American Colony in Jerusalem Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: American Colony in Jerusalem Collection
Span Dates: 1786-2007
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1870-1968)
ID No.: MSS85137
Creator: American Colony (Jerusalem)
Extent: 16,600 items ; 64 containers plus 18 oversize ; 37.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English, with Turkish, Arabic, Hebrew and Swedish
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: 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)
American Colony Stores.
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.
Locusts--Middle East.
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.

Titles
American Colony in Jerusalem

Administrative Information

Provenance

The American Colony in Jerusalem Collection was given to the Library of Congress by the board of directors of the American Colony of Jerusalem, Ltd., between 2004 and 2009.

Processing History

Parts I and II of the American Colony in Jerusalem Collection were arranged and described in 2007. Additional material received between 2007 and 2009 was processed as Part III in 2010 and 2011.

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Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the G. Eric Matson and Edith Matson Papers and the John D. Whiting Papers.

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Organizational History and Biographical Note

American Colony in Jerusalem

Date	*Event*
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 Nås 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

Date	***Event***
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 *Ville du Havre*
circa 1873	Wrote lyrics for the hymn “It Is Well with My Soul”
1878	Published *Waiting for the Morning and Other Poems*. 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

Date	***Event***
1842, Mar. 16	Born, Stavenger, Norway
1846	Emigrated to United States
1861	Married Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)
1873	Survived sinking of the *Ville du Havre*, 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

Date	*Event*
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 *Our Jerusalem*: *An American Family in the Holy City, 1881-1949*. New York, Doubleday & Co.
1962	Published *Flowers of the Holy Land*. Kansas City, Mo., Hallmark Cards
1964	Published new and enlarged edition, *Flowers of the Holy Land*. 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 1786-2007, 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, Hebrew, and Swedish. 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, Restricted, 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. A draft of *Our Jerusalem* is filed in Part III.

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 is organized in five series: Bertha Spafford Vester Files, John D. Whiting Files, Valentine Vester Files, Miscellany, and Oversize.

The Bertha Spafford Vester Files in Part III supplement the material found in Part II. A correspondence section includes letters from American Colony members, visitors, and individuals of prominence in Jerusalem during the period of the British Mandate for Palestine. Among the family correspondence are letters Bertha wrote to her children during the years 1928-1930 while they were living in the United States. Many are written to her daughter Tanetta, who was attending Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The letters detail Bertha's activities and describe her feelings about the split among the American Colony members and the reorganization occurring at that time. Other material documents relief and charitable work during the period 1918-1921. Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings and other items relating to her lecture tours in the United States and the work of the Spafford Children's Hospital, and texts of Bertha Spafford Vester's radio broadcasts for the Palestine Broadcasting Service detail her reminiscences of life in old Jerusalem .

The John D. Whiting Files contain additional material relating to his life and work, including catalogues of his pottery collection, permits and passes relating to his work in British military intelligence during the first World War, and writings on Jerusalem and the Holy Land including articles published in *National Geographic* magazine.

The Valentine Vester Files are comprised of material relating to the American Colony Hotel and life in Jerusalem in the period 1989 through 2007 that were compiled by Valentine Vester. Horatio and Valentine Vester managed the American Colony Hotel from 1963 until 1980, and she continued to live there until her death in 2008. The major portion of this series consists of newspaper clippings dating from 1989-2005, including accounts of Palestinian uprisings. Correspondence from

1991 between Valentine Vester and her two sons describes the impact of the Persian Gulf War and the intifada on life at the hotel. Also included are photographs of a gathering of descendants of the Matsson, Vester, and Whiting families in 2006.

A Miscellany series contains additional material relating to the American Colony and its members. Among the items is a diary kept by American Colony member Mary Louise Adams (Sister Miriam) for the year 1931. A notebook kept by Anna Spafford contains a record of her correspondence, and a notebook kept by Jacob Spafford includes copies of letters he received. Writings about the American Colony include those that focus on Swedish members, including some that are written in Swedish.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in three parts composed of sixteen 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
- Restricted, 1887-1984
- Oversize, 1866-1938

Part III:

- Bertha Spafford Vester Files, 1861-1991
- John D. Whiting Files, 1906-1924
- Valentine Vester Files, 1989-2007
- Miscellany, 1879-1997
- Oversize, 1918-1967

