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Taylor Family Papers, 1885-1956

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Taylor, Amanda Holman Cartwright (1879-1977)
Title:	Taylor Family Papers
Dates:	1885-1956
Creator Abstract:	Amanda Holman "Mant" Cartwright Taylor was a founding member of the San Antonio Conservation Society and of the San Antonio Museum Association. She also helped establish the Witte Memorial Museum.
Content Abstract:	Correspondence, legal and financial documents, journals, printed material, and photographs document the business and personal activities of the Lane Taylor family and some of their close relatives.
Identification:	Col 940
Extent:	1 document box, 7 oversize boxes
Language:	Materials are in English
Repository:	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Biographical Note

Continuing a family tradition of business activities in Texas, members of the Taylor family were engaged in real estate, farming and ranching in the San Antonio area, in addition to their participation in the social and cultural life of the community. Born in Terrell, Texas in 1879, Amanda Holman "Mant" Cartwright was the eldest daughter of Matthew and Mary C. Cartwright, and a descendant of prosperous east and central Texas businessmen and women. In 1900, she married Lane Taylor (1869-1950), a Kentucky native who had come in 1874 with his parents to Sherman, Texas, where his father was the owner of a hardware business. Lane and Amanda Taylor had three children, Eugenia Polk Taylor, Maria Louise Taylor, and Lane Taylor, Jr.

The family moved from Sherman to San Antonio in 1906, where Lane Taylor engaged in a real estate business, working in part with his brother-in-law, Lon D. Cartwright. Amanda Taylor became active in a number of organizations; she was a founding member of the San

Antonio Conservation Society, serving two terms as president of the organization, and was a leading figure in its historic preservation work. She was also a founder of the San Antonio Museum Association, and worked to establish the Witte Memorial Museum.

Lane Taylor, Jr. was also involved in several business interests, including ranching in the Uvalde, Texas area.

Sources

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Amanda Cartwright Taylor, vertical file. DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Taylor Family Papers. DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, legal and financial documents, journals, printed material, and photographs document the business and personal activities of the Lane Taylor family and some of their close relatives.

The earliest and most detailed correspondence is business related, consisting of five letterpress books containing the outgoing letters of Lon D. Cartwright. Most the letters are related to his real estate dealings and management of family property, though some personal items are also included. Some letters refer to the real estate partnership of Cartwright and Lane Taylor. Many letters are addressed to Matthew Cartwright, the father of Lon D. Cartwright and Amanda C. Taylor. Most of the remaining correspondence is miscellaneous in nature, and is related to several family members. A number of letters concern the marriage of Lane Taylor, Jr. and Nell Graves. Included in the correspondence of Amanda C. Taylor is a letter from Emily Edwards in which she discusses her work with artist Diego Rivera in Mexico.

Legal documents consist of three deeds to Grayson County property, and a lease agreement. Most financial records, while unidentified, appear to be related to the management of farm and ranch land of the Cartwright and Taylor families. A few other scattered financial documents are associated with Lane Taylor, Jr.

Calendars and diaries consist of a series of pocket journals of Catesby W. Taylor, recording his travels and health concerns. Also included is a single appointment calendar of Amanda C. Taylor.

The remaining material is a miscellany of personal documents, including printed invitations, programs and pamphlets, a typescript of a play, and a scrapbook. Photographs include three aerial shots dating from the late 1920s showing San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Mission, Kelly Field, and the early stages of work on Randolph Field. Other photographs include some identified individuals, and several unidentified items.

Material connected with the wedding of Lane Taylor, Jr. and Nell Graves includes a bound record of the wedding service, notes, and cards received by the couple.

Restrictions

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Taylor Family Papers, 1885-1956

Box	Folder	
Box 3 (oversize)		Correspondence Lon D. Cartwright, letterpress book, 1900-1907
Box 4 (oversize)		Lon D. Cartwright, letterpress book, 1907-1909
Box 4 (oversize)		Lon D. Cartwright, letterpress book, 1909-1911
Box 5 (oversize)		Lon D. Cartwright, letterpress book, 1911-1912
Box 5 (oversize)		Lon D. Cartwright, letterpress book, 1912
1	1	Amanda C. Taylor, 1913-1941
1	2	Maria Taylor, 1922, 1928
1	3	Lane Taylor, Jr., 1939-1940
1	4	Lane Taylor, Jr. and Nell Graves Taylor, 1940-1941
1	5	Catesby W. Taylor, 1919-1924
1	6	Miscellaneous, 1931, undated
1	7	Legal documents Deed: John A. Fitch to James W. Vaden, Grayson County, 1871 Deed: J.W. Vaden and Mollie E. Vaden to F.C. Vaden, Grayson County, 1903 Deed: F.C. Vaden and Bertha Vaden to W.S. Omohundro, Grayson County, 1903
1	8	Lease: Lane Taylor to Albert Peeples, 1937

