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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Special Collections
Title:	Lillian Frow Peacock and Eunice Peacock Merrick collection
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Frows and the Peacocks were among the initial settlers of the Miami/Coconut Grove area. Simeon and his son John Frow were appointed keepers of the Cape Florida Lighthouse in 1859 and 1868 respectively. John Frow was also the first person to buy property in Coconut Grove; his brother Joseph worked as John's assistant at the lighthouse and was on the initial board to establish a school for the Coconut Grove district. In 1887, Joseph Frow traveled by foot to Lake Worth to register the required ten children which included his daughter Lillian Frow. Mrs. Joseph Frow was a charter member and first treasurer of the Coconut Grove Housekeeper's Club.

Charles and Isabella Peacock immigrated from England in 1870. They had three sons: Henry, Alfred and Charles John. Alfred Peacock married Lillian Frow (daughter of Joseph Frow); their daughter Eunice Isabella Peacock later married George Merrick, the founder of Coral Gables.

In 1882, with land purchased from John Frow, the Peacocks built the first hotel of the region, the Bay View House, later known as the Peacock Inn. The new hotel was a popular meeting place for such notable guests as Commodore Ralph Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Munroe and Miss. Flora McFarlane, founder of the Coconut Grove's Housekeepers' Club. The First Sunday School room was built on the Peacock property as a result of Isabella Peacock's initiative and fundraising. In 1889, Mrs. Peacock's building was also being used as Coconut Grove's first school taught by Miss Flora McFarlane.

Scope and content

The Lillian Frow Peacock & Eunice Peacock Photograph Collection primarily depicts the earliest settlers of Coconut Grove and Miami. The collection includes portraits of the Peacocks, the Frows, and other

families, as well as historically notable places such as the Peacock Inn and the Coconut Grove School. Box 2 includes a handcrafted menu from the first Biscayne Bay Yacht Club dinner at the Peacock Inn in 1891. The photograph album in box 4 includes portraits of the Peacock's English relations as well as a few of their Coconut Grove and Miami neighbors.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

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Accruals

Gift of Mildred Merrick, December 2006

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Frow family
- Peacock family
- Albumen prints (documentary form)
- Blueprints (reprographic copies) (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Bay View House (Miami, Fla.) (subject)
- Peacock Inn (Miami, Fla) (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id7688	File -			1

id9355	File - Coconut Grove & Miami	n.d., 1886-1900	1 1
id9360	File - "Cross of Oleander," Coconut Grove School	1890	1 2
id9361	File - John Frow Property	1886	1 3
id9362	File - Housekeeper's Club Fair	1892, 1896	1 4
id9363	File - Kirk Munroe Property	n.d.	1 5
id9364	File - Ralph Munroe's boathouse	1886	1 6
id9365	File - Peacock Inn	1887-1893	1 7
id9366	File - Seminole canoes	1860s, 1901?	1 8
id9367	File - Julia Tuttle Property	1887	1 9
id9368	File - Everglades	1880s	1 10
id9369	File - Alfred Peacock Cottage, Islamorada, Fla.	1929	1 11
id9370	File - Concord, Mass	n.d.	1 12
id9371	File - Group Portraits	n.d. 1887	1 13
id9372	File - Peacock Inn	n.d., 1887, 1892	1 14
id9373	File - Pine Needles Club	1892	1 15
id9374	File - Carney Family: Richard, Elizabeth and Landon	n.d.	1 16
id9375	File - Dr. Tiger	1880s	1 17
id9376	File - Frow Family: Mama, Lillian, Grace with Mr. Lafferty	1890	1 18
id9377	File - Hine, Mrs. Thomas	n.d.	1 19
id9378	File - Munroe, Alfred	1880s	1 20
id9379	File - Mrs. Painter	n.d.	1 21
id9380	File - Peacock Family: Charles, Isabella, Charles, John, Harry & Alfred	1885?	1 22
id9381	File - Peacock, Alfred	n.d., 1888, 1946	1 23
id9441	File -		2
id9442	File - Peacock, Charles	n.d.	2 1
id9443	File - Peacock, Harry and Polly	n.d.	2 2
id9444	File - Peacock, Isabella (Sanders)	n.d.	2 3
id9445	File - Peacock, Lillian J. (Frow)	1916-1946?	2 4
id9446	File - Peacock, Mildred	n.d.	2 5
id9447	File - Pickford, Gertrude (Urling)	1898	2 6
id9448	File - Robertson, Annie Louise	n.d.	2 7
id9449	File - Smith, Ethel	1913	2 8
id9450	File - Unidentified	n.d.	2 9
id9451	File - Unidentified	n.d.	2 10
id9452	File - Menu, First Biscayne Bay Yacht Club dinner at Peacock Inn	1891	2 11
id9453	File -		3
id9454	File - Coconut Grove & Miami (oversize)	1880s	3 1
id9455	File - St. Augustine, Fla. (oversize)	n.d.	3 2
id9456	File - Concord, Mass (oversize)	n.d.	3 3
id9457	File - Photograph Album	1880s	4