(s)

FF 108 *Colorado Wonderland*. February, 1959 Feb., 1959 1.0 Item(s)

FF 109 *The Pitkin Miner*. Vol. 10. No. 24. December 29, 1899 Dec. 29, 1899 1.0 Item(s)

FF 110 *Scenic Idaho*. Vol. 6. No. 3. 1951 1951 1.0 Item(s)

FF 111 *Trolley Talk*. Vol. 2. No. 5. May, 1906 May, 1906 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries III Newspaper Clippings 1859 - 1993

FF 112 Alma R. Osgood March 25, 1979 1.0 Item(s)

FF 113 Clevholm & Redstone Estate 1940s c.a. 1940s 2.0 Item(s)

FF 114 Clevholm & Redstone Estate 1950s Aug. 24, 1952 - July 26, 1959 4.0 Item(s)

Newspaper Clippings

FF 115 Clevholm & Redstone Estate 1960s Aug. 14, 1960 - June 29, 1967 5.0 Item(s)

FF 116 Clevholm & Redstone Estate 1970s April 4, 1971 - Oct. 17, 1976 4.0 Item(s)

FF 117 Clevholm & Redstone Estate 1980s June 2, 1985 - Feb. 26, 1989 5.0 Item(s)

FF 118 Clevholm & Redstone Estate 1990s May 1990 - June 27, 1993 3.0 Item(s)

FF 119 Charles E. Osgood Dec. 15, 1899 1.0 Item(s)

FF 120 Charles R. Osgood 1.0 Item(s)

FF 121 Colorado Fuel & Iron 1900s July 21 - Aug 26, 1902 4.0 File folder(s)

FF 122 Colorado Fuel & Iron 1960s 1961 1.0 Item(s)

FF 123 Colorado Fuel & Iron 1980s March 12, 1981 - May 19, 1985 4.0 Item(s)

FF 124 Colorado Fuel & Iron 1990s Nov. 8, 1990 4.0 Item(s)

FF 125 Irene Osgood Dec. 13, 1922 1.0 Item(s)

FF 126 John C. Osgood's First Divorce & Arthur E. Cobb Scandal Sept., 1899 5.0 Item(s)

FF 127 John C. Osgood Biographies & Obituaries 1900s Sept. 7, 1902 1.0 Item(s)

FF 128 John C. Osgood Biographies & Obituaries 1920s 1926 6.0 Item(s)

Newspaper Clippings

FF 129 Julia A. Osgood 1901-1902 March, 1901 - May 7, 1902 3.0 Item(s)

FF 130 Julia A. Osgood 1908 Nov. 28 - Dec., 1908 6.0 Item(s)

FF 131 Lucille Osgood 1920s Aug. 1, 1927 - May 27, 1928 2.0 Item(s)

FF 132 Lucille Osgood 1930s July 15, 1932 1.0 Item(s)

FF 133 Lucille Osgood 1940s 3.0 Item(s)

FF 134 Marble Colorado/Marble Yule Co. 1890s Dec. 26, 1890 1.0 Item(s)

FF 135 Marble Colorado/Marble Yule Co. 1970s Jan. 21, 1973 - May 27, 1973 2.0 Item(s)

FF 136 Marble Colorado/Marble Yule Co. 1980s July 19, 1981 - Oct. 22, 1989 3.0 Item(s)

FF 137 Marble Colorado/Marble Yule Co. 1990s April 23, 1990 - July 25, 1993 3.0 Item(s)

FF 138 Misc. Mining 1930s Oct. 23, 1930 1.0 Item(s)

FF 139 Misc. Mining 1950s Aug. 26, 1952 - Aug. 23, 1954 2.0 Item(s)

FF 140 Misc. Mining 1980s March 3, 1985 2.0 Item(s)

FF 141 Samuel W. Osgood 1859 3.0 Item(s)

FF 142 Victor American Fuel Co. 1900s c.a. 1903 1.0 Item(s)

Other

FF 143 Victor American Fuel Co. 1930s Sept. 24, 1934 - Aug. 1935 2.0 Item(s)

FF 144 Victor American Fuel Co. 1940s c.a. 1945 1.0 Item(s)

FF 145 Victor American Fuel Co. 1950s Oct. 1, 1952 - Feb. 10, 1957 2.0 Item(s)

Subseries IV Other 3.0 File folder(s)

FF 146 Excerpt - *Legislative Documents Submitted to the Twentieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa*. Vol. 3. Des Moines, IA: State Printer. 1884 1884 1.0 Item(s)

