

TITLE: Goodnight Collection

DATE RANGE: 1920-1994

CALL NUMBER: FM MSS #134

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (3 boxes)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: This collection contains items primarily about Thomas A. Goodnight and information on the famous trailblazer and rancher, Colonel Charles Goodnight.

Thomas Goodnight was born July 3, 1905 in Rouse, Colorado and graduated from the University of Montana. He started in banking as a teller in Park City, Montana. In 1928, he moved to Arizona where he joined the Phoenix National Bank. After serving in World War II, he continued in the banking industry and rose in the ranks to become a vice president in administration. He is credited with having the first drive-in window in banking. He retired from Valley National Bank (formerly Phoenix National Bank) in 1969 and died in 1983.

Thomas was an avid horse lover and owned Rancho de Buenos Noches in north Phoenix where he bred palominos. He shared ownership of the horse Cream of Wheat, a palomino sire. He was married to Gladys Marley Goodnight and had a son named Thomas.

Colonel Charles Goodnight and Thomas Goodnight were related through marriage only. In 1927, the 91 year old Charles married the 26 year old Corinne. In 1929, Charles died. Thomas' sister started corresponding with Charles Goodnight because of their mutual surnames and a friendship grew. Because of the relationship, Corinne came into possession of many of Charles' documents which were then passed down to Thomas upon his sister's death. Charles was a rancher and blazed the Goodnight-Loving Trail; later one of Southwest's most heavily used cattle trails. He is also often credited with the invention of the chuckwagon. The majority of Charles Goodnight's records reside at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum located in Canyon, TX.

(<http://www.panhandleplains.org/>). A copy of the finding aid to those records compiled by Dot Webb, can be found in Box 1, Folder 10 of the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection is arranged into two series; **Series I: Personal** and **Series II: Colonel Charles Goodnight**. Records in **Series I** relate to Thomas A. Goodnight and include information on his employment with Valley National Bank, his interest in horse racing, and his personal memberships. Of interest in Box 2 are personal items such as diplomas and certificates belonging to his sister Corinne and other family members. Also of note is a folder of Stewart Cameron cartoons, a Canadian cartoonist who depicted the cowboy way of life in his drawings.

Series II contains information on Colonel Charles Goodnight. Of interest is a folder of photographs of the Goodnight ranch in Texas, herds of buffalo, and a possible photograph of the Comanche Chief Quanah Parker.

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Personal -Biographical (photo)	1963-1983
1	2	Personal -Correspondence	1946-1982
1	3	Personal -Horses	1938-1947
1	4	Personal -Memberships (photos)	1950-1980
1	5	Personal -Miscellaneous	N.D.
1	6	Personal -Newsclippings	1954-1971
1	7	Personal -Valley National Bank	1962-1981
1	8	Personal -Writings (Unpublished)	1958
1	9	Colonel Charles Goodnight -Biographical Information	1920-1994
1	10	Colonel Charles Goodnight -Panhandle, TX Information	N.D.
1	11	Colonel Charles Goodnight -Photographs	1934
1	12	Colonel Charles Goodnight -Articles	1929
2 OV	1	Personal -Stewart Cameron Cartoons	1951-1955
2	2	Personal -Kiwanis Club Service Award	1967
2	3	Personal -Map-Salt River Project and Central Arizona	N.D.
2	Item #1	Personal -Corrine Goodnight common school diploma	1915
2	Item #2	Personal -Corinne Goodnight's high school diplomas	1918
2	Item #3	Personal -Susannah Goodnight's appointment to Postmaster	1902
2	Item #4	Personal -Corinne Goodnight's Scholarship to Montana State College	1914
2	Item #5	Personal -Thomas A. Goodnight and Susie Cook marriage certificate	N.D.
2	Item #6	Personal -Thomas A. Goodnight's Kappa Psi	1925

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		Fraternity certificate	
2	Item #7	Personal -Cloth bag made from material whose pattern was designed by cartoonist Reg Manning	N.D.
2	Item #8	Colonel Charles Goodnight -Poster "Great Trails of the Old West and the Men Who Rode Them"	
3	Item #1	Valley National Bank coin bank-round	N.D.
3	Item #2	Valley National Bank coin bank-book form	N.D.
3	Item #3	Valley National Bank coin bank-book form	N.D.
3	Item #4	Paperweight with Phoenix Arizona printed on it. On other side of paperweight is the story of Phoenix	N.D.
3	Item #5	Magnifying glass-inscription-"Roy Wayland's Gaspé' Salmon Luncheon 1959"	1959
3	Item #6	Republic and Gazette paper note stand	N.D.