Box	Folder	
Box 2 (oversize)		Financial documents Ledger: 1885-1893
Box 8 (oversize)		Account ledger: 1907-1908
Box 8 (oversize)		Account ledger: 1908-1916
Box 8 (oversize)		Ledger: 1910-1917
Box 6 (oversize)		Account ledger: Cartwright and Taylor, farm accounts, 1911-1913
Box 7 (oversize)		Account ledger: farm accounts, 1913-1916
Box 6 (oversize)		Account ledger: Cartwright and Taylor, farm accounts, 1915-1916
Box 7 (oversize)		Account ledger: 1915-1917
Box 7 (oversize)		Account ledger: 1916-1917
Box 6 (oversize)		Income/expenses ledger: 1939-1969
1	9	Loan records, Lane Taylor, Jr., 1939-1940
1	10	Account statements, Lane Taylor, Jr. Horners, 1939-1940
1	11	Texas Livestock Marketing Association, 1939
1	12	Bills and receipts, 1928-1940
1	13	Specifications J.H. Kirkpatrick house, undated (photocopies)
Box 2 (oversize)		Calendars and journals Unidentified, 1905
Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1911

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Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1912
Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1913
Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1914
Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1915
Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1916
Box 2 (oversize)		Catesby W. Taylor, 1917
Box 2 (oversize)		Amanda C. Taylor, 1956
Box 2 (oversize)		Memorandum book C.W. Taylor, [Jr.], 1921-22
Box 6 (oversize)		Scrapbook: Maria Louise Taylor
1	14	Organizations San Antonio Little Theater
1	15	Typescript May Frances Michael, "Who Can Tell"
1	16	Clippings
1	17-20	Printed material
		Lane Taylor, Jr.-Nell Graves wedding
1	21	Marriage service
1	22	Notes
1	23	Cards

Box	Folder	
1	24	<p>Photographs</p> <p>Photographs include:</p> <p>Edith Chandler</p> <p>Kelly Air Force Base, aerial view, ca. 1928</p> <p>Robert J. Onderdonk, Groesbeeck house, painting</p> <p>Mrs. F. Oppenheimer</p> <p>Randolph Air Force Base, aerial view, ca. 1928</p> <p>Frank Reaugh</p> <p>San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Mission, aerial view, ca. 1928</p> <p>Eugenia Taylor?, Battle of Flowers, 1922?</p> <p>Simona B. Wofford</p> <p>Corinne Worden</p> <p>Unidentified photographs</p>

Separation Sheet

Item(s)	New Location
<i>Catalogue of the M. Krueger Collection of Original Oil Paintings by Celebrated Masters of the XIX and XX Century.</i> 1923.	016.75145 K94c c.1
<i>Cavalry Drill Regulations.</i> Washington: Government Printing Office, 1918.	357.185 U58c
<i>The Home Lighting Primer.</i> 1924.	747.92 H765
<i>Kelly Field in the Great World War.</i> San Antonio: San Antonio Printing Co., 1919.	Oversize 355.7 K29
Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar. <i>A History of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America from 1891 to 1933.</i> Atlanta: Walter W. Brown Publishing Co., 1934.	369.12 L215h
<i>A Preliminary Report on Civic Art for San Antonio, Texas.</i> St. Louis: Harland Bartholomew and Associates, 1932.	711.409765351 P924
<i>La Reata</i> 1945	373.764351 S146r 1945
<i>La Reata</i> 1957	373.764351 S146r 1957
<i>El Sombrero</i> 1929	373.764351 M224s 1929
Lon Tinkle. <i>13 Days to Glory.</i> New York: McGraw Hill, 1958.	976.403 T589t c.2
<i>Woodlawn Hills.</i> San Antonio: Arthur J. Dreyfuss Co., 1929.	Uncataloged Maps
<i>Texas Libraries</i> , November 1953	Periodicals
<i>The Trail</i> , August 19, 1921	Periodicals
<i>Under Texas Skies</i> 6(September 1955)1	Periodicals