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## **PHSM 107: Caton / Furry Family (1861-1998)**

### **\*CREATOR**

Numerous family members and others

### **\*EXTENT**

Linear Feet: 2'

Number of Containers: 1 oversize clamshell box

Number of Items or Digital Files:

### **COLLECTION SUMMARY**

Photos, ephemera and physical objects related to Captain Milo Caton and the related Furry family, their lives, homes and descendants. Other families found in the collection include James T. Morton and David S. McCollum, their relatives and descendants.

### **\*LANGUAGES**

English

### **PROCESSING ARCHIVIST**

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## Collection Details

### Biographical / Historical Note

Milo Caton was born in New York in 1827 and came to Jackson County Oregon around 1853. He lived here for several years and during that time served as constable as well as fought in the Indian Wars of 1853-1854. Following this he fought in the Mexican Wars. From 1861-1865, Caton served as Captain in the War of the Rebellion where he enlisted in Ohio and raised a company of men to go with him. He fought in many battles before being captured at the battle of Chickamauga and was held prisoner in Andersonville. Following the war, Caton returned to Jackson County, Oregon and raised a family. He lived in Jacksonville and Phoenix and is buried in the Jacksonville Cemetery.

Milo Caton and Sybil Ann Freeman Caton's daughter was Mary Isabelle. Amelia and Samuel Furry were had 4 children: Frederick Milo, Edmona, Arthur and Donna. Fred Furry married Mary Isabelle (Bell) Caton in 1886. Mary died in 1947 leaving 6 surviving children. Eva McCollum married James Morton in 1892 and were later divorced, Eva removing to Los Angeles, California. Eva and James Morton's child was Marie Morton who married Raymond Furry in 1923. Marie Morton Furry and Raymond Furry's daughters were Patricia Furry Popow and Nannette Furry Wrede. There's no immediate relationship to the Buchanan family in the brown box.

### \*Collection Description

The Caton / Furry collection is extensive and contains numerous primary sources donated by the family. The family is extensive with many branches that are geographically separated with many descendants residing in the Rogue Valley today. Included in the collection are ephemera and realia related to Milo Caton's service in the Civil War and the Furry family's long history in Phoenix and Southern Oregon. Of particular significance is the Furry Hotel, which served many uses over the years and was lost in the 2020 Almeda Fire. In all, six Furry family structures are in the Oregon Historic Sites Database: Robert & Elva Furry House at 307 W 2nd St. constructed in 1900, Raymond and Marie Furry House at 110 W 3d St. constructed in 1950, the Furry Hotel at 117 S. Main St constructed in 1880, Milo & Josephine Furry House at 133 S. Main St constructed in 1920, the Leo and Eris Furry House at 135 S. Main St. constructed in 1954 and the Robert S. Furry Building at 110 N. Main St. constructed in 1950.

### Arrangement Description

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

### Separated Materials

- Wrede, Nannette Furry. Pioneer Furry Family of Phoenix, Oregon. *Gasburg Gazette*, Fall 2010 and Winter 2011
- Vertical File Families -- Furry

### Related Materials

Southern Oregon Historical Society and Rogue Valley Genealogical Society also have material on Milo Caton, the Furry family and others.

## **Location of Originals**

Primary and secondary material is boxed and also found in a variety of locations in the Phoenix Historical Society Museum.

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Various individuals and groups have donated material to the Phoenix Historical Society Museum over time. This collection also includes materials donated by Nannette Furry and other members of the family and community.

## **Subject Headings**

List subject headings from a controlled vocabulary or authority file. The Library of Congress Subject Headings, the Art and Architecture Thesaurus, and Thesaurus of Graphic Materials are commonly used vocabularies. You may also use a vocabulary created by your institution.

## **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. There are also materials related to most if not all of the families in the 4-drawer file cabinet.

## **Using the Collection**

### **\*ACCESS STATEMENT**

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

### **RIGHTS STATEMENT**

The material in the Caton / Furry collection may be freely used for non-profit, educational and research purposes. Any and all commercial use must be explicitly approved by the Phoenix Historical Society Museum.

