

# Finding Aid to the Alma (Lytton) James Collection

---

## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Alma (Lytton) James Collection

**Date Range:** 1940s-1960s

**Collection number:** [Accession 02-10](#)

**Extent:** 6 boxes

**Repository:** County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

**Physical location:** Special Collections

**Legal status:** public

## Information for Researchers

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights:** [Contact the Contra Costa County Historical Society for publication permission.](#)

**Preferred Citation:** Suggested citation of these records is: [Identification of item], Alma (Lytton) James Collection, Contra Costa County Historical Society.

**Scope and Content:** This is a collection of family and official records of early Contra Costa County families in the Martinez area. The collection includes personal and business letters, postcards, photographs, business day ledgers, and business records. The family names include Hollenbeck, Olmstead, Litton (Lytton), Pawsey, and James.

## Arrangement of Materials

The items are described at the item level in each box.

- Box 1: business day books, correspondence, genealogical card index
- Box 2: Correspondence, receipts
- Box 3: Photographs, tintypes, & prints of ancestors (photo collection)
- Box 4: Correspondence, receipts, business papers
- Box 5: correspondence, stock certificates, receipts
- Box 6: Correspondence, receipts, business papers, bills
- Box 7: Correspondence, photos, periodical article clippings

## Indexing Terms

Letters, Business Records, Daily Life, Family Life, Farming, Martinez

**Personal Names:** Hollenbeck, Olmstead, Litton, Lytton, Pawsey, James