Barrows and Weyse families papers

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| **Abstract:** The Barrows and Weyse families papers include letters, diaries, photographs, and documents relating to early Los Angeles residents Henry Dwight Barrows and Julius Guenther Weyse and their families, including Weyse’s journey to California around Cape Horn and Barrows’ letterbook at the United States Marshals Service. |
| **Language of Material:** The records are in English and German. |
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| **Acquisition Information** |
| **Biography** |
| Henry Dwight Barrows (1825-1914) was an American teacher, businessman, farmer, goldminer, reporter, United States Marshal, Los Angeles County School Superintendent, manufacturer, writer, and a founder and president of the Historical Society of Southern California. Barrows was married three times. His first wife was Juanita Wolfskill, daughter of William Wolfskill and Magdalena (Lugo) Wolfskill. The couple had one daughter: Alice Wolfskill Barrows (1861-1903). After the death of Wolfskill, Barrows married Mary Alice Workman, daughter of John D. Woodworth and widow of Thomas H. Workman. Barrows and Workman had two daughters: Ada Frances Barrows (1865-1939) and Mary Washington Barrows (1868- ). Barrows and his third wife, Bessie A. Green, had one son: Henry (Harry) Prosper Barrows (1869- ). |
| Julius Guenther Weyse was born in Schleiz, Reuss, Germany around 1803. After taking part in an unsuccessful political attempt to reform Germany, he fled to the United States in 1836. In 1850, he traveled from Liverpool to San Francisco via Cape Horn and spent time in the California gold mines. He relocated to Southern California in 1852 and married Caroline Lange some years later. The couple had three sons: Henry Guenther Weyse (1863-1941), Rudolph Guenther Weyse (1860-1933), and Otto Guenther Weyse (1858-1893). The Barrows and Weyse families were intermarried. Henry Guenther Weyse married Alice Wolfskill Barrows in 1868 and Rudolph Guenther Weyse married Ada Frances Barrows in 1890. |
| **Scope and Content** |
| The Barrows and Weyse families papers include diaries, personal and business correspondence, journals, legal documents, photographs, printed ephemera, and genealogical research material. There are 63 annual diaries covering Henry Dwight Barrows’ life in California from 1852 through 1914. The entries are brief and cover daily activities, agriculture, weather, health problems, along with local and national headlines. Some of the
diaries have newspaper clippings, notes, and tabs laid in. These diaries were used for Michael Konig’s unpublished master’s thesis found in Box 13. Also part of this collection is Barrows’ United States Marshals Service letter book. This letter book was kept by Barrows and his predecessor James C. Pennie and covers 1857 through 1864. The subject matter in this letter book primarily concerns logistics and operations at the Marshals’ offices. There is also a scrapbook that contains clippings of articles that were written by Barrows or that discuss his career. Other material related to Barrows includes genealogical notes, printed ephemera, and photographs.

The material related to Julius Guenther Weyse includes two journals describing his journey to California around Cape Horn in 1850. The contents of these journals include activities on the ship, fellow passengers, and features of sea travel. There is another journal about Weyse’s experience in the gold fields once he arrived in California. In this small journal, he describes the landscape, Native American settlements, European immigrants, mining process, and his earnings. There are also nine deeds related to parcels of land in Los Angeles, purchased or sold by Otto Guenther Weyse from 1887 through 1888 in Box 11. Other material related to the Barrows family includes genealogical notes, printed ephemera, and photographs.

The correspondence was originally separated into two categories: Barrows Weyse and Weyse. However, it appears that there is some overlap because the families were intermarried. The Barrows Weyse correspondence spans from 1860 through 1942. These letters were primarily from friends and family addressed to Weyse, Barrows, or Cullens living in Los Angeles, California. Some of the letters are written in German. The Weyse correspondence covers 1836 through 1945. The majority of the letters are written to Rudolph Guenther Weyse, and some to his brothers, Henry or Otto Weyse. These letters are primarily in German, although, some are in English and relate to family and business matter. Due to the overlap, it is best to look at both the Barrows Weyse and Weyse correspondence for thoroughness.

Box 15 includes material too large for the letter-size boxes. These items include certificates, clippings, Barrows’ United States Marshals Service letter book, a notebook, and photographs. Box 16 includes five daguerreotypes and/or ambrotypes and two unidentified loose portraits. The Barrows family photograph album is in Box 17 and includes approximately 94 photographs. Most of these images are identified. The oversize folder contains a genealogical work compiled by Archivant Dr. Schmidt entitled “Die Weyse” and a certificate for Rudolph Guenther Weyse from the American Turnerbund.

