

American Colony in Jerusalem Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: American Colony in Jerusalem Collection

Span Dates: circa 1786-2006

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1870-1968)

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Creator: American Colony (Jerusalem)

Extent: 10,600 items; 52 containers plus 14 oversize; 27.8 linear feet

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

Abstract: Religious community in Jerusalem founded by American emigré Christians, Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888) and Anna T. Spafford, and perpetuated by their daughter, Bertha Spafford Vester, and others. Correspondence, diaries, minutes, notes, hymns, financial and legal records, scrapbooks, photographs, photograph albums, printed matter, and other papers relating to the history of the colony and its members.

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

Spafford family.

Spafford, Anna T., 1842-1923. Anna T. Spafford papers.

Spafford, Horatio Gates, 1828-1888. Horatio Gates Spafford papers.

Vester family.

Vester, Anna Grace.

Vester, Bertha Spafford, 1878-1968. Bertha Spafford Vester papers.

Vester, Frederick.

Vester, Frieda.

Vester, John.

Vester, Louise.

Vester, Tanetta.

Vester, Valentine.

Whiting family.

Whiting, Grace Spafford.

Whiting, John D. (John David), 1882-1951.

Whiting, Mary.

Whiting, Ruth.

Organizations

American Colony (Jerusalem)

Anna Baby Home.

Anna Spafford Baby Home.

Fr. Vester & Co.

Spafford Children's Center.

Spafford Children's Hospital.

Subjects

Americans--Palestine.

Charities--Palestine.

Christian communities--Palestine.

Consuls--Jerusalem.

Consuls--Palestine.

Earthquakes--Palestine.
Hymns.
Israel-Arab War, 1948-1949.
Jewish-Arab relations.
Medical care--Palestine.
Shipwrecks--Atlantic Ocean.
Swedes--Palestine.
Tourism--Palestine.
World War, 1914-1918--Palestine.

Places

Israel--History.
Jerusalem--History--19th century.
Jerusalem--History--20th century.
Jordan--History.
Palestine--History--19th century.
Palestine--History--20th century.
Turkey--History--Ottoman Empire, 1288-1918.

Administrative Information

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Organizational History and Biographical Note

American Colony in Jerusalem

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1881	A group of fourteen adults and four children led by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888) and Anna T. Spafford traveled to the Holy Land from Chicago, Ill., and formed a Christian utopian community in Jerusalem
1888	Horatio Gates Spafford died; Anna T. Spafford became leader of the group
1895	Custody trial concerning guardianship of Ruth Whiting and John D. Whiting, children of American Colony member, Mary E. Whiting, Chicago, Ill.
1896	Groups of Swedes joined the American Colony; members of the Swedish Evangelical Church, led by Olaf Henrik Larsson, arrived from Chicago, Ill., in April and others from the village of Näs in Dalarna, Sweden, arrived in August
1898	American Colony Photo Department established
1902	American Colony began operating a hostel for visitors to the Holy Land
1904-1948	Operation of Fr. Vester and Co., American Colony Store, managed by Frederick Vester and John D. Whiting, inside Jaffa Gate in the Old City, Jerusalem
1915-1918	Colony members engaged in relief efforts and charitable activities for the local populace during World War I
circa 1918-1922	Administered an orphanage supported by Christian Herald
1923	Anna T. Spafford died; Bertha Spafford Vester assumed leadership role
1926	Started a baby home; over the years it became the Anna Spafford Baby Home, the Spafford Children's Hospital, and the Spafford Children's Center
1927	Infant Welfare Center established
1929	Opened a playground in the Old City
1929-1930	American Colony organized into a corporation, American Colony of Jerusalem, resulting in a split in the group and the departure of many of the Swedish members
1929	American Colony Stores, Inc., established

1931	Vester and Co. New York store sold to Nils Lind
1960	Vester and Co., Ltd., established
1980	Management of American Colony Hotel taken over by Gauer Hotels of Switzerland following retirement of Horatio Vester

Horatio Gates Spafford

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1828, Oct. 20	Born, Lansingburgh, N.Y.
circa 1856	Moved to Chicago, Ill.
1856-1881	Practiced law, Chicago, Ill.
1861	Married Anna Tubena Lawson (originally Larsson)
1871	Suffered financial losses in the Great Fire, Chicago, Ill.
1873	Lost four daughters in the sinking of the <i>Ville du Havre</i>
circa 1873	Wrote lyrics for the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul"
1878	Published <i>Waiting for the Morning and Other Poems</i> . Chicago: F. H. Revell
1881	Following family tragedies and a split from his church, led a group of people to Jerusalem and set up a Christian utopian community that became known as the American Colony
circa 1882-1888	Taught English, Alliance Israelite boys' school
1888, Oct. 16	Died, Jerusalem, Palestine