FF 147 Map - "Land of the Minnequa Town Company Comprising: Lake Minnequa, Minnequa Heights, Suburban Land and Investment Co. Sub., The Minnequa Town Co., Sub., East Lake, Lake Minnequa Reservation, All of Sec. 13 West of D.R.G.R.R." Pueblo, Colorado: The Pueblo Litho & Print C.O. 1908 1908 1.0 Item(s)

FF 148 Pamphlet - "Resolutions Adopted by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry at Denver, Colorado – Monday May 18th, 1914." May 18th, 1914 1.0 Item(s)

Series VIII Unpublished Biographies 2.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The Unpublished Biographies series consists of two biographies written by Osgood family members and is arranged alphabetically by person. The first, "John Cleveland Osgood, Founder and Builder of Redstone, Colorado" is a short biography of John Cleveland Osgood written by his nephew's son Edward 'Ted' Osgood (son of Charles Russell Osgood who worked on the restoration of Clevholm Manor during John C. Osgood's final years) sometime after 1956. This biography largely celebrates John Cleveland's achievements in business and avoids the controversial aspects of his career. The second, "Sketch of the Life of S. Osgood Written by Himself" is an autobiography of John Cleveland's father Samuel W.

Osgood transcribed by John Cleveland. It also contains some of Samuel W.'s transcribed letters from the mid to late eighteenth century. John Cleveland left no date in the leather bound notebook containing the autobiography.

Subseries I - FF 149 John C. Osgood - Osgood, Edward 'Ted'. "John Cleveland Osgood, Founder and Builder of Redstone, Colorado" 1.0 Item(s)

Subseries II - FF 150 Samuel W. Osgood - Osgood, John C. ed. "Sketch of the Life of S. Osgood Written by Himself" 1.0 Item(s)

Series IX Correspondence II

Subseries I-File Folder 151 Land Holdings, Victoria Texas 1884-1891

Processing Information note

This file was processed on June 15, 2015 after the initial donation was received and processed in March 2015.

Subseries II- File Folder 152 Sixth Street Shaft, Pumping Association 1898

Processing Information note

Folder was processed and added on June 15, 2015. Materials were received by Charlotte Blackmer after initial donation was processed.

Series X Financial Records II

Subseries I Bills 1897-1900

File Folder 153 Charles E. Osgood- General Merchandise

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the initial processed material in March 2015.

File Folder 155 Charles E. Osgood- Domestic Laundry Bills 1897-1899

Processing Information note

Material was processed in June 2015 after the initial material was processed in March 2015.

File Folder 154 Charles E. Osgood- Freight Bills 1898-1899

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after material was initially processed in March 2015.

File Folder 156 Charles E. Osgood- Utilities and Rent 1898-1899

Processing Information note

Material was processed in June 2015 after the initial material was processed in March 2015.

File Folder 157 Charles E. Osgood- Miss Wolcott School Association 1898-1899

Processing Information note

Material was processed in June 2015 after material was initially processed in March 2015.

Subseries II- File Folder 158 Other

Processing Information note

Materials were processed in June 2015 after materials were initially processed in March 2015.

Subseries III- File Folder 159 Charles E. Osgood- Bank Check Receipts 1894-1899

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

Subseries IV- File Folder 160 Colorado Fuel and Iron Receipts 1889-1900

Processing Information note

Material in this folder was processed in June 2015 after the initial material was processed in March 2015.

Subseries V- File Folder 161 Charles E. Osgood- Expenses 1895-1899

Processing Information note

Material in this folder was processed in June 2015 after the initial material was processed in March 2015.

Subseries VI- File Folder 162 Charles E. Osgood- Tax Records 1889-1901

Processing Information note

Legal Documents II

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

Series XI Legal Documents II

Subseries I- File Folder 163 Charles E. Osgood- Last Will and Testament and Estate 1898-1900

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

Subseries II Land Deeds

File Folder 164 To Julia L. Osgood 1892-1893

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

File Folder 165 to Charles E. Osgood 1896

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

File Folder 166 to Laurretta E. Speelman 1889

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

Julia L. Osgood- Last Will and Testament

File Folder 167 To Charles R. Osgood 1888

Processing Information note

Processed in June 2015 after the first set of material was processed in March 2015.

Subseries III- File Folder 168 Julia L. Osgood- Last Will and Testament 1899

Processing Information note

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