Description of Series

Container	*Series*
BOX I:1-3	**Part I: Topical File, 1871-2004** 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. Arranged according to the order and thematic topics used in the exhibit.
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 II:1-9	**Part II: *Our Jerusalem*, circa 1786-1942** Correspondence, notes, writings, lectures, printed matter, and other papers compiled by Bertha Spafford Vester as resource files for her book, *Our Jerusalem*. Most files are arranged chronologically by year. Others are grouped by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX II:9-31	**Part II: Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries, 1920-1968** Diaries and folders of loose items that were removed from each volume. Arranged chronologically.
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:35-40	**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:41-45	**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:45-46	**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:R47-R49	**Part II: Restricted, 1887-1984** Business and legal files. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

BOX II:OV 1-OV 8 **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-III:9 **Part III: Bertha Spafford Vester Files, 1861-1991**

Correspondence, writings, photographs, passes, permits, financial papers, scrapbooks, and other papers.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material, name or topic, and therein chronologically.

BOX III:10-III:11 **Part III: John D. Whiting Files, 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:11-III:19 **Part III: Valentine Vester Files, 1989-2007**

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other papers.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX III:19-III:21 **Part III: Miscellany, 1879-1997**

Diary, hymn book, notebooks, photographs, writings, and other items.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX III:OV 1-III:OV 3 **Part III: Oversize, 1918-1967**

Photographs, scrapbook, prints, printed matter, and a Samaritan manuscript.

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

Container List

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

Container	*Contents*
	"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
BOX I:3	**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
	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

Container	*Contents*
	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)
	*Administratively restricted
BOX I:OV 7	Hospital record, 1916 (Container I:2)
	Manifesto and other printed announcements, 1882, 1896, 1905, 1914 (Container I:2)
BOX II:1-9	**Part II: *Our Jerusalem*, circa 1786-1942**
	Correspondence, notes, writings, lectures, printed matter, and other papers compiled by Bertha Spafford Vester as resource files for her book, *Our Jerusalem*.
	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)

Container	*Contents*
BOX II:3	1893-1902 *See also Oversize*
	(14 folders)
BOX II:4	1903-1919
	(17 folders)
BOX II:5	1920-1924 *See also Container II: 8*, 1922
	(11 folders)
BOX II:6	1925-1930
	(12 folders)
BOX II:7	1931-1938 *See also Container II:9*, 1931
	(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 *See also Container II: 5*, 1922
	(4 folders)
BOX II:9	1931 *See also Container II:7*, 1931
	(3 folders)
	Spafford, Jacob E., letters to H. D. Titus, 1923-1930
	(3 folders)
BOX II:9-31	**Part II: Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries, 1920-1968**
	Diaries and folders of loose items that were removed from each volume.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX II:9	1920-1924
	(3 folders)
BOX II:10	1925-1926 *See also Oversize*
	(4 folders)
BOX II:11	1927
	(2 folders)
	1925-1928 “year to year” volume
	(2 folders)
BOX II:12	1929
	(2 folders)
	1930
	(1 folder)
BOX II:13	(1 folder)
	1931
	(2 folders)
BOX II:14	1932
	(2 folders)
	1933
	(1 folder)
BOX II:15	(1 folder)

Container	*Contents*
	1934
	(1 folder)
BOX II:16	(1 folder)
	1935
	Diary *See Oversize*
	Loose items *See also Oversize*
	1936
	Jan.-July
	Diary *See Oversize*
	Loose items
	July-Dec.
	(2 folders)
BOX II:17	1937
	Diary *See Oversize*
	Loose items
	1938
	Diary no. 1
	Diary *See Oversize*
	Loose items
	Diary no. 2
	1939
	(2 folders)
BOX II:18	1940-1942
	(6 folders)
BOX II:19	1943-1944
	(4 folders)
	1945
	(1 folder)
BOX II:20	(1 folder)
	1946-1947
	(6 folders)
BOX II:21	1948-1949
	(5 folders)
BOX II:22	1950
	(5 folders)
BOX II:23	1951
	(3 folders)
	1952
	(1 folder)
BOX II:24	(1 folder)
	1953
	(3 folders)
BOX II:25	1954
	(6 folders)
BOX II:26	1955
	(3 folders)
	1956
	(1 folder)