Anna T. Spafford

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1842, Mar. 16	Born, Stavenger, Norway
1846	Emigrated to United States
1861	Married Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)
1873	Survived sinking of the <i>Ville du Havre</i> , but lost her four daughters
1881	Traveled to Jerusalem and helped found the American Colony
1888	Assumed leadership of the American Colony following the death of her husband
1923, Apr. 17	Died, Jerusalem, Palestine

Bertha Spafford Vester	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1879, Mar. 24	Born, Lake View, Chicago, Ill.
1881	Moved to Jerusalem, Palestine
1897	Director, Moslem girls school, Jerusalem
1904	Married Frederick Vester (died 1942); first marriage allowed in American Colony
1925	Founder, Anna Baby Home which later became the Anna Spafford Baby Home, the Spafford Children's Hospital, and the Spafford Children's Center, Jerusalem
circa 1931	Established American Colony Aid Association
1950	Published <i>Our Jerusalem: An American Family in the Holy City, 1881-1949</i> . New York, Doubleday & Co.
1962	Published <i>Flowers of the Holy Land</i> . Kansas City, Mo., Hallmark Cards
1964	Published new and enlarged edition, <i>Flowers of the Holy Land</i> . Kansas City, Mo., Hallmark Cards
1963	Awarded Jordan Star by Hussein, King of Jordan
1968, June 27	Died, Jerusalem, Israel

Scope and Content Note

The papers in the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection span the years circa 1786-2006, with the bulk of the material dating from 1870 to 1968. The collection documents the history of the American Colony in Jerusalem and its members, particularly the Spafford, Vester, and Whiting families. It covers the events that led to the founding of this cooperative Christian community in the Holy Land, the lives and philanthropic work of American Colony members, the secularization and shift toward incorporation of the religious commune, and the conflict and split between American and Swedish members. It is also a record of life in Jerusalem and Palestine as part of the Ottoman Empire, the British mandate, Jordan, and Israel. Most of the items were collected and saved by Bertha Spafford Vester, who was the daughter of American Colony founders, Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888) and Anna T. Spafford, and the community's primary leader following the death of her mother. Other members who fulfilled administrative roles include adopted son Jacob Spafford and son-in-law John D. Whiting. Although most of the items in the collection are written in English, there is also material in Turkish, Arabic, and Hebrew. The collection consists of three parts.

Part I

Part I of the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection is organized in two series: [Topical File](#) and [Oversize](#). The items in Part I were gathered for a 2005 exhibit in the Library of Congress on the history and work of the American Colony in Jerusalem. They include documents significant to the lives of the colony founders and those that are representative of the activities of the group. The

material is arranged according to the thematic sections of the exhibit: Family Tragedy, On to Jerusalem, In the Holy Land, The American Colony at Work, The Locust Plague, World War I, Wartime Aid, and Continuing Relief Work.

Items in Part I relating to the founders of the colony include a telegram sent by Anna T. Spafford to her husband following the sinking of the *Ville du Havre*, an album containing photographs of the four daughters lost in the shipwreck, Horatio Gates Spafford's hand-written lyrics to the popular hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul," his diary for 1882, and a Bible filled with his notations. Contained in the section "In the Holy Land" are a 1906 letter to President Theodore Roosevelt from the members of the American Colony recounting their on-going conflict with the American consul in Palestine, Selah Merrill, and an article praising the colony in *Appleton's Magazine* published in December of that year. An album of World War I photographs taken by American Colony photographers depicts the war in Palestine. Among the items pertaining to the colony's efforts to ease the suffering of the local populace during the war are correspondence with Edward F. Loud and accounts of the funds he raised in the United States to support the American Colony's soup kitchen.

