

Box 2: Emelita Correspondence and Ephemera (large items)

1910-1929

- Longfellow birthday book belonging to Emelita Cohen first inscribed 1910
- Letter from Herbert A. Jump, Pastor, at First Congregational Church, Oakland California to his congregation requesting contributions to the home missionary society. May 12, 1912
- A report written on July 24th 1915 on the life of John Whycliffe, English re former born 1324 handwritten, author not identified
- Christmas greeting from Maggie with water color of trees and 1912 calendar
- Jul 14, 1925 Western Union Telegram to Emelita from Jim stating: "Dear Em Truly happy that Videe is with you love Jim"

1930-1939

- Postcard from Germany December 10 1939 (not found in box)
- 1934 Two letters from Louise on Walter F. Schaller, MD, SF letterhead
- 1937 Thank you note from Patsy for Emelita's condolences
- 1937 Letter to "Dearest Ita" from Helen Ruxton, postmarked Victoria, B.C.

1940-1949

- Letter to Em from Grace Kamath thanking her for a birthday gift. Sent from Concord, September 2nd 1942 (not found in box)
- Letter to Emelita from Marion. enclosed are 5 Bay leaves from the top of Yosemite Falls sent 'to flavor soup' postmark September 1942
- 5 Bay leaves from the top of Yosemite Falls, September 1942
- "Inventory: Contents of Mother's locked cupboard, June 8, 1946" handwritten by Emelita
- "Inventory of Mother's Silver, etc 6/8/46" handwritten by Emelita; other side of page lists the which items went to each sibling-Alfreda, Marion, Doug; list dated 11/30/46; corner notes items to "Billy, Ken, Barbara, Mardie, Tim, and Nan"
- Oct 9-19, 1946: Handwritten journal about a hospital stay for abdominal surgery written in pencil on loose notebook pages
- Nov 1948 Postcard to Emme and Margie from Jeanette salutation is "Dear Kids"

1950-1959

- Christmas card to Emily to from Miss Francis Harvey December 1951
- Obituary for Ethyl E. Edwards September 21, 1955 (Cohen cousin ?ND)

1960-1969

- Aerogram to Emily to: from Doris Rollett expressing condolence at the death of Shirley. Sent from Graz, Austria. June 18th, 1960 addressed to YW CA Camp Timbertall, Mendicino California (not found in box)
- Postcard addressed to Miss Emelita Cohen in December 5th 1963 from Mount Shasta signature not recognized (not found in box)
- Christmas card from the Donald family sent to Emily to December 1964
- 1968 Letter to Emelita Cohen, handwritten on yellow legal paper from "Cappy"; postmarked Hyannis, MA
- Dec 1969 Commercial letter from letterhead Richard Yip, Stockton, CA to "Dear Fellow Artist" advertising a painting adventure in Yugoslavia. Emelita has written questions to Mr Yip on the back

1970-1979

- Article from the Palo Alto times March 18th 1972 on the dog hole ports of the Mendocino Coast (not found in box)
- Typed Christmas letter from cousin Betsy Bartlett about her trip to People's Republic of China
- Christmas card with photo of the Schma Family. 1974 enclosed is article on Donald Schma. in envelope addressed to Emelita Cohen
- Postcard to Lucretia and Tom Edwards Richmond, California from Emelita Cohen announcing that the Oakland City Council voted to make the Cohen Bray house an Oakland landmark. December 4th 1974
- Letter from Terri Munoz dated May 24, 1974 re: newspaper clippings about Kit Carson death
- Postcard from Eric Gililand describing a trip to Salzburg and Munich, July 30th, 1976 to Emelita Cohen (not found in box)
- Thank you note to Emelita from Grace Wonder, a guest at the Bargain Box Luncheon. Letter dated April 29 1978
- Thank you note from Miss Gay Torre for a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Jurs at the Cohen Bray House, June 1st, 1978
- Invitation to the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morris Lyman. Sunday April 13, 1978 given by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morris Lyman III and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eugene Graber.
- Thank you notes for an event given by Florence Jurs April 22nd 1978 note Emelita from Florence Jurs
- List of guests for a party for the board members University YWCA hosted by Florence and Jean Jurs. April 22nd, 1978
- Note to Emelita from Caroline Torre
- Note to Emelita from Kimi and George Matsumoto

- Menu with list of guests for party for board members University YWCA 1978
- Article from the Montclarion, October 17, 1979 showing Lake Merritt in 1915 with description of the history of Lake Merritt.

