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Unit Date

circa 1895-1968

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Creator

Caley family

Creator

Hilda Caley Noble, 1917-1968

Creator

Mary Davidson Caley, 1895-1962

Creator

Maybelle Caley Barker, 1897-1968

Creator

Nadine Noble Sondergard (1952-1967), 1952-1967

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Biographical Information

Administrative History:

Family History:

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Scope and Contents

The collection is mostly personal correspondence and diaries, chiefly 1895-1968, collected and written by Mary Davidson Caley, her two daughters, Maybelle Caley Barker and Hilda Caley Noble, and Hilda's daughter, Nadine Noble Sondergard. The Caley's were white middle class women who lived in Sierra Madre, California for the majority of their lives. The personal letters and diaries of three generations of women contain topics related to the household operations, Spanish Flu 1918, farm operations in Ohio 1918, family finances, health concerns, local and national issues (Kennedy Assassination (1963), Watts Riots (1965) as well as social and religious activities.

Maybelle's, Hilda's and Nadine's diary entries and letters on Nadine and Ray Sondergard's courtship and early years together reflect the different perspectives of the women and their family interpersonal

relationships and dynamics. Nadine married late in life for the time (36 years old) and it was her husband Ray's (45 years old) second marriage. He had an uneven employment history. They had at least one son. The Caley women lived and traveled up and down the US northwest coast from California to Oregon and frequently visited Ohio for extended periods. The women's diaries span from 1951-1966 while the letters are from 1895-1968. Mary Davidson Caley and Maybelle Caley Barker have a few individual diaries and notebooks from earlier years. Correspondence from over 80 friends and relatives of the Caley's addressed to the women is included as well as 87 photographs of family, friends and landscapes. The correspondence is filed and organized by receipt rather than sender.

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Printed ephemera
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California--Social life and customs

Arrangement of Materials:

This collection is arranged into four series: Series 1: Mary Davidson Caley, 1895-1962; Series 2: Maybelle Caley Barker, 1897-1969; Series 3: Hilda Caley Noble, 1917-1968; Series 4: Nadine Noble Sondergard, 1957-1967.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Mary Davidson Caley

Unit ID id213596

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321683

Unit Date 1895-1962

Scope and Contents

Correspondence included in the series was recieved by Mary Davidson Caley and William P. Caley. Correspondence is between Mary Davidson Caley, her two daughters Hilda Caley Noble and Maybelle Caley Barker and numerous friends along with several photographs of family, friends and landscapes scenes.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters

Unit ID id213602

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321687

Unit Date 1895-1908

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters about health issues, Christmas gifts in 1895, and fashions between family and friends.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213603**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321688**Unit Date** 1910-1915**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Predominantly letters from brother-in-law, J.C. Caley concerning health of the family, business dealings, and letter from Maybelle Caley Barker on ship to Washington.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213604**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321689**Unit Date** 1916-1917**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters between family and friends about health issues, costs of groceries, meals and dining, fashions, weather, work stories, and updates on status of old friends (sick or deceased) in Ohio. Letter about automobile ride that took three hours for 44 miles in Ohio (1917). Numerous letters from Maybelle Caley Barker to Mary Davidson Caley from trip to Ohio (1917).

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213605**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321690**Unit Date** 1918 January-August**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters about health issues, costs of groceries, meals and dining, women's fashions, women's employment opportunities, weather, work stories, and updates on status of old friends (sick or deceased) from Maybelle Caley Barker and Hilda Caley Noble. Numerous letters from Hilda Caley Noble to Mary Davidson Caley during trip to Painesville, Ohio (1918).