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### **PREFERRED CITATION**

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## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Captain Milo Caton

#### Subseries 1: Paper, photographs and ephemera: Items relating to Captain Milo Caton

Description	Date	Box	Folder
Typewritten transcript: This information was written by Milo Caton in 1884 in a book: Family Records and Biographical Compendium held at the Southern Oregon Historical Society	1884	01	01
Photocopy of photograph: Capt. Milo Caton taken shortly after his release from rebel prison. 2c		01	01
Photocopy of photograph: Capt. Milo Caton		01	01
Andersonville National Cemetery by G. Michael Stock	1983	01	01
Civil War at Charleston: April 12, 1861 4:30 am, Post and Courier, 20 <sup>th</sup> edition	1998	01	
Mary J. Furry's recollections of her father, Milo Caton and mother Sybil Freeman. Newspaper articles, no source	Nd	01	01
Framed photocopy of photo of Capt. Milo Caton taken shortly after his release from rebel prison		01	01
Photos of two men holding Civil War Flag, known as a Garrison Flag; would have been the flag fought under by Milo Caton	1996	01	01
Jacksonville Cemetery brochure noting Milo and Sybil Caton burials	Nd	01	01
Jacksonville Story brochure noting Milo Caton home, Main and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1999	01	01
Milo Caton, Our Complete Family Record and Biographical Compendium, photocopy	1884	01	02

#### Subseries 2: Physical Objects: Items relating to Captain Milo Caton

Tintype of unknown man in small leather box with clasps	Nd	01	
Milo Caton, Commission as Captain in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Regiment Ohio Volunteer Militia, in the name of and by the authority of the State of Ohio William Dennison, November 11, 1861	1861	Display case	
Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificate, Milo Caton, Captain, September 19, 1865, issued March 6, 1907 (photocopy of same in 107.01.01)	1865	Display case	
Red sash, with gold tassels, approximately 48" in length		Display case	
History of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the War of the Rebellion by Captain SS Canfield. Vrooman, Anderson and Bateman, 1893	1893	Display case	

### Series 2: David S. McCollum and Martha Jane McDaniel McCollum

#### Subseries 1: Photos and paper ephemera

Description	Date	Box	Folder
Typewritten transcript: War Records of David S. McCollum, Flurnoys Company K, Second Missouri Regiment, Infantry	Nd	01	03

Division captured by General Grant at Vicksburg			
Typewritten: Life History Left by Our Mother Martha Jane McDaniel McCollum. 6 pages	Nd	01	03
Typewritten: Life History Left by Our Mother Martha Jane (Dave) McDaniel (McCollum). 12 pages, editing notes, likely later version	Nd	01	03
Correspondence: JH Buchanan to Emma Otey re Martha Jane McDaniel May 6, 1932	1932	01	03
Photocopy of photo: David and Martha McCollum	Nd	01	03
D.S. McCollum daily diary, January 1, 1916-November 19, 1921; handwritten	1916-1921	01	03

### Series 3: Gastin Morton, James Morton and Eva McCollum Morton, Marie Morton

#### Subseries 1: Photos and paper ephemera

Newspaper clippings, obituaries	Various	01	04
In loving remembrance of Gastin Morton, January 18, 1898	1898	01	05
Roseburg Land Office communication to Gastin Morton to validate Donation Claim No. 6580, May 3, 1866	1866	01	05
Roseburg Land Office Homestead Certificate 1084, application 1833 to Gastin Morton, February 21, 1887. Oversized	1887	01	05
Gastin Morton property transfer to brother Brummel Morton, 1866, not dated, sealed or signed	1866	01	05
Gastin Morton receipts	1868, 1898	01	05
Gastin Morton cabinet photograph	Nd	01	05
Correspondence, from Morton to Morton, accident	1889	01	05
James Thomas Morton, 1852-1929, typed biography, Marie Furry's recollections. 2 copies			05
Correspondence, Charles S Moore to James Morton re political situation, April 29, 1888	1888	01	05
Sheriff's Tax Deed Foreclosure of 1923, between Ralph G. Jennings and James Morton, July 21, 1928	1928	01	05
Family Record, James Thomas Morton and Secretia Evelyn Morton	1892-1909	01	05
Notarized Property transfer of Phoenix lots from Eva Morton to James Morton and Marie Morton as joint tenants, May 26, 1922	1922	01	06
Notarized Property record, Eva Morton, October 14, 1926	1926	01	06
Eva, Marie Morton, Ruth McClain photographs	Nd	01	06
Marie Morton, Phoenix High School Commencement invitation	1892	01	06
3 property transfer deeds, 2 from Sam Colver and 1 from Eva Morton	1879-1903	01	06