Part II

Part II of the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection is organized in seven series: [Our Jerusalem](#), [Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries](#), [American Colony Members](#), [Business and Legal Files](#), [Chronological File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Our Jerusalem](#) files were compiled by Bertha Spafford Vester in the preparation of her book, *Our Jerusalem: An American Family in the Holy City, 1881-1949*. The series documents her family's history and the major events in the American Colony from its founding through the 1930s. Most of the material is grouped by year in a chronological file. Files from the 1870s and 1880s include letters and other writings by Horatio and Anna Spafford, and material from 1873 includes accounts of the shipwreck and correspondence written following the tragedy. Files for the period 1893 through 1895 describe colony member Mary Whiting's dispute with family members critical of the colony's beliefs and lifestyle. The conflict over an inheritance and the custody of her children, John D. Whiting and Ruth Whiting, led to a trial in Chicago over guardianship of the children. Additional information on the Whiting trial is contained in a scrapbook of clippings on the American Colony in Part I. The file for 1896 contains a list of the Swedes who emigrated from Sweden to join the American Colony. Material from 1922 includes letters from Grace Spafford Whiting to her sister, Bertha Spafford Vester, while Bertha and her family were in the United States. They describe daily life at the colony and discuss the last illness of Anna T. Spafford. Also included are a few letters from Anna. A topic that is chronicled in the 1890s, the early 1900s, and the 1930s is the antagonism of United States consuls in Jerusalem toward the American Colony. Files from 1930 through 1934 contain material relating to the split in the colony membership that resulted in lawsuits, arbitration, and the departure of many of the Swedish members. Much of this material expresses the viewpoint of the Vesters and the Whitings, who were part of what is referred to as the "majority," while the Swedes were the "minority." Files from 1941 contain texts of the remarks given at the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the American Colony.

In addition to the chronological file, the [Our Jerusalem](#) series contains personal correspondence between Bertha Spafford Vester and members of her family when she was traveling in the United States. The letters complement the correspondence in the chronological file of this series and detail family news, issues of concern at the American Colony, and opinions on the people, places, and culture of the United States as compared to their life in Jerusalem. Letters from Jacob Spafford describe events such as the 1927 earthquake, Arab-Jewish violence in 1929, and the conflict among colony members in 1930.

The [Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries](#) span the years 1920 until her death in 1968. They provide a personal account of her life and work and offer Bertha's point of view on people and events. She supplemented her written entries by inserting invitations, telegrams, programs, photographs, newspaper clippings, flowers, and other memorabilia in the volumes. Loose items have been

removed and are foldered next to the volume from which they were removed. Family members frequently mentioned are her husband, Frederick, and her children, Anna Grace, Horatio, Tanetta, John ("Jock"), Louise, and Frieda. Bertha's sister, Grace, and her husband, John D. Whiting, are also featured prominently. In the diaries Bertha discusses her involvement with the baby home, various health care services and charitable activities, the American Colony Store, and the tourist services provided by the American Colony for visitors staying at the hostel (later the American Colony Hotel). Diaries for 1930 and 1931 provide Bertha Vester's point of view on the split in the American Colony membership and her feelings about the actions of the Swedish members who dissented from her efforts to organize the American Colony into a formal corporation. She also discusses the care of the elderly Swedes who remained at the American Colony for the remainder of their lives. The diaries chronicle the periods of violence between Jews and Arabs in the region, particularly in the 1940s, that culminated in the Arab-Israeli War. Bertha Vester's visits to the United States and her relationship with Lowell Thomas, who assisted her in the publication of her book and helped to arrange lecture tours are also covered. An entry in January 1955 describes a meeting with President Dwight D. Eisenhower in which she offered her opinion on the problems in Jerusalem and the plight of Arab refugees.

An [American Colony Members](#) series contains files of some individual colonists. Names of members can also be found in a birthday book and register of those belonging to the colony when it was incorporated. A file on Ana Andersson contains letters from Bertha Vester's daughter, Anna Grace Lind. Information on American Colony members is located in other sections of the collection as well. Files relating to 1896 in both the [Our Jerusalem](#) series and the [Chronological File](#) series contain names of Swedes who joined the group that year. A letter of December 1926 that was inserted into Bertha Spafford Vester's diary for that year contains signatures of colony members and others who worked there. Statements by American Colony members given as part of the charitable trust lawsuit filed in the [Business and Legal Files](#) series offer information about some of the Swedish members of the American Colony who remained with the group following the schism in the membership.