Container	*Contents*
BOX II:27	(6 folders)
BOX II:28	1957
	(6 folders)
BOX II:29	1958
	(4 folders)
	1959
	(2 folders)
BOX II:30	(1 folder)
	1960-1961
	(3 folders)
	1962
	(2 folders)
BOX II:31	(2 folders)
	1963-1968
	(7 folders)
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
	Lind, L. E. (“Lars”), 1922-1930, undated
	Lind, Nils, 1922
	Lind, Olaf E., 1922-1928, undated
BOX II:33	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)

Container	*Contents*
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:35-40	**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
	Trip to the United States, 1938
	Correspondence
	(5 folders)
	Miscellany
	American Colony Hotels *See Restricted*
	Miscellany, 1966-1973, undated
	Transfer of shares, 1954, 1962-1971, undated
	American Colony of Jerusalem
	Corporate reorganization *See Restricted*
	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
	Financial reports, 1932-1941 *See Restricted*
	Meetings *See Restricted*
	Council, 1933-1936, 1942-1952
	General and extraordinary, 1929-1955, 1962-1982
	(7 folders)
	Miscellany, 1952-1980 *See Restricted*
	(4 folders)
	Miscellaneous issues
	Howorth, Caroline Eade, business with Frutiger Bank, Jerusalem, 1888-1893, 1921-1923
	Miller, Susanna, pension claim, 1894-1897, undated

Container	*Contents*
	Partition of land, 1931-1933 *See Restricted*
	Powers of attorney, 1887, 1930-1932 *See Restricted*
	Naseef v. Vester, 1924-1934
	Receipts, 1881-1904
	(7 folders)
BOX II:36	Reorganization and dissent
	American corporation
	Correspondence, 1927-1930
	(2 folders)
	Miscellaneous documents, 1929-1930
	Proposed amendments, 1930, undated
	Arbitration
	Award, ruling, and other documents
	1929-1931
	(2 folders)
	Undated *See Restricted*
	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:37	Statements by American Colony members, undated
	(2 folders)
	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 *See Restricted*
	Transfer of Vester house and land, 1931 *See Restricted*
	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:38	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

Container	*Contents*
	Townsend, Arthur O., 1928-1934, 1984
	(5 folders)
	Russell and Co., accountants
	General
	1930-1931
	(5 folders)
	1947 *See Restricted*
BOX II:39	Whiting, John D., 1930-1931, undated
	Saffi, Michael, and land, 1920-1935 *See Restricted*
	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 *See Restricted*
BOX II:40	Beirut, Lebanon, office *See Restricted*
	Financial accounts, 1961-1965
	Miscellany, 1958-1968
	Separation from American Colony Hotels, 1961-1962
	Jerusalem office *See Restricted*
	Financial accounts, 1962-1968
	Miscellany, 1960-1967
	Miscellany, 1962-1976 *See Restricted*
	Taylor, Mervyn, solicitor, 1969-1970 *See Restricted*
	Spafford family
	Chicago, Ill., property, litigation, 1878, 1885-1908, undated
	(2 folders)
	Miscellany, 1865-1871 *See also Oversize*
	Spafford v. Spafford, 1811, 2006
BOX II:41-45	**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:41	1893-1907
	(16 folders)
BOX II:42	1908-1912
	(11 folders)
BOX II:43	1913-1914
	(10 folders)
BOX II:44	1915-1920
	(14 folders)

Container	*Contents*
BOX II:45	1924-1938, 1944-1950, 1965-1968
	(18 folders)
BOX II:45-46	**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:45	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:46	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, undated
	Miscellaneous, 1981-1982
	Newspapers in Arabic, 1963-1967
BOX II:R47-R49	**Part II: Restricted, 1887-1984**
	Business and legal files.
	Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX II:R47	Business and Legal Files
	American Colony
	American Colony Hotels (Container II:35)
	Miscellany, 1966-1973, undated
	Transfer of shares, 1954, 1962-1971, undated
	American Colony of Jerusalem
	Corporate reorganization (Container II:35)
	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
	Financial reports, 1932-1941 (Container II:35)
	Meetings
	Council, 1933-1936, 1942-1952 (Container II:35)

