

Nevada Historical Society
THURMAN ROBERTS FAMILY PAPERS
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Roberts Family History

James Doan Roberts was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1826. By 1860 he was involved in the Pyramid Lake Indian War, in Utah Territory, which later became Nevada. In February 1864, he married Annie Griffin in Virginia City, Nevada. They moved to Washoe City where James ran the Lake House, a lodging facility to accommodate the traveling public.

In 1867 he bought the house built by Solomon Foreman and they lived in the house until 1873 when the house was moved to Carson City. James was a saloon keeper and a blacksmith. The last of their nine children, Thurman Roberts, was born in the house and he and his wife lived there until he died in 1968. James and Annie are both buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, along with some of their children, including Thurman and his wife Harriett.

Wife

Annie Griffin born Nov 11, 1844 in England. She came to California with her brother and entered the Notre Dame convent in San Jose, California in 1860. She moved to Virginia City, Nevada and stayed with her Uncle. While in Virginia City she met and married James D. Roberts. They had nine children

Children

Thurman Roberts was born in Carson City in 1882 and lived in the Roberts family home most of his life. In 1928 he married Harriet Louise Hale, granddaughter of Calvin Hale, founder of the Hale & Norcross mine in Virginia City. Thurman worked in real estate, mining and was involved with the Carson & Colorado railroad with his sister Mary's husband, Philip McGrath. Harriet worked for the state as a clerical worker. They had no children. They lived in the Roberts house until they died. Harriet died in 1963 and Thurman died in 1968.

Thurman willed the house to the city and state for a park. When the city wanted to raze the house and make a park the local people created the Nevada Landmarks Society. They restored the home and it is now open to the public.

Collection Finding Aid List

ROBERTS FAMILY

JAMES DOAN ROBERTS

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Correspondence 1862 – 1874. To James Roberts at Washoe City & Carson City.
	2	Insurance papers – September 1870. Aetna Life Insurance Co.
	3	Legal. Dissolution papers of Corbett Bros. & J.D. Roberts August 2, 1873
	4	Pacific Coast Pioneer membership 1899
	5	Banking – Carson City, Nevada 1899
	6	Peavine Mine. Letter, August 5, 1866, deed to Jas. D. Roberts Undated time book used as a diary.
	7	Miscellaneous – Roberts Family. Two Township maps. and an invitation August 30, 1919 United States Army.
	8	Roberts family genealogy
	9	Newspaper clippings – Roberts family

ANNIE GRIFFIN

1	10	Brown leathern notebook. July 31, 1859. Collection record For building of St. Francis Church on Vallejo Street. San Francisco, California. Photograph of Church. Correspondence. 1860, 1861 & 1864 Sisters of Notre Dame card for good conduct 1861
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MRS. ANNIE GRIFFIN ROBERTS

1	11	Correspondence 1898? – 1916 Calling card. Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Roberts Religious communion card Newspapers – Her obituary.
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ROBERTS CHILDREN

JOSEPHINE ROBERTS

- 1 12 Book on flowers given to her
Autograph book Christmas 1886
2 report cards. Carson Grammar School 1890
Correspondence
Newspaper obituary for her

MARY ROBERTS

- 1 13 Correspondence
Nevada State Teachers' Institute reception card
Nevada School Register. Carson City, NV 1897-98

MARY ROBERTS MCGRATH

- 1 14 One Calling card. Newspaper clippings,
Correspondence – postcard

THURMAN ROBERTS

- 1 15 Correspondence – postcards
- 16 Newspaper clippings on wedding of Thurman Roberts to
Harriett Hale October 21, 1928.
- 1 17 Thurman Roberts Mining. Mineral County & Tonopah
- 1 18 Southwest Comstock Extension Mining Company.
Newspaper clippings, two stock certificates to Thurman,
one stock certificate to Harriet. Legal papers pertaining to
the Estate of Thurman G. Roberts and the stock of the company.
- 1 19 William G. Wright report with photos. To Mr. & Mrs.
Thurman August 19, 1940