The [Business and Legal Files](#) are grouped into sections pertaining to the American Colony and the Spafford family. Many of the files relate to the corporate entities and business ventures established by the American Colony and its members. In 1929 the American Colony was formally organized into a corporate body named American Colony of Jerusalem, and minutes of the meetings of the membership and the council are filed here. The litigation and arbitration leading to the formal split in membership is documented in a section called "reorganization and dissent." Included in Vester and Company business enterprises is material on the American Colony Stores. Information on the Jerusalem store is lacking. Most material pertains to the store opened in New York City in the 1920s. Among the Spafford family legal files are those relating to litigation concerning Spafford property in Chicago and copies of the divorce papers of Horatio Gates Spafford (1778-1832) from 1811.

A [Chronological File](#) series, like the [Our Jerusalem](#) series, is arranged by year and contains information on the history of the American Colony. The early portion of this series, 1897-1908, covers conflicts between the American Colony and United States consuls for Palestine, Selah Merrill and Edwin Sherman Wallace, and focuses on problems with burial issues in the 1890s, the publication of an article in *Appleton's Magazine* in 1906, and the subsequent libel case, *Wallace v. D. Appleton & Co.* The 1904 file contains letters Anna T. Spafford wrote to John D. Whiting while he was in the United States. Starting in 1910, most of the contents of this series pertains to John D. Whiting. His correspondence details his dealings with museums regarding antiquities, his work with *National Geographic* magazine, American Colony Store business, photography orders, and family news. Letters from 1919 and 1920 include lengthy accounts of the colony's experiences during World War I and his own military service. This material supplements the John D. Whiting Papers that are also in the Manuscript Division.

Included in a [Miscellany](#) series are hymns, poems, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888). A transcript of a 2005 oral history interview with Valentine Vester, who managed the

American Colony Hotel with her husband Horatio, son of Bertha Spafford Vester, is also part of this series. The audiovisual version of this interview is available along with other related oral interviews in the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division.

Part III

Part III of the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection contains additional material relating to John D. Whiting including catalogues of his pottery collection, permits and passes relating to his work in British military intelligence during the first World War, and two writings, "Bethlehem and the Christmas Shepherds" and "Notes on the Ancient Water Supplies in Jerusalem."

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in three parts composed of ten series:

Part I:

- Topical File, 1871-2004
- Oversize, 1871-1942

Part II:

- *Our Jerusalem, circa 1786-1942*
- Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries, 1920-1968
- American Colony Members, 1810-2006
- Business and Legal Files, 1811-2006
- Chronological File, 1893-1968
- Miscellany, 1869-2005
- Oversize, 1866-1938

Part III:

- Addition, 1906-1924

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX I:1-3	<p><u>Part I: Topical File, 1871-2004</u></p> <p>Correspondence, hymns, photographs, photograph albums, scrapbooks, account book, wartime passes, lace sample book, lists, printed matter, and other papers gathered for a 2005 Library of Congress exhibit on the history of the American Colony.</p> <p>Arranged according to the order and thematic topics used in the exhibit.</p>
BOX I:OV 1- OV 7	<p><u>Part I: Oversize, 1871-1942</u></p> <p>Draft of hymn, map, scrapbooks, photograph album, hospital record, and printed matter.</p> <p>Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>
BOX II:1-9	<p><u>Part II: <i>Our Jerusalem, circa 1786-1942</i></u></p> <p>Correspondence, notes, writings, lectures, printed matter, and other papers compiled by Bertha Spafford Vester as resource files for her book, <i>Our Jerusalem</i>.</p> <p>Most files are arranged chronologically by year. Others are grouped by type of material and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX II:9-31	<p><u>Part II: <i>Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries, 1920-1968</i></u></p> <p>Diaries and folders of loose items that were removed from each volume.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX II:32-34	<p><u>Part II: <i>American Colony Members, 1810-2006</i></u></p> <p>Correspondence, diaries, notes, financial records, wills, printed matter, registers of American Colony members, and other papers.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of person or type of material and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX II:35-42	<p><u>Part II: <i>Business and Legal Files, 1811-2006</i></u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, legal documents, financial records, and other business documents relating to the American Colony and the Spafford family.</p> <p>Grouped into files pertaining to the American Colony and those concerning the Spafford family and therein alphabetically by topic or type of material.</p>
BOX II:43-47	<p><u>Part II: <i>Chronological File, 1893-1968</i></u></p> <p>Correspondence, legal documents, notes, printed matter and other papers concerning the activities of the American Colony.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically by year.</p>
BOX II:47-48	<p><u>Part II: <i>Miscellany, 1869-2005</i></u></p> <p>Hymns, poetry, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), notes, oral history transcript, photographs, and printed matter.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.</p>

