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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator: Onawa House (Onawa, Me.)
Title: Onawa House (Onawa, Me.) Records
ID: SpC MS 0373
Date [inclusive]: 1897-1904
Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet (3 ledgers ; 41 cm)
Physical Location: 
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The collection contains three volumes of guest registers, 1897-1904, for the hotel. Volumes two and three have printed blotter sheets advertising various businesses in Maine. They also contain printed guides listing hotels for each state, their rates, etc.

Preferred Citation

Onawa House Records, SpC MS 0373, [Ledger No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

The Onawa House was located in Onawa, a community in Piscataquis County, Maine. It was built by Alexander and Cora Arbo around 1890 after they had moved to Onawa from a farm in Brownville, Maine. The Onawa House was originally a sporting camp for hunters and fishermen. Its guests also included granite quarry workers, lumbermen, railroad workers, and workers at a factory nearby which made spool bars for the thread industry. Disheartened by the death of their young son, the Arbos sold the Onawa House in 1894 and returned to Brownville. By 1916 it had fallen into a state of disrepair and was closed. It was then sold to a private individual who in 1917 had it moved from its original location to the edge of the lake in Onawa.
Scope and Contents

The collection contains three volumes of guest registers, 1897-1904, for the hotel. Volumes two and three have printed blotter sheets advertising various businesses in Maine. They also contain printed guides listing hotels for each state, their rates, etc. Book plates in the registers identify them as belonging to the library of Inez and Webb Noyes, Pinawa II, Onawa, Maine. Pinawa II was the Noyes family camp built in 1937 to replace Pinawa I, built in 1901 or 1902. This camp had been given to Webb and Inez Noyes as a wedding gift in 1927 and burned in the 1930s.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Inez and Webb Noyes.
Controlled Access Headings

- Onawa (Me.)
- Hotels -- Maine -- Onawa
- Registers (lists)
- Onawa House (Onawa, Me.)

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