

Dunsdon Collection

2005.004

1890-1950

Overview of the Collection

Accession #: 2005.004
Title: Dunsdon Collection
Creator: Bernard D. Rohlfing and Myrtle Rohlfing
Dates: Circa 1910 to 1945
Media: Clothing apparel, accessories, photographs, a trunk, paper dolls and marionette dolls
Quantity: 9.55 c.f.

Biography of Bernard D. Rohlfing, Myrtle Rohlfing, and family

Bernard D Rohlfing was born on 23 May 1887, died in Mar 1972

Directory Listings:

1889- Rohlfing, DP civil engineer, r. 12 Keene Blk, r. sw corner Francis & 4th

1892-

1893- Rohlfing, DP mining/surveyor, r. 422 W. Main

1927 (fall)- Rohlfing, DP, r. 125 E. Hallam

1928 (spring)- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1st & Hallam

Rohlfing, DP, r. 125 E. Hallam

1928 (fall)- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1st & Hallam

Rohlfing, DP, r. 125 E. Hallam

1929 (spring)- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1st & Hallam

Rohlfing, DP, r. 125 E. Hallam

1929 (fall)- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1st & Hallam

Rohlfing, DP, r. 125 E. Hallam

1935/36- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r 328 W. Main

Rohlfing, Durant, r. 334 W. Main

1949- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 512 10th, Glenwood

1955- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

Bunny's Sports Club, 312 7th, Glenwood

1957- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

Bunny's Sports Club, 312 7th, Glenwood

1962- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

Bunny's Lounge, 312 7th, Glenwood

1963- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

1965- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

1968- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

1970- Rohlfing, Bernard D., r. 1018 Cooper Av., Glenwood

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Rohlfing who moved to Aspen in the late 1880s. His father worked as a civil engineer in 1889. According to the 1889 directory he lived at 12 Keene Blk and SW corner Francis and 4th. By 1893, he was a mining/surveyor and resided at 422 W. Main. The family may have moved to Salt Lake City, Utah prior to the 1900 census.

Bernard Rohlfing born on 23 May 1887 (location unknown) was a graduate of the University of Utah in mining engineering and then worked at the Durant and Smuggler Mines in Aspen. He appears in the 1920 Census Records in Salt Lake City with a wife of Myrtle- unsure of his marriage date or location. By the 1930's, he lived on Main Street near his brother, who also worked the mines, then appears to have lived out of the Hotel Jerome and traveled extensively as he doesn't appear in the directories again until 1949 and according to oral history from Michele Dunsdon. In 1949, he settled in Glenwood Springs and soon after started his Sports club called Bunny's (a nick name he held). The sports club was in business through the 1950's and by 1962 became Bunny's Lounge. It no longer appears in the directories starting 1963, although Bernard is still listed through 1970. He died in March of 1972. No obituary has been located. No records have been located for Myrtle.

On January 26, 1894 Durant Carl Rohlfing was born, a younger brother to Bernard. Durant was born in Aspen, educated in Salt Lake City, Utah and graduated with honors from University of Utah with a degree in mining engineering. He served in WWI then returned to Aspen to work in the mines his father leased. On June 6, 1931 he married Miss Kathryn Mogan (born 12/8/1902) and they bore one son, Ronald. On February 8, 1938, Durant died from a 230 foot plunge down an ore chute in the Durant Mine (see Aspen Times Weekly Feb. 10, 1938 front page). He is buried in the Red Butte Cemetery next to his wife who passed away September 2, 1966.

Organization of the Collection

The Dunsdon Collection consists of five boxes and a trunk. Each box is separated into like items and size.

Box #1 contains 22 clothing items worn by Mr. Bernard D. Rohlfing during the 1920's.

Box #2 contains 22 clothing items and accessories associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfing from the early 1900's.

Box #3 contains nine clothing items and accessories associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfing from the early 1900's.

Box #4 contains 23 purses, paper dolls and accessories associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfing from the early 1900's.

