

Naseef-Page Family Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Naseef-Page Family Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1880-1936

Bulk Dates: 1893-1923

ID no.: MSS86175

Creator: Naseef family

Creator: Page family

Extent: 150 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Members of the American Colony in Jerusalem. Correspondence, notes, photographs, and ephemera.

Acquisition Information

The papers of the Naseef-Page family were given to the Library of Congress by Margaret Kindred in 2016.

Processing History

The Naseef-Page Family Papers were processed by Katherine Madison in 2020.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms010123>) and the papers of John D. Whiting (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms008123>).

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Family History

Otis S. Page (1848-1918) was born in Vermont and emigrated to the American Colony in Jerusalem with his wife, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Roth (circa 1852-1888), and daughter, Florence, with the first wave of colonists in 1881. Raised in the American Colony, Florence "Flora" Page (1873-1946) married fellow second-generation Colony member Fareed Naseef (1879-1931)

in 1904. Florence and Fareed had three children: Herbert David (1905-1988), Jack Robert (1907-unknown), and Tubena Bertha (1910-1973). The Naseefs, along with Fareed's younger sister Fareedy (1886-1972), resided in Jerusalem until emigrating to New York in the 1920s, after the death of Otis Page and a break with the American Colony. Fareed Naseef died in Buffalo, New York in 1931. Florence Page Naseef died in San Diego, California in 1946.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Naseef and Page Family span the years 1880 to 1936, with the bulk of the material dating from 1893 to 1923. The collection documents the family's life in the American Colony in Jerusalem at the turn of the century, as well as their close friendships and familial relationships with extended Page relatives in America.

The collection consists predominantly of correspondence sent from American Colony members Otis Page and his daughter, Florence "Flora" Page Naseef, as well as Flora's husband Fareed, sister-in-law Fareedy, and children Herbert and Tubena Naseef, describing their daily life in the American Colony and Palestine. The letters, postcards, and Christmas cards in the collection were sent to Otis's sister Josephine Page Towle (1849-1929) and her daughters Florence "Floss," Frances "Frankie," and Jessie Towle. The collection also includes photographs produced by American Colony photographers, picture postcards, the betrothal announcement of Florence and Fareed Naseef, and ephemera. Included are two lace samples, including a lace collar produced at the American Colony and sent from Fareedy Naseef to Jessie Towle in 1910.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Naseef family--Correspondence.
Naseef family.
Naseef, Fareed, 1879-1931--Correspondence.
Naseef, Fareedy, 1886-1972--Correspondence.
Naseef, Florence Page, 1873-1946--Correspondence.
Naseef, Herbert, 1905-1988--Correspondence.
Naseef, Tubena, 1910-1973--Correspondence.
Page family--Correspondence.
Page family.
Page, Otis S., 1848-1918--Correspondence.
Towle, Josephine Page, 1849-1929--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Colony (Jerusalem)

Subjects

Americans--Palestine.
Christian communities--Palestine.
Photography--Jerusalem.

Places

Jerusalem--Social life and customs--19th century.
Jerusalem--Social life and customs--20th century.
Palestine--Social life and customs--19th century.
Palestine--Social life and customs--20th century.

Titles

Naseef family papers

Page family papers

Container List

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BOX 1	Betrothal announcement, circa 1903
BOX 1	Christmas cards with flowers from the Holy Land, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Naseef, Fareed, 1915-1927
BOX 1	Naseef, Fareedy, 1905-1912, 1923-1924 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Naseef, Florence Page, 1893-1904, 1919-1922, 1936, undated
BOX 1	Naseef, Herbert, 1923
BOX 1	Naseef, Tubena, 1921-1922, 1934, undated
BOX 1	Page, Otis, circa 1893-1913
BOX 1	Envelopes and stamps, 1901-1908, 1922-1923, undated
BOX 1	Lace handkerchief, circa 1904
BOX 1	Miscellany, undated
BOX 1	Photographs
BOX 1	Albums, circa 1905-circa 1920 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Assorted, circa 1880-1920 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Interior of church (framed), undated
BOX 1	Naseef family in New York, circa 1920s
BOX 1	Souvenir Jerusalem photo book, circa 1905-circa 1915