BOX II:OV1-OV7

Part II: Oversize, 1866-1938

Diaries, hymns, poems, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), maps, and printed matter.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

BOX III:1

Part III: Addition, 1906-1924

Catalogues, correspondence, permits and passes, writings, and other papers relating primarily to John D. Whiting.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX I:1-3	<p>Part I: Topical File, 1871-2004</p> <p>Correspondence, hymns, photographs, photograph albums, scrapbooks, account book, wartime passes, lace sample book, lists, printed matter, and other papers gathered for a 2005 Library of Congress exhibit on the history of the American Colony.</p> <p>Arranged according to the order and thematic topics used in the exhibit.</p>
BOX I:1	<p>Family Tragedy</p> <p>Spafford family and friends photograph album, circa 1870s</p> <p>Spafford cottage, Lake View, Chicago, Ill., stereograph; and photograph of church in Stavanger, Norway, undated</p> <p>Spafford home, Chicago, Ill., photograph, undated</p> <p>Spafford, McDaid & Wilson, attorneys at law, business card, circa 1870s</p> <p>"The Sinking of the Steamship <i>Ville du Havre</i>," photoprint of Currier and Ives lithograph, 1873</p> <p>Telegram from Anna T. Spafford to Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), 1873</p> <p>Telegram from Dwight Lyman Moody to Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), 1874</p> <p>Portrait of Anna T. Spafford, circa 1873</p> <p>Portraits of Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), circa 1873, circa 1882-1886 (2 folders)</p> <p>"It Is Well with My Soul," draft of hymn by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), circa early 1870s</p> <p>On to Jerusalem</p> <p>Hymns by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)</p> <p>"How Long Oh Lord," 1879</p> <p>"Next Year at Jerusalem," circa 1879</p> <p>"Perilous Times," circa 1879 <i>See Oversize</i></p> <p><i>Waiting for the Morning and Other Poems</i>, 1878</p> <p>Diary of Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), 1882</p>
BOX I:2	<p>Letter from Anna T. Spafford, 1902</p> <p>Moody, Dwight Lyman, miscellany, 1874, 1938</p> <p>In the Holy Land</p> <p>Bible belonging to Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), circa 1870s</p> <p>Letter from Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888) to Charles Piazza Smith, 1887</p> <p>"The Great Pyramid of Egypt-The Mightiest Wonder on Earth," from <i>Our Rest and Signs of the Times</i>, no. 11, 1882</p> <p>Map of Jerusalem, undated <i>See Oversize</i></p> <p>Correspondence between A. Loivy and Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), 1885</p>

- Letter from Anna T. Spafford to Mrs. Morse, 1909
- Letter to Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) from the American Colony, 1906
- “Our American Colony in Jerusalem” by Alexander Hume Ford, *Appleton's Magazine*, 1906
- Letter to Alexander Hume Ford from the American Colony, 1906
- “Americans Lead in Jerusalem Progress” by William T. Ellis, 1913
- The American Colony at Work
- “In Memoriam” keepsake with pressed flowers, undated
- List of antiquities sent to University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, Pa., 1913
- Postcards of the Holy Land, 1921, undated
- Scrapbook of American Colony clippings, 1871-1942
- Bound vol. *See Oversize*
- Loose items removed from scrapbook *See Oversize*
- Business card, John D. Whiting, United States deputy consul, Jerusalem, undated
- “The Chief Industries of the American Colony, Jerusalem, at the Present Time,” 1907
- Letter from David Fairchild to John D. Whiting, 1916
- Letter from Gilbert Hovey Grosvenor to John D. Whiting, 1915
- The Locust Plague
- Locust album, 1915 *See Oversize*
- Photograph of Bertha Spafford Vester, John Vester, Louise Vester, and Jemal Pasha, circa 1915
- World War I
- Photograph album, 1914-1917 *See Oversize*
- Scrapbook of Fannie L. Koster regarding American Colony, circa 1908-1924 *See Oversize*
- Wartime pass issued by Ottoman Turkish forces, 1916-1917
- Turkish lira note
- Movement order, Kantara Military Railway, for John D. Whiting, British intelligence, 1918
- American Colony nursing corps
- Names of nurses, 1917
- Night pass for nurses, circa 1915-1917
- Photograph, circa 1915-1917
- Hospital record, 1916 *See Oversize*
- Manifesto and other printed announcements, 1882, 1896, 1905, 1914 *See Oversize*
- Miscellaneous passes and permits, 1914-1917
- Note from A. F. Bernard Shaw to American Hospital, Jerusalem, 1917
- Wartime Aid
- School of Handicrafts and Dressmaking
- Brochures and photographs, circa 1920s
- Lace sample book, undated
- Report of the Syrian and Palestine Relief Fund sewing rooms and Christian Herald Relief Fund lace industry, circa 1918