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213606**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321691**Unit Date** 1918 September-December**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Weekly letters from Maybelle Caley Barker and Hilda Caley Noble from Ohio about health issues (deaths from Spanish Flu outbreak), shopping, cost of groceries, meals and dining, fashion, weather, farm operations in Ohio, World War I Armistice Celebrations, women's employment, updates on status of old friends (sick or deceased), working with Red Cross, anti-Catholic feelings.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213607**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321692**Unit Date** 1919 January-May**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley and William Paul Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble,

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley and William Paul Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble and friends in Ohio about health issues, shopping, costs of groceries, meals and dining, fashions, weather, dating, finances, updates on status of family and friends (sick or deceased), and news of relative returning from World War I and his experience in the Argonne Forest.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters

Unit ID id213608

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321693

Unit Date 1919 June-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley and William Paul Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble and friends in Ohio about health issues, farm operations (pigs dying of Cholera), housekeeping with new washing machine, shopping, costs of groceries, meals and dining, fashions, weather, dating, finances, updates on status of family and friends (sick or deceased), and Christmas shopping and presents

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters

Unit ID id213609

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321694

Unit Date 1920 January-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley and William Paul Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble and friends in Ohio about health issues (Influenza Flu), farm operations (selling chickens and ducks), housekeeping, women employment, shopping, costs of groceries, meals and dining, fashions, weather, dating, finances, updates on status of family and friends, and going out for entertainment (movies and shows). Comments on Baptists, Methodists, Christian Scientists, and Jews interspersed throughout letters in sometimes less than flattering context.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters

Unit ID id213610

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321695

Unit Date 1920 June-December

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley and William Paul Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble and friends in Ohio about health issues, farm operations housekeeping, women's employment, shopping, cost of groceries, meals and dining, fashions, weather, dating, finances, and updates on status of family and friends.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters

Unit ID id213611

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321696

Unit Date 1921-1928

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble and friends in Ohio about health issues, women's employment, shopping, costs of groceries, fashions, weather, social gossip, finances, and updates on status of family and friends. Letter from friend on trip through New Orleans, Biloxi, Panama Canal Zone and stops in Central America.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213612**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321697**Unit Date** 1930-1931 March**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 11 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley from Hilda Caley Noble in Mantua, Ohio and friends about health issues, children (Nadine Noble Sondergard), cost of groceries, weather, social gossip, finances, and updates on status of family and friends. Impact of Great Depression.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213613**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321698**Unit Date** 1931 March-June**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley from Hilda Caley Noble in Mantua, Ohio and friends about health issues, children (Nadine Noble Sondergard), relations with in-laws, costs of groceries, weather, social gossip, finances, and updates on status of family and friends.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213614**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321699**Unit Date** 1933-1939**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 13 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley from family, cousins and friends about health issues, children, weather, social gossip, and updates on status of family and friends. Effects of Great Depression.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213615**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321700**Unit Date** 1940-1948**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 14 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble, family, cousins and friends about health issues, children, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, death of family members, and social activities.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters**Unit ID** id213616**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321701**Unit Date** 1950-1962**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 15 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Mary Davidson Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble family, cousins and friends about health issues, children, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, death of family members, and social activities. Long letter from friend about attendance at Missionary

Conference in Camp Webster, Kansas in 1954 that reveals missionary activities in Sierra Leone Africa and New Mexico.

Mary Davidson Caley, Letters and Loose Pages

Unit ID id214168

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321702

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Undated and loose pages of letters to Mary Davidson Caley from Maybelle Caley Barker, Hilda Caley Noble family, cousins and friends about health issues, children, weather, comments on World War I (dislike of Germans and reactions within social circles), social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, death of family members, and social activities.

Mary Davidson Caley, Printed Material

Unit ID id214171

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321703

Unit Date 1903-1967

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Printed materials: funeral announcements, newspaper articles on Senator Everett Colby (New Jersey), Republican primaries, crime, color prints pages from books, Practical Astrology magazine Gemini (June 1929), Isle of Man picture Calendar (1959), Magazine of World Manx Association, (June 1927), Oregon Schedule of Events (1967), Bonneville Dam brochure (1965).

Mary Davidson Caley, Photographs

Unit ID id214159

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321704

Unit Date 1926-1960

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs in family portrait settings including Mary Caley Davidson, William Paul Caley, Hilda Caley Noble, Maybelle Caley Barker, Nadine Noble Sondergard, Swans, Mame Veber.

