

# **The Waddingham Collection, 1872-1993**

**Ontario City Library  
Robert E. Ellingwood Model  
Colony History Room**



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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Title**

The Waddingham Collection, 1872-1993

### **Creator**

Gladys Waddingham

### **Extent**

**Number of containers:** 2

**Linear feet:** 3

### **Abstract**

This collection consists of a photo album and other folders of information about the Waddingham family, who came to Ontario in 1883. There was Joseph and Anna Waddingham, their son William J. and his wife, a sister to Mrs. William Chaffey, and several children. W. J. was a carpenter/architect and built a number of houses for Ontario residents. He had a steam mill at the carpenter shop to plane doors and other wood pieces and also used the same power for a corn/feed mill next door. His steam mill also provided the power for Ontario's first electric light on September 25, 1885. The Waddinghams followed the Chaffeys to Australia in 1890, returning to Ontario 6 years later. Around 1900, W.J. and family moved to Seattle. William J. was killed in 1921 in an auto accident on Mt. Rainier.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

Gladys Waddingham created the photo album in 1991. Either she or a family member gave it and the other items to the Library sometime after 1991.

### **Processing Information**

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## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

1. 1872 Bible belonging to Mrs. Joseph Waddingham.
2. 2 small b/w photo albums circa 1900.
3. 1 brown binder made by Gladys Waddingham in Jan. 1991 called "The Photographic History of the Waddingham Family".
4. 1 blue report folder entitled "A Corlett Tree" by Robert J. Corlett, Dec. 1993 including the Corlett, Heptinstall, Mercer, Schell, Waddingham and Related Families.
5. 4 folders of historical material on Anna Kells Waddingham, Joseph Waddingham, William J. Waddingham, and misc. Information on the Waddingham family.

### **Box 2**

Contains a small wool Indian-type crib blanket/wall hanging.