

Samuel Franklin Emmons Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Samuel Franklin Emmons Papers

Span Dates: 1725-1914

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1861-1911)

ID No.: MSS23747

Creator: Emmons, Samuel Franklin, 1841-1911

Extent: 14,000 items ; 41 containers plus 1 oversize ; 16.4 linear feet ; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English, with French, German, Spanish, and Italian.

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

Abstract: Geologist. Diaries and field notes, letterbooks, correspondence, family papers, subject files, photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating chiefly to Emmons's family and his career as a geologist.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Bartlett, Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons, 1861-1954. Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons Bartlett papers. 1897-1913.

Emmons family.

Emmons, Samuel Franklin, 1841-1911.

Evans, N. Henry--Correspondence.

King, Clarence, 1842-1901.

Markoe, Sophie D. Sophie D. Markoe papers. 1852-1911.

Organizations

Geological Survey (U.S.)

United States Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel (1867-1881)

Subjects

Formations (Geology)

Geology.

Mineral industries.

Mines and mineral resources.

Places

West (U.S.)--Discovery and exploration.

Occupations

Geologists.

Ranchers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Samuel Franklin Emmons, geologist, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons Bartlett, in 1947-1948, following a fire in the facility where the papers had been stored that damaged a considerable amount of the material. In 1958, her daughter, Mrs. Armistead Peter III, gave additional papers from her mother's estate.

Processing History

In 1959, the Emmons Papers were housed and a shelf list was prepared. In 1981, papers relating to Paul W. Bartlett and Bessie McPherson were transferred from this collection to a separate collection of Paul W. Bartlett Papers. The Emmons Papers were rehoused and reorganized in 2006. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Samuel Franklin Emmons in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Samuel Franklin Emmons are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on one reel. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Samuel Franklin Emmons Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------|--|
| 1841, Mar. 29 | Born, Boston, Mass. |
| 1861 | Graduated, Harvard College, Boston, Mass. |
| 1862-1865 | Attended Ecole Imperiale des Mines, France |
| 1867-1877 | Member, United States Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel |
| 1872 | Exposed a diamond swindle in the Vermillion Creek Basin, Wyo. |
| 1876 | Married Weltha Anita Steeves |
| 1877 | Joined American Institute of Mining Engineers |
| 1879-1909 | Geologist, United States Geological Survey |
| 1882 | Published <i>Abstract of a Report upon the Geology and Mining Industry of Leadville, Lake Co., Colorado. Extract from the Annual Report of the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey-1880-81.</i> Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office |
| 1885 | Published with G. F. Becker <i>Geological Sketches of the Precious Metal Deposits of the Western United States, with Notes on Lead Smelting at Leadville. Extract from the Tenth Census of the United States, Vol. XIII "Statistics and Technology of the Precious Metals."</i> Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office |

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| 1889 | Married Sophie Dallas Markoe |
| 1891 | General secretary, 5th International Geological Congress |
| 1903 | President, Geological Society of America Married Suzanne Earle |
| 1911, Mar. 28 | Died, Washington, D.C. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Samuel Franklin Emmons (1841-1911) span the years 1725-1913, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1861-1911. The collection consists of diaries and field notes, letterbooks, correspondence, family papers, subject files, financial records, photographs, printed matter, and scrapbooks. Some material is in French, German, Spanish, and Italian. The collection was damaged by fire and water prior to being received by the Library and much of it is in fragile or decayed condition.

The papers treat Emmons's education, personal life, and business ventures, but the focus is on his explorations in the western United States, on geological formations and mines and mining, and on the United States Geological Survey that Emmons cofounded with Clarence King (1842-1901). Prominent in the collection are files pertaining to the United States Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel, 1867-1876. There is considerable family material, including correspondence with his uncle, N. Henry Evans, and papers relating to his wives, Sophie D. Markoe and Suzanne Earle Odgen-Jones Emmons Bartlett.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Diaries and Field Notes, 1861-1910](#)
- [Letterbooks, 1884-1909](#)
- [Correspondence, 1861-1912](#)
- [Financial Records, 1867-1911](#)
- [Subject File, 1725-1912](#)
- [Sophie D. Markoe Papers, 1852-1911](#)
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- [Scrapbooks, 1871-1905](#)
- [Oversize, 1866-1907](#)

Description of Series

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| BOX 1-6 | <u>Diaries and Field Notes, 1861-1910</u> Diary volumes and field notes. Diaries are arranged chronologically. Field notes are arranged by expedition. |
| BOX 7-8 | <u>Letterbooks, 1884-1909</u> General letterbooks containing copies of incoming and outgoing correspondence on business, financial, and legal matters. General letterbooks are arranged chronologically. Letterbook for the New Pedrara Onyx Co. and an index are filed at the end of the series. |
| BOX 8-16 | <u>Correspondence, 1861-1912</u> Letters sent and received by Emmons and family members. Correspondence of Samuel Franklin Emmons is arranged chronologically. Correspondence of other Emmons family members is arranged alphabetically by name of family member. |
| BOX 16-20 | <u>Financial Records, 1867-1911</u> Expense records, account books, ledgers, and miscellany. Arranged by type of material and chronologically thereunder. |
| BOX 20-37 | <u>Subject File, 1725-1912</u> Reports and writings, printed matter, photographs, educational and training materials, financial and legal records, congressional hearing records, commemorative material, address and appointment books, genealogical and social records, drawings and music. Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic. |
| BOX 37-40 | <u>Sophie D. Markoe Papers, 1852-1911</u> Autographs, quotations, and birthday greetings collected by Markoe and her correspondence, diary, financial records, and society notices. Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic. |
| BOX 40-41 | <u>Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons Bartlett Papers, 1897-1914</u> Correspondence, financial records, calling cards, invitations, and miscellany. Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
| BOX 41 | <u>Scrapbooks, 1871-1905</u> One volume covers the United States Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel with general volumes and newspaper clippings. General volumes and newspaper clippings are arranged chronologically. |
| BOX OV 1 | <u>Oversize, 1866-1907</u> Drawings, genealogical notes, maps, photographs, and a presidential proclamation. Arranged and described according to the series and folders from which the items were removed. |

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| BOX 3 | 1887-1897 (6 folders) |
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| BOX 6 | 1872-1879 (3 folders) |
| BOX 6 | Acari mines, 1897 |
| BOX 6 | Dolliver Mountain Co., 1902 |
| BOX 6 | Unidentified, 1907-1908, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 7-8 | Letterbooks, 1884-1909 General letterbooks containing copies of incoming and outgoing correspondence on business, financial, and legal matters. General letterbooks are arranged chronologically. Letterbook for the New Pedrara Onyx Co. and an index are filed at the end of the series. |
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Correspondence, 1861-1912

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Correspondence of Samuel Franklin Emmons is arranged chronologically. Correspondence of other Emmons family members is arranged alphabetically by name of family member.

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| BOX 15 | Emmons, N. Henry |
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Suzanne Earle Ogden-Jones Emmons Bartlett Papers, 1897-1914

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