

David Thomas Denny II Family Papers, circa 1890-1944

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Denny family
Title	David Thomas Denny II Family Papers
Dates	circa 1890-1944 (inclusive) 1885 1949
Quantity	.64 cubic feet, (2 boxes)
Collection Number	2011.26
Summary	Photographs, documents and scrapbook belonging to the David Thomas Denny II family, and relating to Mt. Rainier, early Seattle history, Puget Sound maritime and logging activities
Repository	Museum of History & Industry, Sophie Frye Bass Library Sophie Frye Bass Library Museum of History & Industry P.O. Box 80816 Seattle, WA 98108 Telephone: 206-324-1126 Fax: 206-780-1533 library@mohai.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public by appointment.
Languages	English.

Biographical Note

David Thomas Denny (1832-1903) traveled west by covered wagon and arrived at the future site of Seattle in 1851, shortly before the party led by his brother Arthur landed at Alki Point. On January 23, 1853, David Thomas Denny married his stepsister and childhood friend Louisa Boren in a civil ceremony performed by "Doc" Maynard. It was the city's first non-Indian wedding. The young couple received a married land claim of 640 acres, situated in what is now central Seattle. David Thomas Denny and Louisa Boren had eight children.

Their son, David Thomas Denny II (1867-1939) married Nellie Elizabeth Graham (1871-1956.) She was the daughter of pioneers Elizabeth Crammond and Walter Graham, who came to Seattle in the late 1850s. Nellie Graham Denny was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Washington State Pioneers Association, and Daughters of Pioneers of Washington. Their daughter, Inez Louisa Denny (1893-1968) attended the University of Washington and married John Charles Whiteaker (1894-1958.) Their son John David Whiteaker was born in 1926. Inez Louisa Whiteaker was a member of the Guild of Children's Orthopedic Hospital and the Washington State Historical Society.

Content Description

The series of mounted 8x10 inch photographs is attributed to the pioneer photographer John P. Soule. It includes a numbered series of Mt Rainier glaciers, summit views and other natural scenery, with captions. Other photographic subjects include Native Americans, the historic Seattle waterfront, Pioneer Square, Puget Sound maritime activities, trains, agriculture, logging and lumber mills.

The documents in the collection include a passport, property title, and City of Seattle engineering licenses issued to David Thomas Denny II. A First Presbyterian Church Diamond Jubilee booklet and Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington Convention Program belonged to Nellie Graham Denny. A scrapbook created by Inez Louisa Denny Whiteaker contains clippings, photographs, invitations and certificates.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

View selections from the collection in digital format by clicking on the camera icons in the inventory below.

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Location of Collection

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Custodial History

Donor received these materials when, as part of his business, he was hired to clear the basement of a house being put on sale. The owner of the house was related to the D.T. Denny II family. It is possible that these materials have the same provenance as those in MOHAI accession 2014.81, the John D. Whiteaker Collection on the Denny and Graham Families.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Brad Bolger, received in 2011.

Related Materials

John D. Whiteaker Collection on the Denny and Graham Families, 2014.81.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Photographs, circa 1890-1930

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<hr/> Box/Folder		
1/1	2011.26.1: David Thomas Denny II passport photograph	circa 1916
1/2	2011.26.2: David Thomas Denny II home on Queen Anne Hill [view]	circa 1890
1/3	2011.26.3: Bird's-eye view from Queen Anne Hill looking toward Fremont	circa 1900
1/4	2011.26.4: View of Mount Rainier	circa 1900
1/5	2011.26.5: Man in canoe on river Lindsley, Lawrence Denny, 1878-1975 (photographer) Lindsley number 2846.	circa 1915
1/6	2011.26.6: Portrait of David Thomas Denny II Croule-U'Renn (photographer)	1924
	2011.26.7: Photograph album 50 photographs Soule, John P. (photographer) This set of 50 photographs appears to be from a photograph album that was disassembled prior to being received at the repository. Each photograph is approximately 9.5 x 7.5 inches, mounted on 13.5 x 10.5 white board, with one photo on each side of the board. While none of the photos is signed, comparison with other photographs of his suggests they may be the work of photograph John P. Soule. John P. Soule was born in Phillips, Maine on October 19, 1828. He maintained photographic studios on Washington Street in Boston from 1861-1882. In 1888, John Soule moved to Seattle and continued to work as a photographer. Most notably, he photographed the aftermath of the Seattle Fire of 1889 and the rebuilding of the city. He lived and worked in Seattle until his death in 1904.	circa 1890
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1/7	2011.26.7.1: Crater Peak, Gibraltar and Cathedral	circa 1890

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 47	
1/7	2011.26.7.2: Cliffs of Cowlitz Glacier Canyon Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 44	circa 1890
1/8	2011.26.7.3: Upper main Cowlitz Glacier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 32	circa 1890
1/8	2011.26.7.4: Upper Cowlitz Glacier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 35	circa 1890
1/9	2011.26.7.5: Lower main Cowlitz Glacier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 3	circa 1890
1/9	2011.26.7.6: Mt. Adams from 10,000 foot on Mt. Rainier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 15	circa 1890
1/10	2011.26.7.7: Paradise River and valley Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 54	circa 1890
1/10	2011.26.7.8: White River Glacier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 42	circa 1890
1/11	2011.26.7.9: Snoqualmie Falls	circa 1890
1/11	2011.26.7.10: View from summit of Mt. Rainier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 36	circa 1890
1/12	2011.26.7.11: Mt. Rainier from Nisqually Glacier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 37	circa 1890
1/12	2011.26.7.12: Fremont streetcar along waterfront line with pedestrians on wood dock [view]	circa 1890
1/13	2011.26.7.13: Upper main Cowlitz Glacier Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 32	circa 1890
1/13	2011.26.7.14: Pioneer Square street view and building construction [view]	circa 1890
1/14	2011.26.7.15: Lumber mill and trains	circa 1890
1/14	2011.26.7.16: Canyon of the main Cowlitz Caption on photo: Mt. Rainier series no. 53	circa 1890