Irving Dickinson, Diaries

Unit ID id214160

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321705

Unit Date 1911, 1918

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Two small diaries (6 cm x 14 cm) from American Bridge Company of New York. They belonged to Irving Dickinson (unknown relation to Caley) contain regular entries on weather observations, receipt of letters from family, and health issues.

Mary Davidson Caley, Notebooks

Unit ID id214161

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321706

Unit Date 1906, 1912, 1922, 1948

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Small (6 x 10 cm) address book (Teepee and Painesville, Ohio cover), contains family birthdays and Christmas gifts from 1947-1948; small black diary (5 x 7.5 cm) 1948 with sporadic entry for January 1948 on social events and dinning out; small notebook (8 x 13 cm) (1922) containing entries on numerous flowers and vegetable planting, blooming and harvesting dates; small red notebook (8.5 x 10 cm) for Christmas gifts (1906); small (8 x 15 cm) red water damaged diary (1911/1912) from Maybelle Caley Barker containing short and long hand script of diary entries by day but not date.

Mary Davidson Caley, Photographs

Unit ID id214179

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321707

Unit Date 1926-1961

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs of people including: Dean Snyder, William Caley, John Vanderburg, M.L. Snedden, Elizabeth Turner, Warren Eugene Pennell (1929), Ruth Evelyn Pennell (1929), Mary Graham, Alberta and Frank Sheets, Stella Norris (1943), Frances Zigler (1943), Margie Meachum (1937), Diana Meachum (1937), Trent Meachum (1937), women in bathing suits (1930/1940/1950?); unknown people and scenery from the following locations: New York Harbor with Statute of Liberty (early 20th Century), Ford Model A, Palm Springs motel (1950s), Sutter Mill, California (1950s).

Related Publications and Information

Unit ID id222212

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321708

Unit Date 2013

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Spreadsheet of names generated from notes attached to letters when collection was processed along with some web research used in compiling the biographical information.

Series 2: Maybelle Caley Barker

Unit ID id213597

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321684

Unit Date 1897-1969

Scope and Contents

Correspondence included in the series was recieved by Maybelle Caley Barker. Correspondence is between Maybelle Caley Barker, her sister Hilda Caley Noble, her neice Nadine Noble Sondergard, and numerous friends. Nine diaries from the 1950s and 1960s along with one diary from 1915 are in the series. Several photographs of Maybelle Caley Barker with family and friends are also included.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Letters

Unit ID id213623

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321709

Unit Date 1897-1949

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Maybelle Caley Barker from Hilda Caley Noble, Nadine Noble Sondergard, family, cousins and friends about health issues, children, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, death of family members, social activities. Correspondence from Church activities, Prohibition activities (1914), World War II Home front activities in California (1942).

Maybelle Caley Barker, Letters**Unit ID** id213624**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321710**Unit Date** 1955-1958**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Maybelle Caley Barker from Hilda Caley Noble, Nadine Noble Sondergard, family, cousins and friends about health issues, mental illness, divorce, alcoholism, children, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, death of family members, and social activities. Letters from friend who moved back to Guadalajara, Mexico (1955 & 1957).

Maybelle Caley Barker, Letters**Unit ID** id213625**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321711**Unit Date** 1962-1965**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Maybelle Caley Barker from Hilda Caley Noble, family, cousins and friends about health issues, children, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, and death of family members. Trailer park living in 1963-1965, race relations, racism discussions from friends, and reactions to Marines going to Vietnam (1965).

Maybelle Caley Barker, Letters**Unit ID** id213626**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321712**Unit Date** 1966**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Maybelle Caley Barker from Hilda Caley Noble and friends about health issues, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, and social activities. Complicated family relations between Nadine and Ray, race riots (1966), and crime.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Letters**Unit ID** id213627**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321713**Unit Date** 1967 January-May**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Maybelle Caley Barker from friends about health issues, weather, social gossip, updates on status of family and friends, and social activities. Opposition to President Johnson and war in Vietnam.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Letters**Unit ID** id213628**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321714**Unit Date** June 1967-1968**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 21 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Maybelle Caley Barker from friends about health issues, updates on status of family and

friends, and social activities.

