

**Register of the**

**Milton C. Wilcox Family**

**Papers**

**Collection 380**

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## Biography

Milton Charles "M. C." Wilcox (1853-1935) served as an editor and author of several Seventh-day Adventist books and periodicals. After training as an assistant under Uriah Smith at the *Review and Herald*, Wilcox started the *Present Truth* (Great Britain) in 1884. In 1889 he began a 45 year career at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. At times he was responsible for several periodicals simultaneously. His longest association was as the editor of the *Signs of the Times*, a post he held until his retirement in 1933. In addition to his editorial work, he was active as a pastor and a board member of several entities within the Adventist denomination.

Wilcox married Kate Althea Osterhout in 1882. In 1883, they had their first child, Kathrina Blossom. Kate worked as an editor of the "Women's Realm" column in the *Pacific Health Journal*, a contributor to several other periodicals, and was a speaker at conventions and camp meetings. Milton C. Wilcox died in 1935 and Kate died in 1938.

## Scope

The Milton C. Wilcox Family Papers collection contains letters and postcards sent between family members and friends of the family from 1887 to 1897. This was the time the family moved to California with Milton taking a position at Pacific Press.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically on the basis of the addressee. Envelopes are kept with their corresponding letters.

## Extent

1 Hollinger Box [0.21 linear feet]

## Provenance

The Milton C. Wilcox Family letters collection was donated to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research by Evelyn Taylor in 2019.

## Use

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### INVENTORY

#### I. Letters

The majority of the letters found in this collection are addressed to Kate, the wife of Milton C. Wilcox. The primary senders of letters, aside from Milton, are: Kate's sister--Grace Osterhout, Kate's mother--Artemisia J. Osterhout, and most likely her father--F. W. Osterhout. Other correspondents are noted below.

##### To Kate Wilcox

Fld 1 1888 to 1889 [7 letters]  
Senders: Mother, Grace Osterhout, Father.

Fld 2 1890 to 1892 [9 letters]  
Senders: Mother, Grace Osterhout.

Fld 3 1894 to 1896 [3 letters]  
Senders: Grace Osterhout.

Fld 4 1897 [10 letters]  
Senders: Grace Osterhout, Mother.

Fld 5 Unknown years [3 letters]  
Senders: Grace Osterhout, Mother, Father.

##### To Milton C. Wilcox

Fld 6 1881 and 1888 [2 letters]  
Senders: F. W. Osterhout, Mother.

##### To Kathrina Blossom Wilcox

Fld 7 1887 to 1890, with additional undated letters [5 letters]  
Senders: Grandmother (Artemisia Osterhout).

##### To Others

Fld 8 "Wife and children," Feb. 11, 1887 (contains signature of E. J. Waggoner)  
Sender: H. W. Pierce.

Fld 9 To Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Osterhout, Dec 26, 1890  
Sender: Grace Osterhout.

Fld 10 Unknown, Dec 25, 1892  
Sender: Unknown.

Fld 11 "My own dearest Aunt," 1894  
Sender: S. E. Pierce.

Fld 12 "My dear mother," Mar 7, 1928  
Sender: H. R. Taylor.

Fld 13 To Grace Osterhout, undated  
Sender: Mother.

Fld 14 Unknown, undated  
Sender: Grandpa.

## II. Postcards

To Milton C. Wilcox

Fld 15 1881 to 1887 [13 postcards]  
Senders: Kate Wilcox, H. Hall, George Butler,  
Unknown, Frank Wilcox, M. H. Brown.

Fld 16 1888 [11 postcards]  
Senders: Frank Wilcox, E. H. Morton, M. H.  
Brown, Kate Wilcox, Millie Lew (?).

To Kate Wilcox

Fld 17 1883 to 1888 [9 postcards]  
Senders: Milton Wilcox, Gertrude L. Russell,  
J. W. Scott.

To Mrs. F. W. Osterhout

Fld 18 1890 [2 postcards]  
Sender: Nurse Rilla Smith on the behalf of  
Grace Osterhout.

To Grace Osterhout

Fld 19 1894 [1 postcard]  
Sender: Kate Wilcox.