HARRIET "HATTIE" ROBERTS

- 1 20 Correspondence and souvenir booklet

NON-FAMILY ITEMS

Box	Folder	description
1	21	Miscellaneous printed items. 1 unidentified "Pick" Typescript notes on Yellowstone Correspondence 1903-1905 Three invoices for Adams & Miller, Hawthorne, Nevada Bank note dated December 1840. Real or reproduction? Folder...Rose Valley Gold Silver & Copper Co. 1905 Filing fee receipts and remitter receipts. Newspaper clippings
	22	Correspondence – Postcards. Addressed to various people.
	23	Unused postcards...various places
	24	Pioneer Stage Company card. 1866
	26	Legal papers of Edward S. Farrington [Judge]
	27	Folder...Carson Guard Armory Insurance papers 1884-1893. Carson City, Nevada
	28	"Comstock items" Book: The Mystery of the Savage Sump" by Sam Davis Book: "Three Pioneer Ballads" rescued by Wells Drury, 1931 Unused check "Agency of the Bank of California 187_ Virginia City poem by Joseph T. Goodman Nevada's Greatest Pioneer Celebration program Sept 5-7, 1936
	29	Ledger George Roberts, Carson City, Nevada 1860-61 [no relation to family]
	30	Joseph B. Ford discharge papers 13 August 1863
	31	Josephine A. McElroy diary 1856. Grove Female Institute
	32	Carson and Colorado Railroad. Photocopy by David Myrick article.

PHOTOGRAPHS – FAMILY

Box	Folder	Description
1	33	J. D. Roberts
	34	Roberts Family
	35	Thurman Roberts
	36	Josephine “Jo” Roberts
	37	Mary Roberts
	38	Mary Roberts McGrath – Missions
	39	Harriet “Hattie” L. Roberts
	40	Roberts Home in Carson City, Nevada
	41	Ethel McGinty
	42	Identified people
	43	Unidentified people
	44	Family and friends
	45	Miscellaneous photographs
	46	Negatives
	47	Two photographs Camp Clark, Carson City, Nevada 1898 One photograph album – Camp Clark

PHOTOGRAPHS

Box	Folder	Description
2	1	Black photograph album. Photos 1911 – 1916
	2	Black photograph Album. California to Canada c1916
	3	Black photograph Album. Yellowstone & Lake Tahoe c1931
	4	Carson City, Nevada
	5	Carson Valley and Reno
	6	Tahoe
	7	Tonopah and central Nevada
	8	Virginia City, Nevada
	9	Railroad. Carson & Colorado Railroad.
	10	Nevada scenes – Identified
	11	California scenes – Identified
	12	White Pass and Yukon
	13	Photographs identified and unidentified
	14	Photograph of “Short” in the field kitchen Cuba 1899
	15	Native Americans
	16	Stereo cards.

OVERSIZED BOX

3 Roberts photograph album – Photographs from Virginia, N.T. and later.

Box tin types

Large Photo

ROBERTS FAMILY BIBLE

HALE FAMILY

Box Folder

- 4 1 Calvin Hale – The Trip Across County to California. 12 typescript pages
- 2 Calvin and Harriett Hale correspondence
Letter to son Charles, Edward Creek, Feb 27th.
- 3 Correspondence. Mrs. Calvin {Harriet} Hale

Marriage certificate.
- 4 H. Hale to Edward Hudson Austin, Nevada
24 January, 1869

Harriet Hale Hudson

- 5 Correspondence

Edward Hudson

- 6 Correspondence

Harriet Louise Hale

- 7 Correspondence 1898 – 1928
Yearbook June 1900 Oakland High School
- 8 Hale family genealogy
- 9 Hale family miscellaneous
- 10 Newspapers Elko, Nevada. Hale Family
- 11 Hale & Norcross Mine
One Wells, Fargo & co's Express bill of lading,
dated October 29, 1866.
One check dated November 1, 1876 signed by
James G. Fair
- 12 Held family tombstone photographs taken
Elko, Nevada, cemetery 1996.

PHOTOGRAPHS

HALE FAMILY

Box Folder

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Hale family photographs

Calvin Hale, Charles Hale, his son.

Rachel Harriet Hale Hudson, Calvin's wife.

Cousin Arthur M. Edwards

Harriet L. Hale with Arthur, her mother and others.

Cream colored album [very fragile]

Hale family photographs. Some identified.

Harriet L. Hale green Badger Negative Album of

Harriet's trips. All negatives.