### Series 4: Samuel Furry, Fred Furry and Mary Isabelle Furry

#### Subseries 1: Photos and paper ephemera

Photocopies of portraits: Samuel Furry, Annelia Louise Barneburg, others	Nd	01	07
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Samuel Furry's home 4365 Coal Mine Rd, later Anderson, later Schroeder home. 5 photocopied articles	Nd	01	07
Samuel and Amelia Furry and family, photocopies of photograph	Nd	01	07
Samuel Furry receipt for Phoenix Cemetery lot	1894	01	07
Promise to pay W.F Towne Signed Furry, Coleman, Anderson, Jacobs and others; receipts of payments, dated April 17, 1902 [found in folder labeled Colver House]	1902	01	07
Isabelle Caton Furry and Fred Furry, photocopy of photograph	Nd	01	07
Fred and Isabelle Caton Furry, photocopy of photograph	Nd	01	07
Fred Furry marriage record, photocopy of photographs, Fred Furry newspaper obituary	1886--	01	07
Fred Furry, Belle Furry, children and grandchildren photograph	Nd	01	07
Photocopies of photographs: Furry Hotel, Mill	Nd	01	07
Mary I Furry last will and testament, probate records September 6, 1944	1944	01	07
Furry Hotel, family home photo postcard dated 1900; pasted into album, message written, posted; severely damaged	1900	01	07
Funeral notice, Samuel Furry, Amelia Furry photocopies	1899, 1911	01	07
Jackson County Court Estate Inventory and Appraisal, Samuel Furry, photocopy	Nd	01	07
George B. Furry, 1 Regiment (Snider's) Pennsylvania War of 1812 payment and receipt	1814	01	07
Furry Family History, red binder. Compiled by Bonnie Furry	1992	01	
Mary Isabelle Caton Furry, 1867-1946, Oversized framed portrait	193u	01	

## Series 5: Raymond Furry and Marie Morton Furry and Nannette Furry Wrede and Richard Wrede

### Subseries 1: Photos and paper ephemera

Nannette Furry, baby photo in matt folder x2		01	08
Nannette Furry, baby photo		01	08
Raymond Furry on left, photo		01	08
Grandma Belle Furry, photo		01	08
Nannette Furry, child photo		01	08
Nanette Furry, series of 5 snapshots		01	08
Raymond, Marie, Patricia, Nannette photo		01	08
Agreement copy, Milo Caton, Josephine Furry with Raymond Furry, Marie Furry and others, timber sale agreement, January 28, 1953	1953	01	08
Deed creating estate, Raymond Furry to wife Minnie Marie Furry, interest in property described in previous agreement, May 18, 1967 photocopy	1967	01	08
Release of Mortgage, Raymond A and Marie Morton Furry, November 9, 1936. photocopy	1936	01	08
Marriage Certificate, Raymond Furry and Marie Morton, April 21, 1923 photocopy	1923	01	08
Property transfer from James Morton to Raymond Furry and Marie Morton Furry, October 14, 1926	1926	01	08
Photograph, Raymond Furry, Annie Towne Smith in carriage	Nd	01	
Mrs. Marie Morton Furry, Phoenix, Oregon family tree	Nd	01	08
Raymond Furry, Marie Furry obituaries, newspaper clippings	1975--	01	08

Correspondence: Harry Skyrman to Raymond Furry re Donna Graffis estate	1936	01	08
Newspaper clippings incl Dennis Day	Various	01	08
Phoenix High School class photo, some named including Nannette. Photo by Hollywood School Photo Assn.	Nd	01	08
Raymond Arthur Furry Delayed Certificate of Birth, photocopy, May 19, 1901	1942	01	08
Richard Wrede, adolescent photos, color. 2	Nd	01	08
Cabin contents inventoried and valued, lost in fire 1977; presumed to be Furry family cabin on Dead Indian Memorial Road; carbon copy; envelope First Federal Savings	1977	01	08
Blue fabric covered baby book, parents Raymond and Marie Furry, Sybil Nannette born July 17, 1933	1933	01	
Raymond Furry and Marie Furry, 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Scrapbook, April 21, 1973, Gold leatherette	1973	01	

### Series 6: Lucretia Spannaus, 1872-1961

#### Subseries 1: Photos and paper ephemera

Miscellaneous clippings, obituary		01	09
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### Series 7: Buchanan Box (brown leatherette box, snap closure)

#### Subseries 1: Photos and paper ephemera

Miscellaneous papers, deeds, ephemera related to Buchanan family, Charles C. Slater and Eva Morton, 1921 Phoenix High School scrapbook (likely Marie Morton)		01	09
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