Maybelle Caley Barker, School Notebook

Unit ID id214149

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321715

Unit Date 1906-1907

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

School notebook and diary (19 x 24 cm) brown, 1906-1907, writer was 17/18 years old. School notebook with short stories, school reports on Washington Irving, George Washington, exams for first part of book and diary entries interspersed through second part of the notebook along with loose leaf pages about daily activities, weather observations, homework, baking and cooking, and teachers.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Diaries

Unit ID id214150

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321716

Unit Date 1915, 1959

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Diary (13.5 x 20 cm), red brick, 1915, (1920, 1921), partial and full page daily entries, on her activities in Sierra Madre, California; playing tennis, dancing lessons, Courtship with Harry Barker (future husband), sparse mention of local, national or world events("Lusitania sunk by Germans probably means war"(8 May). Subjects also include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, correspondence from family and friends, health issues, lunches and social activities, deaths of friends and family, and local travel. Appears as though diary may have been double used, edited or updated in 1916-1921; entries in pencil. Uses shorthand for some entries in diary for sensitive items or practicing, and some French language entries. No entries 18 July - 17 August, 20 AUG - 3 September, 6-21 November. Updates from 1920 and 1921 include family and friends updates on marriage and death. Comments written after reading in 1937 and 1959. Diary (14 x 19.5 cm) green, 1959, writer was 70 years old, partial and full page daily entries (except for vacation during September) on her activities; sparse mention of local, national or world events (disliked raising taxes-voted against school tax, local crimes, bus strike, meat-cutters strikes); weather observations, daily household operations, correspondence from family and friends, health issues of self and Nadine Noble Sondergard ("invalid of the family" (31 March), historical society business and tours, lunches and social activities, financial status, pets (dog Moo-Moo), holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, deaths of friends and family, local travel, and contains genealogical information on last two pages.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Diaries

Unit ID id214151

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321717

Unit Date 1951-1952

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), black, 1951, writer was 62 years old, mainly partial and a few full page daily entries on her activities; sparse to no mention of local, national or world events. Subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, cooking and meals, correspondence from family and friends, lunches and social activities, financial transactions, deaths of friends and family, local travel and vacations. Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), red brick, 1952, writer was 63 years old, mainly partial and a few full page daily entries on her activities; sparse to no mention of local, national or world events; (President Eisenhower Nomination, 11 July, Eisenhower wins in landslide, 4 November. Subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, church activities, election board activities, daily household operations, cooking and meals, correspondence from family and friends, lunches and social activities, financial transactions (budget and list of bank assets in back of diary), deaths of friends and family, local travel, and vacations.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Diaries

Unit ID id214152

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321718

Unit Date 1963-1964

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm) green, 1963, writer was 73/74 years old, mainly partial and a few full page daily entries on her activities; sparse to no mention of local, national or world events. President Kennedy's baby died (8-9 August) Billy Graham Revival at Olympic Stadium (20 August), President Kennedy assassination (22-25 November). subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts; weather observations, daily household operations, cooking and meals, correspondence from family and friends, lunches and social activities, historical society activities, pets (Moo-Moo), health issues (Nadine Noble Sondergard, Hilda Caley Noble), financial transactions, deaths of friends and family, local travel, and vacations. Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm) brick red, 1964, writer was 74/75 years old, mainly partial and a few full page daily entries on her activities; sparse to no mention of local, national or world events;(Gen. Douglas MacArthur died age 84 "he was beloved by all", Voted for Goldwater on Election day (2 June). Subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts activities; weather observations, daily household operations, cooking and meals, correspondence from family and friends, lunches and social activities (bridge club), historical society activities, senior citizen activities, pets (Moo-Moo), Ray Sondergard and Nadine Noble Sondergard courtship (9 November-30 December), financial transactions, and deaths of friends and family.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Diaries

