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## **PHSM 103: Clayton Family Collection (1884-1985)**

### **\*CREATOR**

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Clayton (1914-2012)

### **\*EXTENT**

Number of Containers: 1 clamshell box 5"

### **COLLECTION SUMMARY**

Photos and ephemera related to the Clayton family, who migrated to Southern Oregon in the 1850s.

### **\*LANGUAGES**

English

### **PROCESSING ARCHIVIST**

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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## Collection Details

### Biographical / Historical Note

Henry W. Clayton was born in Muskingum County, Ohio on April 12, 1812. From Ohio he migrated to Van Buren County, Iowa with his first wife. He married Mary Jones on Sept 4, 1840 and in 1853 moved with his family to Oregon, first to Portland and then to Southern Oregon in 1855. Clayton settled in the Bear Creek Valley above Ashland. Mary died April 28, 1860 and Henry on October 20, 1884 after a long illness. Both are interred in the Ashland Cemetery. There were children born of each marriage. [From Southern Oregon Pioneer Association Records, Resolution on Deaths of Members, Vol. 1, p 70-71.]

Henry W. Clayton (1812-1884), his son Nathan Holly Clayton (1849-1914), N.H. Clayton's wife Malvina (Gore) Clayton (1855-1901), and Nathan and Malvina's children Lawrence Edgar Clayton (1887-1921) and Vera (Clayton) Skelenger (1893-1949)

### \*Collection Description

The Phoenix Historical Society Museum has a variety of materials related to Clayton and Gore families, dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The collection includes correspondence, legal documents and photographs related to J.H. and Mary Clayton, their son, Nathan Holly Clayton who married Malvina Gore July 22, 1880 and Malvina's family. This finding aid describes the contents of the collection.

### Arrangement Description

This collection was processed at the collection-level and as time allows, at the item level as described below.

### INVENTORY

Round framed portrait of Lawrence E. Clayton	No date	01	01
Photo album, tintypes, cabinet photos		01	02
Resolution on death of member HW Clayton	1885	01	03
Power of Attorney to NH Clayton	1884	01	05
Power of Attorney to NH Clayton for Lake Cty property		01	05
NH Clayton, cabinet photo		01	05
JH Clayton baby, cabinet photo		01	04
Harvey Clayton, 14 years; adult , cabinet photo		01	03
Lawrence Edgar Clayton, baby, boy, young man		01	06
Ben Mooers, cabinet photos		01	07
Class photos, Seattle Theo E Peiser, Ben Mooers		01	07
Gore family snapshots, some named		01	08
Unidentified photos		01	09
Newspaper clippings, notes, documents		01	10
Correspondence, 1913-1985		01	10
Table Rock Sentinel issues as below		01	11
Portrait of young girl, matted	No date	01	
Funeral notice: Mrs. Malvina Clayton, Phoenix Cemetery	1901	01	

### Related Materials

Southern Oregon Historical Society and Rogue Valley Genealogical Society may also have material on the Clayton family.

Five Generations of the Gore Family. Table Rock Sentinel, January 1984, p 3-21  
Five Generations of the Gore Family. Table Rock Sentinel, February 1984 ?  
Five Generations of the Gore Family, 3 Jay Gore. Table Rock Sentinel, March 1984, p. 3-23

### **Location of Originals**

Primary and secondary material is boxed.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Various individuals and groups have donated material to the Phoenix Historical Society Museum over time. This collection largely includes material given to the museum by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Clayton on the occasion of her death in 2012.

### **Subject Headings**

Clayton, Henry W. (1812-1884); Clayton, Nathan Holly (1849-1914); Clayton, Malvina (Gore) (1855-1901), Clayton, Lawrence Edgar (1887-1921), Mooer, Ben C. (1900-1966); Phoenix (Or.) – History; Ashland (Or.) – History; Jackson County (Or.) – History; Oregon – History; Gore, Ebenezer Emery

### **Processing Note**

There may be photographs in the not-yet-scanned files of the 4-drawer file cabinet and in the drawers under the display cases.

## **Using the Collection**

### **\*ACCESS STATEMENT**

Collection is open to the public and available for use in the Phoenix Historical Society Museum.

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