Box #5 contains two marionette dolls with strings for manipulation of the arms, legs, and head which are associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfing from the early 1900's.

Steamer trunk (05.04.64) from the late 1930's to early 1940's is located in off-site storage.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Note to Researchers: To request materials please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Box # 1 (AS: 5 Section: 4 Shelf: 5)

Box #1 contains clothing items worn by Mr. Bernard D. Rohlving during the 1920's.

- 05.04.72 Bow tie
- 05.04.71 Bow tie
- 05.04.70 Bow tie
- 05.04.69 Bow tie
- 05.04.68 Bow tie
- 05.04.67 White men's shirt in laundry wrapper
- 05.04.66 White men's shirt with starched front bib, open back
- 05.04.63 Three metal studs for shirts
- 05.04.59 Stiff collar, curled
- 05.04.58 Stiff collar, curled
- 05.04.57 Stiff collar, curled
- 05.04.56 Stiff collar, curled
- 05.04.55 Stiff collar, curled
- 05.04.54 Stiff collar, straight
- 05.04.53 Stiff collar, straight
- 05.04.52 Stiff collar, straight

05.04.42 Tan vest
05.04.40 Black vest
05.04.39 Black men's evening jacket
05.04.38 Black men's evening jacket with tails
05.04.37 Black men's dress pants
05.04.36 Black men's dress pants

Box # 2 (AS: 5 Section: 4 Shelf: 5)

Box #2 contains clothing items and accessories associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfsing from the early 1900's.

05.04.62 Scarf, Bureau
05.04.61 Scarf, Bureau
05.04.60 Scarf
05.04.43 White vest
05.04.41 Off-white vest
05.04.35 Women's leather gloves
05.04.34 Women's leather gloves
05.04.33 Women's leather gloves
05.04.32 Pink nightgown
05.04.31 Pink nightgown
05.04.30 Tan gauze and rhinestone dress
05.04.29 Tan lace dress
05.04.28 Tan slip
05.04.27 Pink apron
05.04.26 Purple poncho
05.04.25 Scarf, Bureau
05.04.24 White head piece
05.04.23 Black lace sleeves
05.04.22 Off-white shawl
05.04.20 Black lace dress

Box #3 (AS: 5 Section: 4 Shelf: 4)

Box #3 contains clothing items and accessories associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfsing from the early 1900's.

05.04.21 Black dress
05.04.19 Black cape
05.04.18 Gold high heels
05.04.17 Off-white high heels
05.04.16 Silver high heels
05.04.15 Off-white wedding gown
05.04.14 Yellow two-piece dress

- 05.04.13 Off-white dress with beading
- 05.04.12 Black sequin dress

Box #4 (AS: 5 Section: 4 Shelf: 6)

Box #4 contains purses, paper dolls and accessories associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfing from the early 1900's.

- 05.04.78 Beaded purse
- 05.04.77 Gold sequin purse
- 05.04.76 Gold sequin collar
- 05.04.65 Envelope
- 05.04.51 Calling card
- 05.04.50 Paper doll set
- 05.04.49 Paper doll
- 05.04.48 Paper doll
- 05.04.47 Paper doll
- 05.04.46 Paper doll
- 05.04.45 Paper doll
- 05.04.44 Paper doll
- 05.04.11 Mirror attached to ID card
- 05.04.10 Red purse
- 05.04.09 Beaded purse
- 05.04.08 Beaded purse
- 05.04.07 White purse
- 05.04.06 Metal purse
- 05.04.05 Metal purse
- 05.04.04 Beaded purse
- 05.04.03 White mirror
- 05.04.02 White coin purse
- 05.04.01 Silver beaded purse

Box #5 (AS: 5 Section: 4 Shelf: 6)

Box #5 contains two marionette dolls with strings for manipulation of the arms, legs, and head which are associated with Mrs. Bernard (Myrtle) D. Rohlfing from the early 1900's.

- 05.04.75 Marionette angel doll
- 05.04.74 Marionette doll

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