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Abstract

The Floral Autograph Albums, 1850-1891, comprise two albums presented separately to Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin McClung and Mary Jane O'Brian Gay.

Creator

Gay, Mary Jane O'Brian, 1834-1900

Creator

McClung, Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin, 1826-1904

source

Bookworm & Silverfish

Extent

0.10 cubic feet 2 folders

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Acquisition Information

The floral autograph albums were purchased as a set February 10, 1969 by Forrest Palmer, Librarian, from J. S. Presgraves, 390 N. 5th St, Wytheville, Virginia (Bookworm & Silverfish).

Processing Information

The albums previously formed part of the Shenandoah Local History Collection (SC 5055), but were separated in October 2021 due to the materials in the collection having no shared provenance.

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Bio/Historical Note

Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin (1826-1904) married David Gwin McClung in 1852. She is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin, West Virginia.

Mary Jane O'Brian (1834-1900) married Gustavus Gay circa 1866. She is buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg.

It is unclear if there is a connection between Sarah Maupin and Mary Jane O'Brian.

Scope and Content

The Floral Autograph Albums, 1850-1891, comprise two albums presented separately to Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin McClung and Mary Jane O'Brian Gay.

Floral albums were a type of autograph album, a bound volume with blank pages for written sentiments, autographs, and poems. The writings contained in an autograph album were frequently made by friends or family of the recipient of the album and were accumulated over time. In some examples, floral albums contained colored illustrations of flowers that were interleaved and bound with the blank pages.

The floral album dedicated to Mary Jane O'Brian has a detached front cover.

The albums were previously described as part of the Shenandoah Local History Collection (SC 5055): "Series IV consists of two floral albums. Such albums became popular in America during the nineteenth century and were designed so that friends and family members could inscribe blank pages with drawings, poems, prayers, or letters dedicated to the albums owner. The first album is dedicated to Miss Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin spanning a period of time from 1850 through 1860. In 1852 she married David Gwin McClung and the dedications of each entry change from "To Miss Sarah A.C. Maupin" to "Miss Sarah A.C. McClung." The second album was dedicated to Miss Mary Jane O'Brian on Feb. 3, 1856 and runs through 1880. Her last name is sometimes spelled as "O'Bryan" and she is sometimes referred to as Mollie."

Keywords

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Bibliography

Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/140294572/sarah-ann_cornelia-mcclung : accessed 07 October 2021), memorial page for Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin McClung (7 Dec 1826–11 Mar 1904), Find a Grave Memorial ID 140294572, citing Cedar Hill Cemetery, Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia, USA ; Maintained by Kent (contributor 47846556). Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/91299474/mary-j-gay> : accessed 07 October 2021), memorial page for Mary J O'Brien Gay (31 Mar 1834–31 Mar 1900), Find a Grave Memorial ID 91299474, citing Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Harrisonburg City, Virginia, USA ; Maintained by Shock (contributor 47473371). Obituary for Gustavus Gay, Rockingham Register, April 6, 1903.

Arrangement

The floral autograph albums are housed individually in acid-free folders and arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Sarah Ann Cornelia Maupin McClung album

Unit Date 1850-1862

Mixed Materials [1000883484] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Mary Jane O'Brian Gay album

Unit Date 1856-1891

Mixed Materials [1000883484] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)