Unit ID id214153

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321719

Unit Date 1965-1966

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), olive green, 1965, writer was 75/76 years old, mainly partial and a few full page daily entries on her activities (week long stretches with no entries due to vacation and illnesses); sparse to no mention of local, national or world events; (Space walk with Ed White 3-7 June, "Negroes rioting in in LA", Watts Riots11-15 August. Subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, cooking and meals, correspondence from family and friends, lunches and social activities (bridge club, playing Canasta), historical society activities, social activities, Liberace concert (9 April), health issues, senior citizen activities, pets (Moo-Moo), church business, Ray Sondergard and Nadine Noble Sondergard courtship, Ray goes back to 1st wife ("couldn't stand the TV dinners she (Nadine) served him," (29 Jul), financial transactions, deaths of friends and family, local travel, and vacations. Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), black, 1966, writer was 76/77 years old, mainly partial and a few full page daily entries on her activities (week or longer stretches with no entries due to vacation and increasing bouts of illnesses); sparse to no mention of local, national or world events "Conditions bad in Vietnam against USA" (8 April), Riot in Watts (18 May), Reagan won primary (8 June), memories of father (13 June), "Republican's had big victory" (8 November). Subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, cooking and meals, correspondence from family and friends, lunches and social activities (bridge club, playing Canasta), historical society activities, health issues (self, Ray) senior citizen activities, pets (Moo-Moo died,1 October, misses "so much"), church business, Ray Sondergard and Nadine Noble Sondergard renewed courtship, Ray quitting jobs, marriage (15 April), Ray ill and can't/won't work (26 August), financial transactions, and deaths of friends and family.

Maybelle Caley Barker, Photographs

Unit ID id214156

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321720

Unit Date 1890-1959

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs in family portrait settings of Maybelle Caley Barker with Marian Shaw Mattie Spencer

Photographs in family portrait settings of Maybelle Caley Barker with Marian Snow, Mattie Spencer, Marian Brant, Gertrude Seaman, (Maybelle as child in 1895).

Series 3: Hilda Caley Noble

Unit ID id213598

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321685

Unit Date 1917-1968

Scope and Contents

Correspondence included in the series was recieved by Hilda Caley Noble. Correspondence is between her daughter, Nadine Noble Sondergard, her sister, Maybelle Caley Barker, and numerous friends. Ten diaries from the 1950s and 1960s with daily full page entries are in the series. Photographs of Hilda Caley Noble with family and friends are also included.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters

Unit ID id214128

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321721

Unit Date 1917-1961

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Maybelle Caley Barker, Nadine Noble Sondergard and friends about health issues, weather, updates on status of family and friends, and social activities. Title for House in Sierra Madre, California.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters

Unit ID id214129

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321722

Unit Date 1964-1965

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Maybelle Caley Barker and friends about health issues, updates on status of family and friends, social activities, taxes, crime, pets, and cooking.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters

Unit ID id214130

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321723

Unit Date 1965 April-May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard, Maybelle Caley Barker, and Ray Sondergard on Nadine's Honeymoon and establishing new household, updates on status of family and friends, social activities, and Ray Sondergard's employment.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters

Unit ID id214131

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321724

Unit Date 1966 June

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard and Ray Sondergard on establishing new household, cooking, social activities and Ray Sondergard's employment, illness, and firing.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters**Unit ID** id214132**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321725**Unit Date** 1966 July-December**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 26 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard on establishing new household, cooking, social activities, Ray Sondergard's new employment, illness and moving to new house.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters**Unit ID** id214133**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321726**Unit Date** 1967 January-August**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 27 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard on running household, cooking, social activities, travels, family health issues and sympathy cards from friends on Maybelle Caley Barker.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters**Unit ID** id214134**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321727**Unit Date** 1967 September-December**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 28 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard on running household, cooking, social activities, travels, family health issues and sympathy cards from friends on Maybelle Caley Barker's death and Nadine's pregnancy.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters**Unit ID** id214135**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321728**Unit Date** 1968 January-July**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 29 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard on running household, child rearing, cooking, social activities, travels, family health issues (cancer death of mother-in-law), Ray Sondergard looking for employment, and friends on health issues, weather, social gossip, and updates on status of family and friends.