**Arrangement**
Arranged by genre.

**Personal Names**
Barrows family  
Weyse family  
Barrows, Henry D.  
Weyse, Ada Frances Barrows  
Weyse, Alice Wolfskill Barrows  
Weyse, Henry Guenther  
Weyse, Julius Guenther  
Weyse, Otto Guenther  
Weyse, Rudolph Guenther

**Subjects**
Agriculture -- California  
Gold mines and mining -- California  
Pioneers -- California  
Voyages to the Pacific Coast

**Corporate Names**
United States. Marshals Service

**Geographic Areas**
Calaveras County (Calif.) -- Description and travel  
California -- Description and travel  
Horn, Cape (Chile) -- Description and travel  
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 19th century  
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century

**Genre**
Diaries
Box 1

Folder 1  **Business cards - Diaries**

*Business cards -- [Barrows and Weyse]*

Included: "E. Naud & Co" business card with price quote list on verso

Folder 2  **Buttons (information artifacts) -- "Monterey Park Playdays, 1981"**

Folder 3  **Certificates -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1908-1930)**

Included: Reward Merit for Rudolph Guenther Weyse; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for Rudolph Guenther Weyse; Los Angeles Lodge for Rudolph Guenther Weyse; United States Certificate of Naturalization for Alice Weyse Pimentel; National Conservation Association (U.S.) for Henry Dwight Barrows; and Trade and Business College of Gera

Folder 4  **Clippings (information artifacts) -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1855-2008)**

In English and German

Included: When I Went to School --- Fifty-Two Years Ago by Mary June Burton, 1934

Folder 5  **Commonplace books -- Weyse, Julius Guenther, [before 1863]**

Poems by Schiller, Friedrich, 1759-1805 and others

Folder 6  **Diaries -- Barrows, Ada Frances, (1886)**

Folder 7  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1852-1853)**

Tab laid in

Folder 8  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1854)**

Tabs laid in

Folder 9  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1855)**

Tabs laid in

Folder 10  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1856)**

Tabs laid in

Folder 11  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1857)**

Tabs laid in

Box 2

Folder 1  **Diaries**

*Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1858)*

Folder 2  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1859)**

Tabs laid in

Included: Newspaper clippings

Folder 3  **Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1860)**

Tabs laid in
Folder 4  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1861)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 5  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1862)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 6  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1863)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 7  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1864)  
Tabs laid in
Included: Sweet Memories of Thee [handwritten poem] and note

Folder 8  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1865)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 9  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1866)

Box 3  Diaries
Folder 1  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1867)  
Tab laid in

Folder 2  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1868)  
Included: Newspaper clipping

Folder 3  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1869)  
Included: Agreements and receipts

Folder 4  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1870)

Folder 5  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1871)  
Included: Quarter Stretch. 1871. Southern District Agricultural Association ribbon

Folder 6  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1872)  
Tabs and notes laid in
Included: [Pico, Pio, 1801-1894] signature and notes

Folder 7  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1873)  
Tabs, notes, and newspaper clipping laid in

Box 4  Diaries
Folder 1  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1874)

Folder 2  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1875)  
Tabs laid in
Included: Newspaper clippings

Folder 3  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1876)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 4  Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1877)  
Tabs laid in
Included: A receipt from Lewis Wolfskill dated October 27, 1877
| Folder 5 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1878) |
| Folder 6 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1879)  
Ticket laid in  
Included: Deposit slips, letter to Sherman, John, 1823-1900, newspaper clippings, and notes |
| Folder 7 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1880)  
Tab laid in  
Included: Agreements, deposit slips, newspaper clippings, and receipts |

| Box 5 | Diaries  
Folder 1 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1881)  
Included: Deposit slip, newspaper clippings, and receipts |
| Folder 2 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1882)  
Included: Deposit slips, newspaper clippings, and receipts |
| Folder 3 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1883)  
Included: Deposit slips, newspaper clippings, and note |
| Folder 4 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1884) |
| Folder 5 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1885)  
Included: Deposit slips, newspaper clipping, note, and receipt |
| Folder 6 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1886)  
Tabs laid in  
Included: Deposit slips |
| Folder 7 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1887)  
Tab laid in |

| Box 6 | Diaries  
Folder 1 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1888)  
Tabs laid in  
Included: Newspaper clipping, receipt, and ticket |
| Folder 2 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1889)  
Tab laid in  
Included: Deposit slips, newspaper clippings, notes, and receipts |
| Folder 3 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1890)  
Tabs laid in |
| Folder 4 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1891)  
Tabs laid in |
| Folder 5 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1892)  
Tab laid in  
Included: Deposit slips, newspaper clippings, notes, and receipt |
Folder 6  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1893)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 7  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1894)

Folder 8  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1895)  
Tab laid in

Box 7  
Folder 1  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1896)

Folder 2  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1897)  
Tab laid in

Folder 3  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1898)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 4  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1899)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 5  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1900)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 6  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1901)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 7  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1902)  
Included: Receipt