1980-1989

- Oct 30, 1980 Letter to Emelita from Eric (Gilliland) referring to photographs taken at 'your party' No photos enclosed
- Post card addressed to Emelita Cohen from Kay Gilliland, Aug 4, 1988, from Budapest . Hoping Emelita has recovered from a 'Terrible fall'
- Dec 6, 1988 Letter of Condolence at the death of Emelita Cohen from Alameda County Parks and Recreation and Historical Commission
- Town and Gown Program, "South Pacific" March 7-8, 1987
- Thank you note from Julia Kramer (Chicago), for "the lovely cards"; handwritten note by Emelita on front saying 'save History' dated Jul 1986
- Thank you note from Muriel Backman (Berkeley) for 'lovely party'; reminisces about old neighborhood and 'wonderful painting days with Marion' (Cohen) Sep 1986
- Thank you note from Linda Blacketer (SF) dated Aug 1986 for 'sharing your home and family history'; note card has drawing of Silvester Mansion on front

Mills College Items: various years

- Arts Commission presents the Senior and Graduate Dance Concert Mar 1956
- Alameda Times Star Monday, April 24th 1978 article on a luncheon held at the Cohen Bray House by Emelita Cohen given for Mills College Alumni Association for volunteers at the Fruitvale Bargain Box.
- Thank you note from Lynn White Jr. President of Mills College, California, Sept, 23, 1953 expressing thanks to Emelita for Emma Bray Cohen's graduation album, presented to her by Cyrus and Susan Mills in 1884
- Mills Quarterly Magazine dated August 1978
- Typed page on yellow paper titled "Mills Hall" with history of the building
- Collection of commemorative stamps with Mills College historic photos

Undated items

- Card with Victorian lady in garden on front and poem by A. Gill about Spring printed on back
- Newspaper clipping about Margaret Nicholson, teacher Acalanes High School, being named Outstanding Educator of Alameda and Contra Costa counties dated Mar 12, 1979; handwritten note says: "CC [Contra Costa] Times, front page"
- Receipt for dry cleaning from John F Snow Dyeing & Cleaning Works

- Small card 1.5 x 2.5 with block print bird; handwritten note says: "Muz-To beep down stairs, love Ita"
- Invitation to 80th Birthday for Peggy Bewley, no year
- Typed note: "During that first month Hester would ask me every so often, Miss Em, when are we going to have another occasion? The first time I was puzzled, "What do you mean Hester? You know, so's I can wear the black uniform your Mama said as how I was to save it for an occasion"
- Block print with caption "Rundetarn: Saro.66."
- "What Bill Gilliland said to Marion when she scolded him: Don't moan, groan, scream, yell, howl, yowl, growl, whine and shriek!"
- Article "Fruitvale area welcomes Girl Friday business service"
- Letter "Dearest Ita" from Helen
- Letter "Em darling" from Sue (2919 Pacific Ave, SF)
- Letter from Iris at YWCA SF noting enclosed checks fro Mollye Davison, Elsie Norton, Mary Eliz. Hawk, and Laurie
- Advertisement letter from Book of Knowledge, Children's Encyclopedia, Grolier Society, NY

Bottom of Box

- **Emelita's address book** no start date but obviously has been used for many years; many loose pieces of paper with names & addresses, latest one 1978
- Sleeve of 44 postcards from various locations; none with addresses or notes
- Piece of wrapping paper