Hilda Caley Noble, Letters**Unit ID** id214136**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321729**Unit Date** 1968 August-December**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 30 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Hilda Caley Noble from Nadine Noble Sondergard child health issues, cooking, social activities, travels, family health issues, and concern about weight gain. Ray Sondergard going on welfare due to illness, friends on health issues, weather, social gossip, and updates on status of family and friends.

Hilda Caley Noble, Diary

Unit ID id214142

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321730

Unit Date 1954

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (13.5 x 19.5), red brick, 1954, writer was 65/66 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers and Nadine Noble Sondergard activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; no mention of local, national or world events except 1954 World Series between Cleveland Indians and New York Giants, some mention of television shows. Subjects also include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, correspondence and telephone calls from family and friends, health issues of self and mother (Mary Davidson Caley who lives with them), church attendance, shopping, cooking, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities, financial status, other families' weddings, and holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts. Hilda Caley Noble liked to doodle in the margins.

Hilda Caley Noble, Diaries

Unit ID id214143

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321731

Unit Date 1956-1957

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), red, 1956, writer was 67/68 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers and Nadine Noble Sondergard activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; sporadic mention of local, national or world events such as earthquakes, train wrecks, fires, H Bomb detonation (17 May), bomb explosion at bus station (7 June), President Eisenhower heart attack (8-9, 11 Jun), ship collision (26 July); Canasta parties, regular mention of television shows (\$64,000 Question). Subjects include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, correspondence and telephone calls from family and friends, health issues of self and mother (Mary Davidson Caley who lives with them), church attendance, Nadine Noble Sondergard and bible school, shopping, cooking, supper menus, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities, financial status, pets (birds) other families' weddings, holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, deaths of friends and family, and local travel. Hilda Caley Noble liked to doodle on the margins and use different color inks including green, purple, blue, red, black. Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), brick red, 1957, writer was 68/69 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers and Nadine Noble Sondergard activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; sporadic mention of local, national or world events (President Eisenhower inauguration (21 January), Ku Klux Klan cross burning (9 February), President Eisenhower's stroke (26-27 November). Subjects also include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, daily household operations, regular mention of television shows, correspondence and telephone calls from family and friends, health issues of self and Nadine Noble Sondergard, church attendance, Nadine Noble Sondergard and bible school, shopping at the Safeway grocery store, cooking, supper menus, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities, financial status, pets, other families weddings, historical society business and tours, deaths of friends and family, and local travel. Hilda Caley Noble liked to doodle in the margins and used different color inks including green, purple, blue, red, black.

Hilda Caley Noble, Diary

Unit ID id214144

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321732

Unit Date 1958

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (9.5 x 13.5 cm), maroon, 1958, writer was 69/70 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barker's and Nadine Noble Sondergard's activities with little to no

recording of how author felt about them; sparse mention of local, national or world events, regular mention of television shows. Subjects also include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts activities; weather observations, daily household operations, correspondence from family and friends, health issues of self and Nadine Noble Sondergard, church attendance, Nadine Noble Sondergard and bible school, shopping at the Safeway grocery store, cooking, supper menus, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities, financial status, pets (birds & cat), other families' weddings, holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, deaths of friends and family, and local travel. Hilda Caley Noble liked to doodle in the margins.