Box 8  
Folder 1  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1903)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 2  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1904)  
Tabs laid in  
Included: Not Yet, Not Yet [printed poem] and note

Folder 3  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1905)  
Tabs laid in  
Included: Not Yet, Not Yet [printed poem]

Folder 4  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1906)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 5  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1907)  
Tabs laid in

Folder 6  
Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1908)

Box 9  
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Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1909)

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Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1910)  
Tabs laid in
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| Folder 5 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1913)  
Included: Business cards, newspaper clippings, and notes |
| Folder 6 | Diaries -- Barrows, Henry D., (1914)  
Included: Business cards |
| Box 10  | Diaries - Journals  
Folder 1 | Diaries -- Cullen, Ada Weyse, (1932)  
Primarily regarding daily activities and concerns |
| Folder 2 | Diaries -- ----, [undated]  
Travel diary in German |
| Folder 3 | Empty envelopes -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1878-1954)  
The letters in this collection may or may have not been separated from these envelopes |
| Folder 4 | Financial records -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1858-1913)  
Primarily checks and receipts |
| Folder 5 | Greeting cards -- [Weyse], [undated]  
In German |
| Folder 6 | Invitations -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1891-1905)  
For Throop Polytechnic Institute; Heinrich Guenther Weyse; and |
| Folder 7 | Journals (accounts) -- Weyse, Julius Guenther, (1850)  
In German  
Entitled Briefe meines geliebten Vaters während seiner Reise nach Californien geschrieben Im Jahr |
| Folder 8 | Journals (accounts) -- Weyse, Julius Guenther, (1850)  
In German  
No label or title page. Written in a different hand from journal in Box 10 () |
| Folder 9 | Journals (accounts) -- Weyse, Julius Guenther, (1851)  
In German  
Entitled Vallecito, Calaveras County, Southern Mines |
| Folder 10 | Journals (periodicals) -- Historical Society of Southern California, (1886, Jan.)  
Fragile |
| Box 11 | Legal documents - Letters (correspondence)  
Folder 1 | Legal documents -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1842-1930)  
Included: Affidavits, agreements, deeds, and wills. Also, deeds for sale of land parcels in Los Angeles, bought or sold by Otto Guenther Weyse and document with seal of the county court in the principality of Reuss (Germany) concerning [debts and credits?] |
<p>| Folder 2 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1860-1869) |
| Folder 3 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1881-1885) |
| Folder 4 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1886-1888) |
| Folder 5 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1893-1898) |
| Folder 6 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1902-1909) |
| Folder 7 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1912-1914) |
| Box 12  | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1928-1939) |
| Folder 2 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, (1942) |
| Folder 3 | Letters (correspondence) -- Barrows Weyse family, [undated] |
| Folder 4 | Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1836-1869) |
| Folder 5 | Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1871-1875) |
| Folder 6 | Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1876-1879) |
| Folder 7 | Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1881-1889) |
| Folder 8 | Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1890-1899) |
| Folder 9 | Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1900-1909) |
| Folder 10| Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1912-1913) |
| Folder 11| Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1926-1929) |
| Folder 12| Letters (correspondence) -- Weyse family, (1930-1945?) |</p>
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| Folder 2  | Manuscripts -- ----- -----, (1939)                     |
|           | Entitled "Life of Henry Barnes" and "A True Story of Life" |

| Folder 3  | Marriage certificates -- Weyse, Alice Caroline and Pimentel, Antonio, (1918) |

| Folder 4  | Masters thesis -- Konig, Michael Francis, Henry Dwight Barrows, Builder of a Changing Los Angeles, (1977) |
|           | Tabs and letter from Michael Francis Konig to Mrs. Cullen |

| Folder 5  | Miscellaneous -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1850-1932)      |
|           | In English and German                                  |
|           | Included: Fragments of letters, lists, manuscripts, and notes |

| Folder 6  | Negatives (photographs) -- Earp (Calif.), [1950s]      |
|           | Mostly unidentified                                    |

| Folder 7  | Notebooks -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1887-1949)          |
|           | Letters, newspaper clippings, and receipt laid in      |
|           | Primarily copies of letters                            |

| Folder 8  | Notebooks -- [Cullen, Ada Weyse], [undated]            |
|           | Primarily genealogical notes                           |

| Folder 9  | Notes -- [Barrows and Weyse], [undated]               |
|           | Reading notes, bibliographical references, and genealogical notes |
|           | Included: The Barrows Family by Rev. Lucien Moore Robinson [printed ephemera] |

| Folder 10 | Notes -- Weyse, Ada Frances Barrows and Weyce, Alice C., (1882-1909) |
|           | Primarily school assignments                           |

| Folder 11 | Paintings (visual works) -- Weyes, Julius Guenther, (1849) |

| Folder 12 | Photographs -- Greiz (Germany), (1881-1906)             |
|           | Included: Postcards                                     |

| Folder 13 | Poems -- [Barrows, Henry D.], (1948)                   |
|           | Entitled "Pablo & Virginia / Song Cancion"              |
|           | Included: Sheet music                                   |

| Box 14    | Printed ephemera - Stock certificates                   |
Folder 1  **Printed ephemera -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1828-1931)**