BOX I:3

Part I: Topical File, 1871-2004

Container

Contents

Account book of money received by Mr. Trowbridge, 1918
Balance sheet for distribution of Charitable Funds, Feb- Apr. 1918
Loud, Edward F.
 Account of and distribution of Loud Fund, 1916-1917
 Letter from John D. Whiting to Edward F. Loud, 1918(?)
 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1916-1918
 "Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loud at their island home in Michigan," undated
Continuing Relief Work
 Christian Herald Orphanage
 Photograph album, 1918-1927
 (2 folders)
 Register of children, 1921-1923
 Appeals to Bertha Spafford Vester for aid, 1918-1921
 Spafford Children's Center
 Pamphlet, undated
 Photographs, 2004, undated
 Documents regarding relief and charitable work
 Miscellaneous activities, 1915-1922, undated
 Nonsectarian nature of work, 1920, undated

BOX I:OV 1- OV 7 Part I: Oversize, 1871-1942
 Draft of hymn, map, scrapbooks, photograph album, hospital record, and printed matter.
 Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

BOX I:OV 1 Topical file
 On to Jerusalem
 "Perilous Times," circa 1879 (Container I:1)
 In the Holy Land
 Map of Jerusalem, undated (Container I:2)

BOX I:OV 2* The American Colony at Work
 *Administratively restricted
 Scrapbook of American Colony clippings, 1871-1942
 Bound vol. (Container I:2)

BOX I:OV 3 Loose items removed from scrapbook (Container I:2)

BOX I:OV 4* The Locust Plague
 *Administratively restricted
 Locust Album, 1915 (Container I:2)

BOX I:OV 5* World War I
 *Administratively restricted
 Photograph album, 1914-1917 (Container I:2)

BOX I:OV 6* Scrapbook of Fannie L. Koster regarding American Colony, circa 1908-1924 (Container I:2)
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BOX I:OV 7 Hospital record, 1916 (Container I:2)

Part I: Oversize, 1871-1942

Container

Contents

	Manifesto and other printed announcements, 1882, 1896, 1905, 1914 (Container I:2)
BOX II:1-9	Part II: <i>Our Jerusalem</i> , circa 1786-1942 Correspondence, notes, writings, lectures, printed matter, and other papers compiled by Bertha Spafford Vester as resource files for her book, <i>Our Jerusalem</i> . Most files are arranged chronologically by year. Others are grouped by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX II:1	Biographies, 1873, 1941, undated Chapter on Moslem girls school, draft, undated Chronological file 1850-1873 (12 folders)
BOX II:2	1874-1892 (20 folders)
BOX II:3	1893-1902 <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u> (14 folders)
BOX II:4	1903-1919 (17 folders)
BOX II:5	1920-1924 <u><i>See also Container II: 8, 1922</i></u> (11 folders)
BOX II:6	1925-1930 (12 folders)
BOX II:7	1931-1938 <u><i>See also Container II:9, 1931</i></u> (13 folders)
BOX II:8	1939-1942 (4 folders) Lectures, 1927, undated Miscellany, circa 1786, 1850, 1891, 1918-1922, 1938, undated (3 folders) Personal correspondence Family letters 1922, 1930 <u><i>See also Container II: 5, 1922</i></u> (4 folders)
BOX II:9	1931 <u><i>See also Container II:7, 1931</i></u> (3 folders) Spafford, Jacob E., letters to H. D. Titus, 1923-1930 (3 folders)
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BOX II:9	1920-1924 (3 folders)
BOX II:10	1925-1926 <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u> (4 folders)

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BOX II:12	1929 (2 folders) 1930 (1 folder)
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BOX II:17	1937 Diary <u><i>See Oversize</i></u> Loose items 1938 Diary no. 1 Diary <u><i>See Oversize</i></u> Loose items Diary no. 2 1939 (2 folders)
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BOX II:20	(1 folder) 1946-1947 (6 folders)