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/15	2011.26.7.17: Lumber mill with floating logs and docked ships, possibly Port Blakely	circa 1890
1/15	2011.26.7.18: Unpaved Seattle street with wood sidewalk, houses and trees	circa 1890
1/16	2011.26.7.19: Seattle waterfront with steam ship approaching dock	circa 1890
1/16	2011.26.7.20: Seattle waterfront and steam ships docked at Oregon Improvement Company	circa 1890
1/17	2011.26.7.21: Seattle waterfront with ships, trestle train dock and floating logs	circa 1890
1/17	2011.26.7.22: Seattle city view and waterfront from Denny Hill	circa 1890
1/18	2011.26.7.23: Sailing ships at dock	circa 1890
1/18	2011.26.7.24: View of Seattle from Denny Hill	circa 1890
1/19	2011.26.7.25: Lumber mill with docked ships and floating logs, possibly Port Blakely	circa 1890
1/19	2011.26.7.26: Hay field harvest with loaded wagons, workers, horses and oxen	circa 1890
1/20	2011.26.7.27: Train cars loaded with large logs and man sitting on top	circa 1890
1/20	2011.26.7.28: Floating logs at Seattle waterfront	circa 1890
1/21	2011.26.7.29: Men posing on logs with a team of oxen	circa 1890
1/21	2011.26.7.30: Men posing on logs hitched to a team of six horses	circa 1890
1/22	2011.26.7.31: Men posing at the base and climbing a large tree	circa 1890
1/22	2011.26.7.32: Large team of hitched oxen at work	circa 1890
1/23	2011.26.7.33: Waterfront view of lumber mill, ships and piers	circa 1890

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/23	2011.26.7.34: Waterfront view of docked ships and floating logs	circa 1890
1/24	2011.26.7.35: Men posing on logs, Edgecomb Lumber Company, Preston, Washington [view]	circa 1890
1/24	2011.26.7.36: Snoqualmie Mill Company train engine [view]	circa 1890
1/25	2011.26.7.37: Lumber mill with chute and floating logs	circa 1890
1/25	2011.26.7.38: Two men and a boy posing with large fallen tree labeled Huron Lumber Company	circa 1890
1/26	2011.26.7.39: Edgecomb and Moore log train at Ballard trestle with men standing on top [view]	circa 1890
1/26	2011.26.7.40: View of Puget Sound coastline	circa 1890
1/27	2011.26.7.41: View of Puget Sound coastline	circa 1890
1/27	2011.26.7.42: Large waterfront lumber mill with docked ships and floating logs	circa 1890
1/28	2011.26.7.43: Indian camp with canoes, Ballast Island, Washington Street, Seattle [view]	circa 1890
1/28	2011.26.7.44: Stone gateway fenced entrance to Woodland Park	circa 1890
1/29	2011.26.7.45: The Kirkland side-wheeler, docked on east side of Lake Washington [view]	circa 1890
1/29	2011.26.7.46: Steamship moored at Oregon Improvement Company Dock B, Seattle waterfront [view]	circa 1890
1/30	2011.26.7.47: Seattle waterfront viewed from Elliott Bay	circa 1890
1/30	2011.26.7.48: Steamship moored at Oregon Improvement Company Dock A, Seattle waterfront	circa 1890
1/31	2011.26.7.49: Railroad trestle bridge over river	circa 1890
1/31	2011.26.7.50: Men posing with axes and large saws while cutting a large tree	circa 1890

Scrapbook

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/1	2011.26.8: Inez Louisa Denny Whiteaker "Memory Book" Scrapbook containing photographs, invitations, newspaper clippings, certificates, and other ephemera.	circa 1920
2/2	2011.26.8: Loose photographs removed from scrapbook	circa 1920

Documents

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/3	2011.26.9: City of Seattle Engineer's Licenses, issued to David T. Denny II 5 certificates	1905-1909
2/4	2011.26.10: David Thomas Denny II temporary passport certificate, Chinese series	1916
2/5	2011.26.11: Abstract of property title held by David Thomas Denny for the Denny-Fuhrman Addition, Seattle	1892
2/6	2011.26.12: Letter of condolence and resolution from the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, addressed to Mrs. David T. Denny on her husband's death	1939
2/7	2011.26.13: Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Fourth Annual Convention program	1940 May
2/8	2011.26.14: First Presbyterian Church Diamond Jubilee booklet First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Spring Streets, Seattle	1944

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Lumber industry--Washington (State)
Pioneers--Washington (State)--Seattle
Waterfronts--Washington (State)--Seattle

Personal Names :

Denny, David Thomas, II, 1867-1939

Denny, Nellie Graham, 1871-1956

Whiteaker, Inez Denny, 1893-1968

Geographical Names :

Rainier, Mount (Wash.)

United States--Washington (State)--Seattle

Form or Genre Terms :

Photographs

Scrapbooks

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Soule, John P., 1828-1904

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