

# Woodruff Family Collection



HISTORY *Colorado*

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
<b>Title</b>	Woodruff Family Collection
<b>Date</b>	1869-1954
<b>Extent</b>	0.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Collection [Box]</b>	0.5 lf
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains material pertaining to the Woodruff family genealogy, particularly the line from Dwight Franklin Woodruff to Dwight Pierson Lanmon. The family has spanned four generations in Colorado, contributing to its history of ranching, business, and construction. Most of the material is made up of photographs detailing the lives of various Woodruff family members.

### Preferred Citation note

Cite collection as: Woodruff Family collection, Mss.02334 (accession 2013.1), History Colorado.

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## Biographical note

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Dwight Franklin and his wife, Cynthia Florence Crume, married in 1881. They moved to Manitou, Colorado in 1894, then settled in Gillet shortly after. There Dwight worked as a farmer, while Cynthia worked as a grocer in their store in 1896. They later moved again to Olathe in 1907, where the family became involved in ranching at the Sugar Beet Ranch. Their third child, Emma Glea, was born on January 7, 1888, and married Benjamin Harrison Pierson sometime between 1910 and 1912. Benjamin worked as a construction superintendent for the Moffat Tunnel in north-central Colorado, a railroad and water tunnel that cuts through the continental divide. The tunnel was formally completed in 1928. Emma Glea gave birth to Elaine Glea on January 6, 1914, who married Ira Dwight Lanmon; their son, Dwight Pierson Lanmon, was born on July 28, 1938 in Pueblo, Colorado.

Susan Woodruff Abbot has been involved in several projects pertaining to family genealogies. The Woodruff Genealogy was published in 1963, and includes some of the Woodruff family information listed above. Susan's other genealogy projects include *Later Families of Milford* (1977), *Families of Early Milford, Connecticut* (1979), and some notes for *Milford (Connecticut) Tombstone Inscriptions* (1967).

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## Scope and Contents note

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The Woodruff Family has been present in Colorado since 1894, when Dwight Franklin Woodruff and wife Cynthia Florence Crume moved to Manitou. Dwight and Cynthia were involved in farming, ranching, and a grocer business. Their son-in-law, Benjamin Harrison Pierson, had involvement in the construction of the Moffat Tunnel in north-central Colorado in the 1920s, connecting railroads and waterways across the continental divide. The overall Woodruff family can be traced back to England and the early Northeastern United States, as researched by genealogist Susan Woodruff Abbott in her project, *Woodruff Genealogy: Descendants of Matthew Woodruff of Farmington, Connecticut* (1963). The collection documents much of the Woodruffs' work and family life within the state of Colorado, specifically, particularly from 1896 to 1941.

The photographs found in this collection include individual portraits, wedding photos, and baby pictures. One folder is dedicated exclusively to the baby book of Dwight Pierson Lanmon, which includes numerous photographs of him and his parents, grandparents, and other relations, as well as miscellaneous information about Dwight's birth, early childhood, and some family visits and trips pertaining to the Lanmon household. Material also includes an exhaustive, published Woodruff family genealogy compiled and written by Susan Woodruff Abbot. The work was published in 1963, and includes Susan's notes. The pages of the genealogy also have some marked areas and handwritten notes from unidentified Woodruff family members. The collection's handwritten Woodruff genealogy was organized by Dwight Lanmon himself.

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## Arrangement note

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Material relating to the overall Woodruff genealogy make up the first three folders of the collection. Most of the remaining folders in the collection are composed mostly of family photographs. Each folder is dedicated to a particular family member(s), from oldest to youngest (i.e. Dwight Franklin Woodruff to his great grandson, Dwight Pierson Lanmon). The last of these folders contains photographs and other material from miscellaneous Woodruff family members. Dwight Lanmon's baby book has its own folder, and contains material pertinent to several in the Woodruff family.

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

### Provenance

This collection was donated by Dwight Pierson Lanmon, great grandson of Dwight Franklin Woodruff. Dwight did much of his own research on Woodruff genealogy, and much of the material alludes to his own childhood and family growing up. The collection was donated along with a silver cup and spoon set and a branding iron (See Mixed Collection note).