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BOX II:25	1954 (6 folders)
BOX II:26	1955 (3 folders) 1956 (1 folder)
BOX II:27	(6 folders)
BOX II:28	1957 (6 folders)
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BOX II:32-34	Part II: American Colony Members, 1810-2006 Correspondence, diaries, notes, financial records, wills, printed matter, registers of American Colony members, and other papers. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX II:32	Andersson, Ana, 1945-1947, undated Baldwin, Norman, 1928-1935, 2006 Goldenthal, Maurice, 1911, 1926-1931, undated Gould, Amelia, 1856, 1876-1880, 1887-1898, 1905-1914, undated (4 folders) Henwood, Susana J., 1874, 1882, 1894-1897, 1936-1938, 1949, undated (3 folders) Larsson, H. L. ("Lars"), 1922-1931, undated Levy, Christina Larsson, and Nils Larsson, 1934-1935, 1948-1954

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Container

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- BOX II:33 Lind, L. E. ("Lars"), 1922-1930, undated
Lind, Nils, 1922
Lind, Olaf E., 1922-1928, undated
Matson, G. Eric
 Correspondence, 1932
 Diary, 1928-1937
Matson, G. Olaf, 1920-1933, undated
 (3 folders)
Matsson, Rachel, 1947-1950
Meyers, Charles, and family, 1925, 1931-1937
Registers
 American Colony of Jerusalem members and members of the Council of
 the American Colony of Jerusalem, 1932-1933, undated
 Birthday book, 1942
Shelburg, G. E. ("Enor") and Bessie, 1918-1926
Smith, Carrie Jonsson, 1891-1898, 1908, 1914-1916, 1928-1932
Spafford, Anna T., 1860, 1881, 1922-1923, 1931-1940, 1978, 1993, undated
 (2 folders)
- BOX II:34 Spafford, Horatio Gates (1828-1888), 1810-1811, 1830, 1870-1873,
1882-1886, 1903-1909, 1926, 1947(?), 1968, 1981, 1993, undated
 (3 folders)
Spafford, Jacob E.
 Correspondence, 1913, 1927
 Financial papers, 1890-1922, undated
 (2 folders)
 Miscellany, 1903, 1912, 1925-1933, undated
Strand, Alvide, 1931-1932, undated
Sylvester, Mary Maria, 1896-1899, 1920, undated
 (3 folders)
Whiting, John D., 1891-1893, 1910, 1942-1945, 1951-1953, undated
Wills of members, 1926-1932, undated
- BOX II:35-42 Part II: Business and Legal Files, 1811-2006
Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, legal documents, financial records,
and other business documents relating to the American Colony and the
Spafford family.
Grouped into files pertaining to the American Colony and those concerning
the Spafford family and therein alphabetically by topic or type of material.
- BOX II:35 American Colony
American Colony Aid Association
 Miscellany, 1931, 1937, 1950
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 Correspondence
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American Colony Hotels
 Miscellany, 1966-1973, undated

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Container

Contents

- Transfer of shares, 1954, 1962-1971, undated
American Colony of Jerusalem
Corporate reorganization
Formation of AMCOL, 1979-1984
(2 folders)
Plan by Horatio Vester, 1954, undated
Tax and other issues, 1978-1982, undated
(2 folders)
Transfer documents, 1983-1984
- BOX II:36
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(7 folders)
- BOX II:37
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Miscellaneous issues
Howorth, Caroline Eade, business with Frutiger Bank, Jerusalem,
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Miller, Susanna, pension claim, 1894-1897, undated
Partition of land, 1931-1933
Powers of attorney, 1887, 1930-1932
Naseef v. Vester, 1924-1934
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- BOX II:38
Reorganization and dissent
American corporation
Correspondence, 1927-1930
(2 folders)
Miscellaneous documents, 1929-1930
Proposed amendments, 1930, undated
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Award, ruling, and other documents, 1929-1931, undated
(3 folders)
Bildt, Harold Knut Clarence de, 1929-1930
Costs, 1930-1932
Perrott, C. H., 1930-1931
Richardson, S. O., 1930-1931
Auster, Daniel, 1927-1930
Charitable trust lawsuit
Affidavits, 1928-1930, undated
Court, Jerusalem, 1928-1930
(2 folders)
Keith-Roach, Edward, 1930, undated
Memoranda, 1930, undated
- BOX II:39
Statements by American Colony members, undated
(2 folders)