Hilda Caley Noble, Diaries

Unit ID id214145

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321733

Unit Date 1960, 1962

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), red, 1960, writer was 71/72 Years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barker's and Nadine Noble Sondergard's activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; sparse mention of local, national or world events: President Eisenhower coming to Los Angeles, California (27 January), Eisenhower's South American Trip (22 February), and earthquakes. Subjects also include holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts activities; weather observations, daily household operations, correspondence from family and friends, health issues of self (1st & 2nd surgical operations 21 & 29 September) writes about "very important election between Mr. Kennedy & Mr. Nixon for President" and Maybelle's work with precinct and vote tallies (8 November), mother (Mary Davidson Caley) and Nadine Noble Sondergard (colitis), church attendance, cooking, supper menus, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities, financial transactions, pets (dog-Moo-Moo), and deaths of friends and family. Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), olive green, 1962, writer was 73/74 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barker's and Nadine Noble Sondergard's activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; sparse mention of local, national or world events: (Cuban Missile Crisis (22 October-02 November) grocery stores empty, stocking up on food, war at any time, ships and blockade, dismantling bases in Cuba). Subjects also include mother's death (Mary Davidson Caley) (23 January), church attendance, cooking, supper menus, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities, financial transactions, pets (dog Moo-Moo), holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, and deaths of friends and family.

Hilda Caley Noble, Diaries

Unit ID id214146

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321734

Unit Date 1963-1964

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), red, 1963, writer was 74/75 Years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers and Nadine Noble Sondergard activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; sparse mention of local, national or world events (President Kennedy leaving for Europe (22 June), "Negroes picketing in Los Angeles", Pope Paul VI (24 June), Forest fires and Earthquakes, President Kennedy baby death (9-10 August 13), Billy Graham crusade (20 August), President Kennedy assassination and President Johnson new president (22-25 November). Subjects also include church attendance, cooking, supper menus, division of chores within the household, lunches and social activities (playing canasta, Senior Citizen meetings), financial transactions, budgets, health issues of Nadine Noble Sondergard and herself (fall), pets (dog Moo-Moo), holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, and deaths of friends and family, watching TV on colored set, notes on TV actors death, TV Shows: Ed Sullivan, Lawrence Welk, Hazel, Lassie, Petticoat Junction, and TV being broke is problem (January)(June). Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), white, 1964, writer was 75/76 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers and Nadine Noble Sondergard activities with little to no recording of how author felt about them; sparse mention of local, national or world events (Alaska earthquake (27 March), bus strike (June), Mexico City earthquake (6 July), forest fire (24 September). Entries also include church attendance, supper menus, lunches, and social activities. (playing Canasta, senior citizen meetings, Historical Association, Disneyland visit (7

October), 1st mention of Ray Sondergard (7 October), vacation in Long Beach, California (October), Ray and Nadine's courtship, Ray proposed to Nadine (21 November), financial transactions, budgets, health issues of Nadine Noble Sondergard, pets (dog Moo-Moo), holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, weather observations, and deaths of friends and family. TV shows include Petticoat Junction, Beverly Hillbillies, Hazel, Lawrence Welk, Republican convention with Goldwater (13-17 July), Dick Van Dyke, Lassie, Candid Camera, Election coverage (3 November), "Johnson won by a landslide".

Hilda Caley Noble, Diaries

Unit ID id214147

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321735

Unit Date 1965-1966

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), red, 1965, writer was 76/77 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers, Nadine Noble Sondergard and Ray Sondergard activities with little recording of how author felt about them except for Ray Sondergard; sparse mention of local, national or world events. Winston Churchill funeral (30 January), earthquake in Seattle (29 April), Ray and Nadine's courtship, on and off engagement, Hilda's dislike of Ray ("I am afraid he will never amount to anything as he will not work only a short time then gives up")(10 June), Ray goes back to first wife (28 July). Ray leaves wife and back in Long Beach and contacts Nadine (6 December), Sierra Madre earthquake (16 July), riot in Los Angeles with "colored people in Watts", National Guard sent in, curfew in Los Angeles, riot in Pasadena, CA (12-17 August), blackout in northeastern US and Canada (9 November). Also includes holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, playing Canasta, pets (dog Moo-Moo), weather observations, and deaths of friends and family and TV shows include Lawrence Welk, Petticoat Junction, Ed Sullivan. Diary (13.5 x 19.5 cm), black, 1966, writer was 77/78 years old, full page daily entries on her activities along with notes on Maybelle Caley Barkers, Nadine Noble Sondergard and Ray Sondergard activities with little recording of how author felt about them. Subjects include Ray and Nadine's courtship (Ray and Nadine date again (21 January), secretly married in Las Vegas (27 January) but Hilda didn't "know about it until after Easter" (11 April), honeymoon trip to Portland, Oregon (15-26 April), Nadine and Ray move to Salem, Ray losing jobs, sparse mention of local, national or world events, holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, playing Canasta, pets (dog Moo-Moo), health issues (Ray Sondergard, Maybelle Caley Barker), weather observations, and deaths of friends and family and TV shows include Lassie, My Favorite Martian, and Ed Sullivan.