Container	*Contents*
BOX II:R48	General and extraordinary, 1929-1955, 1962-1982 (Container II:35) (7 folders)
	Miscellany, 1952-1980 (Container II:35) (4 folders)
BOX II:R49	Miscellaneous issues (Container II:35)
	Partition of land, 1931-1933
	Powers of attorney, 1887, 1930-1932
	Reorganization and dissent
	Arbitration (Container II:36)
	Award, ruling, and other documents, undated
	Distribution of property (Container II:37)
	Miscellaneous distributions, 1930-1931
	Transfer of Vester house and land, 1931
	Russell and Co., accountants
	General, 1947 (Container II:38)
	Saffi, Michael, and land, 1920-1935 (Container II:39)
	Vester and Co.
	American Colony Stores
	Registration of firm, 1919-1928 (Container II:39)
	Beirut, Lebanon, office (Container II:40)
	Financial accounts, 1961-1965
	Miscellany, 1958-1968
	Separation from American Colony Hotels, 1961-1962
	Jerusalem office (Container II:40)
	Financial accounts, 1962-1968
	Miscellany, 1960-1967
	Miscellany, 1962-1976 (Container II:40)
	Taylor, Mervyn, solicitor, 1969-1970 (Container II:40)
BOX II:OV 1-OV 8	**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
	1896 (Container II:3)
	Bertha Spafford Vester Diaries
	1925 (Container II:10)
BOX II:OV 2	1935
	Diary (Container II:16)
BOX II:OV 3	Loose items (Container II:16)
BOX II:OV 4	1936
	Jan.-July
	Diary (Container II:16)
BOX II:OV 5	1937 (Container II:17)

Container	*Contents*
BOX II:OV 6	1938 (Container II:17)
BOX II:OV 7	Business and Legal Files
	Spafford family
	Miscellany, 1866-1870 (Container II:40)
BOX II:OV 8	Miscellany
	Hymns, poems, and other writings by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)
	Hymns and poems, undated (Container II:45)
BOX III:1-III:9	**Part III: Bertha Spafford Vester Files, 1861-1991**
	Correspondence, writings, photographs, passes, permits, financial papers, scrapbooks, and other papers.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material, name or topic, and therein chronologically.
BOX III:1	Correspondence
	American Colony members
	Adams, Mary Louise (Sister Miriam), 1930-1934
	Aitkins, Annie, 1892-1895
	Anderson, Ellen, 1909, circa 1919-1922, 1945-1947 (2 folders)
	"A" miscellaneous, 1895-1898, 1930
	Baldwin, Edward and Ella, 1890, 1920, 1991
	Baldwin, Grace, 1931-1935
	Baldwin, Norman and Christina, 1923-1932, 1946
	Cuff, Samuel H., 1923-1931
	"D-H" miscellaneous, 1909, 1920, 1927-1931, 1938, 1944
	Goldenthal, Maurice and Ruth, 1926-1937
	Larsson, Edith and Lewis, 1926-1932
	Larsson, Katrina, 1929-1933, 1942-1943
	Levy, Nils, 1929-1931
	Lind, Anna Grace, 1946
	Lind, Effie and Lars, 1926-1927, 1934
	Lind, Olof and Astrid, 1922-1928, 1935, 1941
	"L" miscellaneous, 1920-1934, undated
	Matson, Edith Yantiss, 1930-1934
	Matson, Eva, 1930-1934
	Matson, G. Eric, 1948
	Matson, Olof and Rachel, 1929-1945
	Meyers, Charlie and Carrie, and family, 1921-1936 (2 folders)
BOX III:2	"M" miscellaneous, 1890, 1909, 1921, 1928-1931, 1942
	Naseef, Fareed and Flora, 1896, 1922-1928, 1935
	Piazza family, 1909, 1918, 1931
	Shelburg, Bessie, 1920, 1928
	Shelburg, G. E. (Enor), includes letters from Anna Spafford, 1922-1926, 1933-1934
	Strand, Alvilde, 1925-1930
	Vester, Horatio, 1947
	Whiting, Spafford, 1928, 1930

