



Sarah Shaw Hannah Collection UA.10.3.243

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Hannah, Sarah Shaw
Creator:	Hannah, John A., 1902-1991
Creator:	Shaw, May Travis
Creator:	Shaw, R. S. (Robert Sidey), 1871-1953
Title:	Sarah Shaw Hannah collection
ID:	UA.10.3.243
Date [inclusive]:	1905-1987
Physical Description:	2 Cubic Feet 4 scrapbooks, photographs
Language of the Material:	English .

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Biographical Note

Sarah Shaw was born on January 27, 1911 to May Travis Shaw and Robert Shaw in #5 Faculty Row on the campus of Michigan State University. May Travis met Robert Shaw at Montana Agricultural College. May Travis was an instructor in the mathematics department at Montana Agricultural College from 1895 to 1900. She became a professor in 1900 but left in 1901 after marrying Robert Shaw. Robert Shaw was an assistant professor at Montana Agricultural College he came to Michigan Agricultural College in 1902 as a professor. In 1908 he became Dean of Agriculture. He served as president from 1928 to 1941.

Sarah Shaw earned a B.S. degree in 1932 and a masters degree in 1933 both from MSU. Sarah married John A. Hannah on June 22, 1938. They had four children Mary, Robert, Thomas,

and David. John Hannah was secretary to the MSU Board of Trustees from 1934-1941 and president of MSU from 1941-1969. Sarah Shaw Hannah died on October 23, 1990. John Hannah died February 23, 1991.

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Scope and Contents

The Sarah Shaw Hannah Collection contains family scrapbooks and a photo album. The photo album was probably created by May Travis (box 2506). The album contains identified and unidentified portraits. Some of the portraits came from Bozeman, Montana photographers. There are also images of May Travis and her mother.

The scrapbook labeled "May Travis Shaw" (box 2507) contains photographs relating the Travis and Shaw families. There are images from Bozeman, Montana, the Travis relations, the Shaw family at Bear Lake, the Shaw children, Sarah Shaw when she was earning her graduate degree, and the Shaw family on the MSU campus. There are also photographs of Montana Agriculture College, and the first graduating class of the University of North Dakota. The MSU related photos include #5 Faculty Row, the Shaw children on campus, students, Robert Shaw at work, faculty members, faculty members' wives and children, athletic teams, cattle herds, Hesperian Society members, Alpha Gamma Delta members, Kappa Alpha Theta members. Other photos of interest are the Shaw farm and orchard on Harrison Road, and group photographs of students from Central School.

The collection also contains a scrapbook relating the marriage of Sarah and John Hannah (box 2508). It contains photographs of the wedding and reception, marriage certificate and license, articles about the wedding and other events surrounding the wedding. There are also photographs and memorabilia related to their honeymoon to Alaska as well as cards and correspondence about the couple's one year anniversary.

A second scrapbook contains material relating to Sarah and John's wedding and their later family life (box 2509). Included are photographs and articles about the wedding, family photographs, vacation photographs, and articles about Hannah as president.

A third scrapbook contains articles about Sarah christening the S.S. Spartan car ferry, articles, photographs and memorabilia related to the trip the family took to California for the 1954 Rose Bowl (box 2510 green cover).

A fourth scrapbook contains articles relating to the lives and deaths of other members of the Shaw and Hannah families including Sarah's brother and John Hannah's mother (box 2510 maroon cover).

In addition there is a reminiscence by Sarah Shaw Hannah written in 1976. In it she describes some of her family history including her grandparents, parents and siblings. She touches on

her childhood on campus, her attendance at Michigan State University, dating and her life with John Hannah, and the death of her father.

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Related Materials

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See also Hannah Family Photograph Christmas Cards in the Waldo Family Papers (00042)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Orchards
- Universities and colleges -- Faculty
- Bear Lake (Kalkaska County, Mich.)
- Bozeman (Mont.)
- Photograph albums
- Scrapbooks
- Hannah, John A., 1902-1991
- Hannah, Sarah Shaw
- Shaw, R. S. (Robert Sidey), 1871-1953
- Central School (East Lansing, Mich.)
- Michigan State University -- Faculty
- Michigan State University. Faculty housing
- Michigan State University. Faculty Row
- Montana Agricultural College (Bozeman, Mont.)
- Rose Bowl (Football game) (1954 : Pasadena, Calif.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
May Travis Shaw portrait album, Undated	box 2506
May Travis Shaw scrapbook, 1907-1958	box 2507
Sarah Hannah marriage scrapbook, 1938-1939	box 2508
Sarah Hannah marriage and family scrapbook, 1938-1956	box 2509
Sarah Hannah family and professional scrapbook (green cover), 1952 - 1954, 1962	box 2510

Shaw and Hannah families genealogy scrapbook (maroon cover), 1905, 1947 - 1958, 1987	box 2510	
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Reminiscence by Sarah Shaw Hannah, 1976	box F.D.	folder 1
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Digital Object: [Reminiscence by Sarah Shaw Hannah: 1976-](#)