Included: 60th Anniversary of Turnverein Germania Los Angeles [program]; Funeral Service of Southern California Lodge No. 278 Free and Accepted Masons [booklet]; Joseph Victor von Scheffel's *Ekkehard*, [reproductions]; Los Angeles Herald, July 21, 1907 [photocopy]; Newport Bay, Orange County, California [map]; Newport Harbor Yact Club [photocopy]; Old Episcopal Church [photocopy]; Hadersley Amt. [map]; and translations [photocopy]

Folder 2  **Reprints -- Itzehoe Weekly, (1850)**

The Naval battle at Neustadt (from the Weekly, 1850, Vm. 61, column 1289 and Letter from the Schleswig-Holstein department of foreign/external affairs to the Senate of the Hanseatic city of Lübeck concerning the [steamship] "v. d. Tann" (von der Tann)

Folder 3  **Scrapbooks -- [Barrows], (1868-1917)**

Newspaper clippings regarding Henry Dwight Barrows

Folder 4  **Speeches (document) -- Kettner, Ludwig Anton, (1961, Mar. 20)**

Folder 5  **Sketches -- Weyse, Julius Guenther, [1850s]**

6" x 7" sketch of a Julius Guenther Weyse

Included: 7 photocopies of additional sketches of mining scenes

Folder 6  **Stock certificates -- [Barrows and Weyse], (1854-1868)**

For The Macedonian Silver Mining Company; Moronga Silver Mining Company; San Francisco Turn Society; and Techattucup Silver & Gold Mining Co.

Folder 7  **Wills -- Leisewitz, Friedrich, (1924)**

Testament by Thuringian notary public Friedrich Leisewitz in the district of Greiz recounting legal matters described to him by lawyer and Dr. of Jurisprudence Franz Brösel

Box 15  **Certificates - Photographs**

Folder 1  **Certificates -- Barrows, (1868-1870)**

Los Angeles County [Teaching] blank certificates and stubs filled-in

Folder 2  **Clippings (information artifacts) -- Greiz newspaper, (1930)**

Fragile

Included: Photocopies


United States. Marshals Service

Folder 4  **Notebooks -- [Weyse], (1913)**

Entitled *Stammtafeln der Familie Weyse, Im Auftrage der Frau Emilie Hey geb. Weyse-Kettner in Greiz*

Included: English translation and photocopy

Folder 5  **Photographs -- Barrows and Weyse, (1860?-1934)**

Included: Barrows, Henry D.; Barrows, Juanita Wolfskill; Weyse, Ada Frances Barrows; Weyse, Henry Guenther; Weyse, Hermaine; Weyse, Hermann Heinrich Guenther and tombstone; Weyse, Julius [7. N.]; Weyse, Rudolph Guenther...of Spanish War; and unidentified

Note: These were originally contained in a separate folder
Folder 6  **Photographs -- Barrows and Weyse, (1886-1908)**

Included: Barrows, Henry D.; Benton, Helene Augusta Weyse; Hermosillo Club Outing, Rubio Canon, Los Angeles (Calif.); Hey, Emilie Weyse; Kelleher, Mary Alice Weyse; Los Angeles High School Class of 1882, 50 years later; Muller, Caroline; Weyse, Ada Frances Barrows; Weyse, Alice Wolfskill Barrows; Weyse, Henry Guenther; Weyse, Irene...wife of Hermann Heinrich Guenther of Unterlosa; Weyse, Otto Guenther; Weyse, Rudolph Guenther; homes; and unidentified

Folder 7  **Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1877 - ?)**

Included: Breer, Adele; Breer, Henry; Breer, Louie; Breer, Willie; DeCamp, Clarence; DeCamp, Elmer; Den, R.S.; Hansen, Geo; Hutton, Blossom; Mayer, Marguerite Rimfau; Reed, Haines W.; Rimfau, Wallace T.; Schrader, Julia Breer; oil well; and a house

Box 16  **Ambrotypes (photographs) and/or daguerreotypes**

Included: Barrows, Mary Alice Woodworth Barrows; unidentified; and two loose portraits

Box 17  **Photograph albums -- Barrows, (1860s-1890s)**

Included: Banning, Weyse, Workman, and Wordsworth families

Oversize folder  **Weyse**

American Turnerbund for Rudolph Guenther Weyse [certificate] and "Die Weyse" [printed matter]