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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2017086175
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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Preferred Citation

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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)

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
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