Container	*Contents*
	Yantiss, Anita and Jesse, 1926, 1932-1935
	Condolence letters, 1942-1943
	(5 folders)
	Family
	1928-1929
	(4 folders)
BOX III:3	1930-1931, 1963
	(2 folders)
	Miscellaneous
	Allenby, Edmund Henry Hynman Allenby, Viscount, and Mabel, 1918-1931, 1940
	Astor, Nancy Witcher Langhorne Astor, Viscountess, 1929-1931, 1937
	"A" miscellaneous, 1924, 1933
	"B" miscellaneous, 1920-1935, 1946
	Catt, Carrie Chapman, undated
	"C-E" miscellaneous, 1922-1928, 1951
	Fawcett, Millicent Garrett, Dame, 1925-1927
	"F" miscellaneous, 1927, 1947
	Griffiths, G., 1946
	"G" miscellaneous, 1925, 1939, 1946
	"H-K" miscellaneous, 1926-1928, 1935, 1944-1947
	Lagerlöff, Selma, 1925-1937
	Linson, Corwin K., 1949
	Money, Arthur and Euphemia, 1919-1931
	"M" miscellaneous, 1921-1946
	"N-Q" miscellaneous, 1918, 1926, 1935-1940, 1946
	"R" miscellaneous, 1924-1931, 1944-1946
	Samuel, Herbert Louis Samuel, Viscount, and Beatrice, 1920-1931
	Shea, John, Sir, 1920-1946
	Stebbins, George C., 1922-1927
	Storrs, Ronald, Sir, 1923-1926, 1933-1935
	"S" miscellaneous, 1923-1927
	Thomas, Lowell, circa 1926, 1931, 1937-1940, 1947
	"T" miscellaneous, 1937, 1944
	Ustinov, Magdalena von, 1922
	Wauchope, Arthur, 1933-1938
	"W" miscellaneous, 1923-1925, 1935
	Unidentified, 1927
	"Peculiar letters worth keeping," 1919-1923
	Regarding book of wild flower paintings, 1922-1934
	Regarding Naseef v. Vester, 1931
BOX III:4	Birthday book, undated
	Invitations, 1960-1961
	(2 folders)
	Items to accompany 1934 diary, 1934
	Membership cards and receipts, 1918-1921, 1955-1967, undated
	(2 folders)
	Mementos from death of Frederick Vester, 1942

Container	*Contents*
	Naturalization file
	Correspondence, 1922-1931, 1940, 1947, undated
	(4 folders)
BOX III:5	Miscellany, 1920-1931, undated
	(2 folders)
	Passes and permits, 1946-1965
	Passports
	Lind, Anna Grace, 1955
	Vester, Bertha Spafford, 1931-1935, 1959-1965
	Photographs
	American Cemetery, Mount Zion, 1905
	Chicago, Ill., scenes, circa 1870s
	Dedication of wing in memory of Jacob Spafford, Anna Spafford Baby Home and Mothercraft Training Centre, 1937
	Hornby, Jack, undated
	Jerusalem, 1933, 1948, undated
	(2 folders)
	Miscellaneous, 1870, 1908, 1949, undated
	Money, Arthur, undated
	Spafford family, 1861-1880s
	Urquhart, William W., 1873-1878
BOX III:6	Vester, Bertha Spafford, 1890s, 1934, 1943-1946, 1954-1968, undated
	(3 folders)
	Vester, Bertha Spafford and Frederick Vester, undated
	Vester, Frederick, circa 1928-1930, undated
	Presidential signatures, undated
	Press clippings
	Miscellaneous, 1960-1961
	Regarding Bertha Spafford Vester, 1899, 1968
	Prints and printed matter, 1918, 1958, undated *See also Oversize*
	Relief and charitable work file
	Christian Alliance, 1918-1921
	Miscellany, 1916-1921
	(2 folders)
	Tuberculosis fund
	Correspondence, 1919-1921
	Financial papers, 1919-1920
	(3 folders)
	Notebook, circa 1919
BOX III:7	Scrapbooks
	1932-1933
	1934-1960
	(2 folders)
	1963-1967 *See also Oversize*
	(2 folders)
	Test on religious manuscripts, undated
	Trip to Persia (Iran), 1927