Hilda Caley Noble, Photographs

Unit ID id214186

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321736

Unit Date 1928-1949

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs in family portrait settings of Hilda Caley Noble with Nadine Noble Sondergard and family members.

Series 4: Nadine Noble Sondergard

Unit ID id213599

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/321686

Unit Date 1957-1967

Scope and Contents

Correspondence included in the series was recieved by Nadine Noble Sondergard. Correspondence is between her mother, Hilda Caley Noble, her aunt, Maybelle Caley Barker, and friends. Four diaries from the 1950s and 1960s are also in the series.

Nadine Noble Sondergard, Diary**Unit ID** id214138**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321737**Unit Date** 1952**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Diary (13 x 19 cm), spiral bound, brown, 1952, writer was 22 years old. Entries about weather, daily activities, church attendance, social calls (visits) after church, Hilda Caley Nobel and Abba/Aunt Belle (Maybelle Caley Barker), smog, health issues, social activities such as teas, women's club luncheons, vacation to Long Beach, California (October), writes about seeing Richard Nixon and family (31 October).

Nadine Noble Sondergard, Diaries**Unit ID** id214139**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321738**Unit Date** 1963-1964**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Diary (15 x 21 cm), red, 1963 writer was 34/35 years old. Daily entries with breaks of over week after late April: on dating ex-boyfriends: Sam Brown, Frank Camden, Bill, Ward ?, John Snapp (2 months, and Stanley Kelley (2 dates/2 weeks) of which she notes the dates she met and broke up and why, very emotional and intense, relations with mother, holiday and birthday celebrations with gifts, worried about weight, health of mother (Cancer?), she is constantly ill, church attendance and Sunday school teaching, conflict with Mother (attributes it multiple times to cancer returning), dislike of "Abba"(Maybelle Caley Barker) (cheap, inconsiderate), multiple day entries on John F. Kennedy's assassination and funeral. Diary (13 x 19.5 cm), green, 1964, writer was 35/36 years old. Almost daily entries include mother's health (76 yrs old), concerns about weight, personal health, flu, weather observations, church attendance, division of chores within the household, and driving test (passed written driving test at 34 yrs old but cancelled driving lessons after a number of lessons because she was too nervous, but started back up). Meets future husband (Ray) in September. No entries for three weeks until they are dating in late October then followed by daily very personal entries on status of courtship for a 35 year old never married, virgin female and a recovering, male alcoholic with an ex-wife and three children.

Nadine Noble Sondergard, Diary**Unit ID** id214140**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321739**Unit Date** 1966**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Diary (14 x 19.5 cm), red, 1966, writer was 37/38 years old: sporadic entries. January 1-24, 1966 are torn out. Ray Sondergard and Nadine Noble Caley went to Las Vegas and got married on 26 January 1966, but did not inform anyone. She continues to live at home, thinks she may be pregnant, still has dates with Ray for drives, and longs for house together. Last entry April 10, 1966.

Nadine Noble Sondergard, Letters**Unit ID** id214177**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/321740**Unit Date** 1957-1967**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Letters to Nadine Noble Sondergard from friend Evelyn Bauer reference the loss of Bauer's baby (miscarriage), setting up house, in-law troubles; family updates from relatives.

