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Guide to the

Lloyd family Jamaica property files

1931-1981 [bulk 1953-1978]

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Summary

Creator: Lloyd family

Title: Lloyd family Jamaica property files

Date: 1931-1981 [bulk 1953-1978]

Size: 3.6 linear feet (8 boxes, 2 oversized folders)

Source: Gift of Georgia Lloyd, 1990.

Abstract: Members of the Lloyd family were prominent social and political activists from Illinois. Their land in Montego Bay, Jamaica consisted of a vacation home, an estate by the name of Bu Saaba, and thirty acres of land in nearby Red Hills. The Lloyd family Jamaica property files date from 1931 to 1981 and contain correspondence, financial statements, land surveys, and other materials documenting the family's ownership and maintenance of the family's land in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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Related Materials:

William Bross Lloyd papers. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library.

Creator History

William Bross Lloyd (1875-1946) was an American lawyer. His wife, Lola Maverick Lloyd (1875-1944), was a social activist for world government. While residing in William's hometown of Winnetka, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, the couple had four children: Jessie Bross Lloyd (b. 1904), Mary Maverick Lloyd (b. 1906), William Bross Lloyd Jr. (b. 1908), and Georgia Lloyd (b. 1913). All four children were writers and activists for progressive issues.

Around 1930, William Bross Lloyd purchased land near Brandon Hill and Red Hills in Montego Bay, Jamaica. His estate, known as Bu Saaba, was built on Brandon Hill and the family vacationed there frequently throughout the 1930s and 1940s. The three daughters inherited the land upon Lloyd's death in 1946 and began renting out Bu Saaba in the 1950s. In the 1960s, a portion of the thirty acres at Red Hills was made into a coconut plantation, while other parts were sold. The family continued to rent out Bu Saaba into the 1980s.

Scope and Content Note

The Lloyd family Jamaica property files document the maintenance and financial and business-related issues surrounding the family's land in Montego Bay, Jamaica, including Red Hills and Brandon Hill, on which Bu Saaba, the family's vacation home, was built. The collection dates from 1931 to 1981 and contains correspondence; financial statements and ledgers; land surveys and maps; maintenance specifications; reports; and documents pertaining to the rental and sale of Bu Saaba and the land at Red Hills.

Correspondence is between Mary Maverick Lloyd; Jessie Lloyd O'Conner; Georgia Llyod Berndt and her husband, Paul Berndt; Dora Morales, the family's property agent; Herbert Southby, their lawyer; and Evelyn Skau, who dealt with the family's accounting. Letters are sometimes accompanied by financial statements or property-related documentation.

Jamaica Trips files contain reports, notes, correspondence, and travel documents relating to annual trips made by the family to Montego Bay to check up on the properties. Maintenance files contain detailed specifications of and instructions for construction and repair projects at Bu Saaba, including plumbing and carpentry issues. Property inventories and appraisals can also be found in the maintenance and repairs files. Reports consist of notes taken by Paul Berndt regarding land surveys, repair, and other property matters at Bu Saaba and Red Hills.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged into the following categories: Correspondence; Statements and Ledgers; Jamaica Trips; Land Drawings, Maps, and Specifications; Maintenance and Repairs; Rentals and Sales; Reports; Taxes; and Titles and Transfers.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Financial statements
Instructions (document genre)
Land surveys
Ledgers (account books)

Geographic Names

Montego Bay (Jamaica)

Subjects

Real property -- Jamaica -- Montego Bay

Names

Berndt, Paul
Lloyd, Georgia, 1913-

Lloyd, Mary Maverick, 1906-1976

Container List

Correspondence

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 - Includes correspondence and financial statements.
- b. 3 f. 1-4 1972-1980
 - Includes correspondence and financial statements.
- b. 3 f. 5-12 Statements and Ledgers 1950-1964
- b. 4 f. 1-14 Statements and Ledgers 1957-1980
- b. 5 f. 1-7 Jamaica Trips 1950-1976
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 - o. 1 Land Surveys and Maps 1931-1961
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