Container	*Contents*
	Visiting cards, undated
	Wild flowers sent to Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953
BOX III:8	Speeches and writings
	Notes, undated
	Radio broadcasts
	Correspondence and contracts, 1936-1939
	Texts, 1936-1938, undated
	(3 folders)
	Writings
	Miscellaneous, 1918-1920, 1950-1964, undated
	(4 folders)
	Our Jerusalem
	Draft, undated
	(5 folders)
BOX III:9	(5 folders)
	Notes, undated
	"Wardy"
	Draft, undated
	Tales told by the Arabs, undated
BOX III:10-III:11	**Part III: John D. Whiting Files, 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:10	Antiquities catalogues
	Miscellaneous, 1913, undated
	(2 folders)
	Pottery collected by John D. Whiting, 1906-1910
	(2 folders)
	Correspondence, 1920-1924
	Financial statement, 1917-1918
	Letterbook, 1919-1925
	Pass to Constantinople, 1909
	Photograph of Whiting family, undated
	World War I era items
	Army book, 1918
	A Brief Record of the Advance of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force under the Command of General Sir Edmund H. H. Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., July 1917 to October 1918, 1919
BOX III:11	Miscellany, 1915-1919
	Permits and passes, 1916-1920
	Writings, 1913-1915, 1920, undated
	(3 folders)
BOX III:11-III:19	**Part III: Valentine Vester Files, 1989-2007**
	Correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other papers.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container	*Contents*
BOX III:11	American Colony Hotel, 1989-1995, 2002-2004
	Birthday tributes, 1992
	Correspondence
	1990
	1991
	(4 folders)
BOX III:12	(1 folder)
	1992-1995, 2002-2004, undated
	Miscellany, 1989-2004
	(3 folders)
	Newspaper clippings
	1989-1990
	(7 folders)
	1991
	Jan.-Mar.
	(3 folders)
BOX III:13	Apr.-Dec.
	(4 folders)
	1992
	(6 folders)
BOX III:14	1993-1994
	(10 folders)
BOX III:15	1995-1996
	(8 folders)
	1997
	Jan.-Apr.
	(2 folders)
BOX III:16	May-Dec.
	(3 folders)
	1998-1999
	(8 folders)
BOX III:17	2000
	(6 folders)
	2001
	Jan.-July
	(3 folders)
BOX III:18	Aug.-Dec.
	(3 folders)
	2002
	(6 folders)
	2003
	Jan.-Mar.
BOX III:19	Apr.-Dec.
	(4 folders)
	2004-2005
	(5 folders)
	Notes, undated

Container	*Contents*
	Photographs, Matsson, Vester, and Whiting families, 2006-2007
BOX III:19-III:21	**Part III: Miscellany, 1879-1997**
	Diary, hymn book, notebooks, photographs, writings, and other items.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX III:19	Account of 1967 Israel-Arab War by Frieda Ward, 1967
	Cards and invitation, 1908, 1917
	Diary kept by Mary Louise Adams (Sister Miriam), 1930-1931
BOX III:20	Hymn book, annotated by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888), 1879
	Notebooks
	Spafford, Anna, 1903-1918
	Spafford, Jacob, includes copies of letters received, 1927-1932
	Photographs
	Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, 1947, 1965, undated
	(2 folders)
	People, 1890, 1904, 1912-1913, 1927-1930, circa 1960s, undated *See also Oversize*
	(2 folders)
	Tourist photos, 1950s-1960s
	Visit to Sweden by Christina Larsson and Grace Whiting, 1967
	Receipt, 1897
	Samaritan manuscript, undated *See Oversize*
BOX III:21	Writings about the American Colony, 1921-1923, 1931-1936, 1950, 1981-1997, undated
	(11 folders)
BOX III:OV 1-III:OV 3	**Part III: Oversize, 1918-1967**
	Photographs, scrapbook, prints, printed matter, and a Samaritan manuscript.
	Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX III:OV 1	Bertha Spafford Vester Files
	Miscellany
	Prints and printed matter, 1918, 1958, undated (Container 6)
BOX III:OV 2	Scrapbooks, 1963-1967 (Container 7)
BOX III:OV 3	Miscellany
	Photographs
	People, 1927, circa 1960s, undated (Container 20)
	Samaritan manuscript, undated (Container 20)