

**MS 414 HOWARD VERDEN PLATT COLLECTION**

1879-1952.

**I. PERSONAL PAPERS**

Includes photographs, correspondence, a marriage certificate, a deed to land in Idaho, a grade school report, announcements and congratulatory telegrams upon the occasions of the marriages of Virginia and Dorothy, and a real estate listing for the house on Laurel Canyon Road, "The Sycamores." Also contains photographs of H.V. Platt, his wife Laura, his children Virginia and Dorothy and his grandchildren. Includes group photographs of unidentified individuals and vacation snapshots. There are three photo albums, two of which contain pictures which appear to have been collected by Virginia Platt in 1915 and 1916. These photos include family, friends, landscape, and vacation shots. There is also an album which contains photos of the grounds of H.V. Platt's estate, "The Sycamores." There are four oversized photographs, one of which is a panoramic shot of the house on "The Sycamores" estate. The others include two portrait photos of H.V. Platt and a group photo taken at Platt yard in Pocatello circa 1900. The correspondence includes letters from Platt to his daughter, Virginia, with Union Pacific regarding the Howard Platt gardens constructed at Boise, Idaho, and a Christmas card from friends.

Organized alphabetically.

**BOX LIST**

- Box 1 Folder 1 Bank receipts, 1898-1899
- Box 1 Folder 2 Children, 1895-1923
- Box 1 Folder 3 Correspondence, 1921-1929
- Box 1 Folder 4 Land deed, 1904
- Box 1 Folder 5 Marriage certificate, 1888
- Box 1 Folders 6-7 Photographs: Family and friends, not dated
- Box 1 Folders 8-9 Photographs: Travel, not dated
- Box 1 Folder 10 Real estate, 1952
- Box 1 Folder 11 Report card, 1879
- Box 1 Folder 12 Wallet
- Box 2 Folder 1 Photograph Album, 1915
- Box 2 Folder 2 Photograph Album, 1916
- Box 2 Folder 3 Photograph Album, "The Sycamores," not dated.
- Box 2 Folder 4 Photograph, House on "The Sycamores" Estate, not dated
- Box 2 Folder 5 Photograph, H.V. Platt, not dated

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1885-1945

## 2. PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

Includes clippings, announcements, awards, essays, programs and an examination certificate. The clippings include obituaries of H.V. Platt, touting his professional accomplishments and his community involvement. Also includes Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles Examiner articles about Platt's career when he left Southern Pacific in 1916 and also upon his retirement in 1945. Announcements include circulars from Southern Pacific Company announcing Platt's appointment as General Superintendent of the Southern District in 1908 and from the Los Angeles Salt Lake Railroad Company announcing his election as First Vice-President in 1916. The awards were given to Platt by his employees when he left Southern Pacific in 1916, and from the Board of Directors at Union Pacific when he retired in 1928. Includes programs from banquets given in honor of President William Howard Taft and Union Pacific President Edgar E. Calvin. There is an excerpt from what looks like an essay about Platt's career, and an essay about private railway cars. Also includes the examination certificate issued by Union Pacific hiring Platt as a brakeman, circa 1885. Organized alphabetically.

## BOX LIST

Box 1 Folder 13 Announcements, 1916, 1928  
 Box 1 Folder 14 Banquet programs, 1909, 1928  
 Box 1 Folder 15 Clippings, 1916-1929  
 Box 1 Folder 16 Correspondence, 1903  
 Box 1 Folder 17 Examination certificate, circa 1885  
 Box 1 Folder 18 Excerpts from essays, not dated  
 Box 1 Folder 19 Passes and calling cards, 1911-1931  
 Box 2 Folder 6 Award Southern Pacific Company. Mechanical Department. Wishing Platt success at his new position. June 30, 1916.  
 Box 2 Folder 7 General Management of the Oregon Shortline Railroad Company. Resolution wishing H.V. Platt happiness upon his retirement. October 24, 1928.  
 Box 2 Folder 8 Button and ribbon for the Railroad Officials Reunion Committee of the Golden Spike Celebration. Ogden, Utah. May 10, 1919  
 Box 2 Folder 9 Obituary notices, 1 page from scrapbook 1945  
 Box 2 Folder 10 Photograph taken at the Platt Award in Pocatello, circa 1900

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