William Lloyd and Emily Anson Papers

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**Title:** William Lloyd and Emily Anson Papers  
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**Creator/Collector:** Anson, William Lloyd; Anson, Emily Rose  
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**Abstract:** Papers of William Lloyd Anson and wife Emily (nee O'Dell), primarily comprising correspondence between the couple during 1919, and documentation related to Anson's service in World War I as Private First Class with Company C, Second Engineers, Second Division, United States Army.

**Language of Material:** English  

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**Biography/Administrative History**

William Lloyd Anson (who also went by Lloyd William Anson) served in World War I with the 2nd Engineers, 2nd Division. He was awarded on June 25th, 1919 a citation for distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Medeah Ferme. He married Englishwoman Emily Rose Odell in London in September 1919, and they embarked back to the United States the following month, where they settled in San Jose. Lloyd Anson was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, and a conductor for Southern Pacific Railway during the 1940s and 1950s.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Papers of William Lloyd Anson and wife Emily (nee Odell), primarily comprising correspondence between the couple during 1919, and documentation related to Anson's service in World War I as Private First Class with Company C, 2nd Engineers, 2nd Division, United States Army. Also includes a small amount of material related to William Lloyd Anson's career with the Southern Pacific Railroad (1917-1942).

**Indexing Terms**

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Soldiers  
Couples  
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Anson, Lloyd William  
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers. Regiment, 2nd  
France  
San Jose (Calif.)  
London (England)  
correspondence  
love letters  
awards  
marriage certificates  
immigration records  
daily reports