**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Thomas E. New (b. 1886) Papers, 1901-1963 (Bulk: 1937-1942)

**Dates:** 1901-1963

**Collection Number:** GC 1101

**Creator/Collector:** New, Thomas E.

**Extent:** 1.7 linear ft.

**Repository:** Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

**Abstract:** Correspondence, financial records, manuscripts, printed material, and photographs. Correspondence is between New and his family his wife Minnie, daughter Vinita, and son Billy), friends and business associates.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**

Research is by appointment only

**Publication Rights**

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**Biography/Administrative History**

New was involved in mining and radio and scientific instrument design and construction.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Correspondence, financial records, manuscripts, printed material, and photographs. Correspondence is between New and his family his wife Minnie, daughter Vinita, and son Billy), friends and business associates. New's outgoing letters are carbon copies of the originals. Subjects discussed in the letters include family matters, such as the difficulties stemming from the long term separation of Thomas New, living in Arizona, from his family, living in California. Also disciplinary problems with his son, and the pull between job and school for his daughter. New also discusses his need to earn money and some of his pursuits toward that end including mining, developing "treasure finding" instruments, and writing a manuscript called “The Treasure Hunter's Manual.” Most of the manuscripts are New's writing on various scientific topics and inventions.