### Processing Information note

Processed by Kevin Smith, July 2013.

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## Related Materials

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### Mixed Collection note

The Woodruff Family Collection is part of a larger donation of material (2013.1). Please contact the Research Center staff for more information. Click [here](#) for Woodruff Family Collection related materials.

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## Indexing Terms

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### Subjects - Family Names

- Woodruff family

### Genres and Forms of Materials

- Baby books.
- Family papers.
- Genealogies.
- Photographs.

**Subjects - Places**

- Pueblo (Colo.)

**Subjects - People**

- Abbott, Susan, (Susan Woodruff), 1963
- Crume, Cynthia F., (Cynthia Florence), 1852-1911
- Lanmon, Dwight P., (Dwight Pierson), 1938-
- Lanmon, Elaine, (Elaine Glea), 1914-1998
- Lanmon, Ira D., (Ira Dwight), 1914-1992
- Pierson, Benjamin H., (Benjamin "Harry" Harrison), 1890-1954
- Pierson, Emma, (Emma Glea), 1888-1979
- Woodruff, Dwight F., (Dwight Franklin), 1849-1924

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## Collection Inventory

FF 1 Woodruff Family Genealogy: Dwight Lanmon's Handwritten Work ND

FF 2 Woodruff Family Genealogy: Susan Woodruff Abbott's notes, genealogy additions, correspondence c. 1964, ND

FF 3 Woodruff Family Genealogy: Woodruff Genealogy by Susan Woodruff Abbott c. 1963

FF 4 Photographs: Dwight Franklin Woodruff and Cynthia Florence Woodruff [1869-1879], 1896

FF 5 Photographs: Emma Glea Woodruff Pierson May 21, 1910, 1918

FF 6 Photographs: Benjamin Harrison Pierson Dec. 1, 1902, May 21, 1912, 1914

FF 7 Photographs: Dwight Pierson Lanmon - Birthday Card 1940

FF 8 Dwight Pierson Lanmon Baby Book, Cradle Roll Certificate 1914, 1935, 1938-1941

FF 9 Miscellaneous Woodruff Family - Photos, Correspondence 1937, 1954, ND

# Object Report

8/7/2013

**Object ID:** 2013.1.1  
**Synopsis:** Branding Iron - Montrose County, Colorado - Montrose County, Colorado - Montrose County, Colorado - material ~ Wrought Iron | technique ~ hand forged | shape ~ rod | motif ~ Beet  
**Date:** 1907 - 1917  
**Dimensions:** L: 19 in, W: 12.90 cm, D: 6.20 cm  
**Collection:** MC  
**Department:** MC





# Object Report

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**Object ID:** 2013.1.2

**Synopsis:** collapsible cup - Homan Collapsible Silver-Plated Cup - Homan Manufacturing Company - Cincinnati, Ohio - United States of America - Metalwork | technique ~ initial ~ design ~ embossed ~ manufactured | shape ~ cylinder | materials ~ silver | color ~ silver - text | flowers | initial - Emma Glea Woodruff



**Date:** 1888

**Dimensions:** H: 3 in, DIA: 2 1/2 in

**Collection:** DFA 3-D COLLECTION

**Department:** Art & Design



**Object ID:** 2013.1.3

**Synopsis:** set ~ teaspoon - Silver Desert or Tea Spoons - Gorham Mfg. Co. - Providence, Rhode Island - United States of America - Metalwork | Household Furnishings | technique ~ case ~ padded ~ lined ~ cover ~ velvet ~ spoon ~ silver-plated ~ monogram ~ manufactured | shape ~ rectangular | materials ~ velvet ~ spoon ~ silver | color ~ silver ~ off white ~ gold - text | case



**Date:** 1897

**Dimensions:** H: 7 3/4 in, W: 7 in, D: 1 in

**Collection:** DFA 3-D COLLECTION

**Department:** Art & Design