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Container

Contents

- Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Jerusalem, 1929-1930, undated
- Cooperative scheme, 1930-1931, undated
- Distribution of property
 - Dissolution of Mechanical Department, 1930-1931
 - Miscellaneous distributions, 1930-1931
 - Transfer of Vester house and land, 1931
- Loan, 1931
 - (2 folders)
- Meetings and resolutions
 - General meeting (May 28, 1930), vote on separation, 1930, 1936
 - Miscellaneous, 1926-1930
- Memoranda on disputes within the American Colony, undated
 - (2 folders)
- BOX II:40
 - Money owed by minority group to majority group, 1930-1934, undated
 - Newspaper articles and related correspondence
 - Ellis, William T., 1931-1932, 1938
 - Miscellaneous, 1918, 1924-1932, undated
 - "On Holy Paths," by Laura Petri, translated from Swedish, 1931, undated
 - Townsend, Arthur O., 1928-1934, 1984
 - (5 folders)
 - Russell and Co., accountants
 - General, 1930-1931, 1947
 - (5 folders)
- BOX II:41
 - Whiting, John D., 1930-1931, undated
 - Saffi, Michael, and land, 1920-1935
 - Swedish Evangelical Church of Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill., 1886-1888, 1895-1899, undated
 - Vester and Co.
 - American Colony Stores
 - Jerusalem store, "Plan of Jerusalem Issued by Vester & Company American Colony Stores," undated
 - New York, N.Y., store
 - Business papers, 1922, 1929-1941, undated
 - (2 folders)
 - Correspondence, 1930-1933
 - (6 folders)
 - Registration of firm, 1919-1928
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 - Beirut, Lebanon, office
 - Financial accounts, 1961-1965
 - Miscellany, 1958-1968
 - Separation from American Colony Hotels, 1961-1962
 - Jerusalem office
 - Financial accounts, 1962-1968
 - Miscellany, 1960-1967
 - Miscellany, 1962-1976
 - Taylor, Mervyn, solicitor, 1969-1970

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Container

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- Spafford family
Chicago, Ill., property, litigation, 1878, 1885-1908, undated
(2 folders)
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- BOX II:43-47 Part II: Chronological File, 1893-1968
Correspondence, legal documents, notes, printed matter and other papers
concerning the activities of the American Colony.
Arranged chronologically by year.
- BOX II:43 1893-1907
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- BOX II:44 1908-1912
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- BOX II:45 1913-1914
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- BOX II:47 1924-1938, 1944-1950, 1965-1968
(18 folders)
- BOX II:47-48 Part II: Miscellany, 1869-2005
Hymns, poetry, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888),
notes, oral history transcript, photographs, and printed matter.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
- BOX II:47 Handwritten notes, undated
Hymns, poems, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)
Bible study, undated
Hymns and poems, circa early 1870s-1887, undated *See also Oversize*
(8 folders)
- BOX II:48 Letter describing his sister's biblical interpretations and his beliefs, 1879
Notebook, 1869
Letter from Charles Green, 1884
Oral history interview with Valentine Vester, 2005
Photographs, 1873, 1908-1909, circa 1928, 1937, undated
(3 folders)
Printed matter
Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill., 1926, undated
(2 folders)
The House-Top Saint by Mrs. J. D. Chaplin, undated
Memorial cards, 7undated
Miscellaneous, 1981-1982

Part II: Miscellany, 1869-2005

Container

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Newspapers in Arabic, 1963-1967

- BOX II:OV1-OV7 Part II: Oversize, 1866-1938
Diaries, hymns, poems, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford
(1828-1888), maps, and printed matter.
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders
from which the items were removed.
- BOX II:OV 1 *Our Jerusalem*
Chronological file
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- BOX II:OV 2 1935
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- BOX II:OV 3 Loose items (Container II:16)
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Diary (Container II:16)
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Spafford family
Miscellany, 1866-1870 (Container II:42)
Miscellany
Hymns, poems, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)
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- BOX III:1 Part III: Addition, 1906-1924
Catalogues, correspondence, permits and passes, writings, and other papers
relating primarily to John D. Whiting.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
- BOX III:1 Antiquities catalogues
Miscellaneous, 1913, undated
(2 folders)
Pottery collected by John D. Whiting, 1906-1910
(2 folders)
Correspondence, 1920-1924
Letterbook, 1919-1925
Pass to Constantinople, 1909
Photograph of Whiting family, undated
World War I era items
Army book, 1918
Miscellany, 1915-1919
Permits and passes, 1916-1920
Writings by John D. Whiting