Overview of the Collection

Title: Welter Family Papers

Dates (inclusive): 1833-1954

Bulk dates: 1900-1923

Collection Number: mssHM 65976-66054

Creator: Welter family.

Extent: 79 pieces in 2 boxes + 5 folders

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Abstract: This collection primarily consists of correspondence to family from Edwin Nicholas Welter as he worked and traveled throughout Alaska and the Yukon and from Stuart Jackson Welter as he mined for iron in Nevada, chiefly dating from 1900 to the early 1920s. There are also four topographic surveys of Meridian, Nevada (1891-1914).

Language: English.

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Biographical Note

The Welter Family consisted of Andrew Jackson Welter, his wife Mary Taylor Smith, and their children Edwin Nicholas Welter, Stuart Jackson Welter, Gene Welter Beyette, Grover Welter, Grody Welter, and Rose Murray. The majority of the family lived and worked in such places as Texas and Roswell, N.M. where they ran Welter’s Kandy Kitchen and where Andrew Jackson Welter was justice peace and police judge. The exceptions were Edwin who spent the better part of 23 years in Alaska and the Yukon mining for gold and Stuart who pursued iron mining in Nevada, where he was the vice president of the Gold Basin Mining Milling & Development Company.

Scope and Content

This collection primarily consists of correspondence from Edwin Nicholas Welter as he worked and traveled throughout Alaska and the Yukon and from Stuart Jackson Welter as he mined for iron in Nevada. Much of their correspondence is addressed to their family, especially to their sister, Gene Welter Beyette and her daughter, Karyn B. Sanders.

From the year 1900 till his death in 1923, Edwin spent his time working in various parts of Alaska, such as Nome and Fairbanks, and of the Yukon, such as Dawson. He did briefly visit his family in Rowell, New Mexico, in 1911. His correspondence covered such subjects as his living conditions, gold mines and mining, and his views on the World War, 1914-1918.

Though much smaller in number, the correspondence of Stuart Jackson Welter covers his interests in the McCoy Mining District in Lander County, Nevada. Of particular interest is the correspondence from his time in Battle Mountain, Lander County, Nevada, where he discusses Uranium mines and mining, and the letter to him from a friend and business acquaintance in Venezuela.

There are four topographic surveys of Nevada (HM 66051-66054) in the collection, which are contained in separate folders. Additionally there are photostat copies (FAC 1405) of materials related to a pension request for George Smith, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and housed in a separate folder.

Arrangement
This collection is organized in the following manner:

1. Correspondence - arranged alphabetically by author - Box 1
2. Photographs, legal documents, and misc. materials - arranged in chronologically order within each genre - Box 2
3. Topographic surveys - Folder

**Indexing: Subjects**

Frontier and pioneer life – Alaska

- 1915, Feb. 4. Edwin Nicholas Welter, letter to [Andrew Jackson and Mary Taylor Welter].

Frontier and pioneer life – Yukon


Gold mines and mining – Alaska

- 1915, Feb. 4. Edwin Nicholas Welter, letter to [Andrew Jackson and Mary Taylor Welter].

Gold mines and mining – Nevada


Uranium mines and mining – Nevada


World War, 1914-1918 – Public opinion

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Dawson (Yukon) – History – 20th century – Sources


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Nome (Alaska) – Description and travel


Venezuela – Description and travel


**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

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Welter family.

Frontier and pioneer life -- Alaska.

Frontier and pioneer life -- Yukon.

Gold mines and mining -- Alaska.

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Uranium mines and mining -- Nevada.

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**Forms/Genres**

Welter Family Papers: Finding Aid mssHM 65976-66054
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.

Additional Contributors
Beyette, Gene Welter.
Sanders, Karyn B.
Welter, Edwin Nicholas.
Welter, Stuart Jackson.

Box 1

Correspondence

Sorgis, Same E. Letter to Stuart Jackson Welter. Ciudad Bolívar, Venezuela. 1947, Nov. 3
Welter, Edwin Nicholas and Stuart Jackson Welter. Letter to William H. Beyette, Gene Welter Beyette, and Karyn B. Sanders. 1908, June 24
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to Karyn B. Sanders. Lake Laberge, Yukon. 1911, May 8
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to Karyn B. Sanders. Livengood, Alaska. 1918, Nov. 16
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to Andrew Jackson Welter. Whitehorse, Yukon. 1912, Aug. 30
Welter Edwin Nicholas. Letter to [Andrew Jackson and Mary Taylor Welter]. Kotzebue, Alaska. 1904, Aug. 23
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to [Andrew Jackson and Mary Taylor Welter]. Dawson, Yukon. 1915, Feb. 4
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to Rose [Welter]. Lake Laberge, Yukon. 1911, June 5
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to Stuart Jackson Welter. Silver Creek, Yukon. 1913, Mar. 26
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to "Dear Home folks." Whitehorse, Yukon. 1911, June 8
Welter, Edwin Nicholas. Letter to "Dear Mother and home folks." Livengood, Alaska. 1922, Mar. 31
[Welter, Mary Taylor]. Letter to Gene [Welter] Beyette and Karyn B. Sanders. [Roswell, N.M.]. 1939, Nov. 21
Welter, Stuart Jackson. Letter to Karyn B. Sanders. Battle Mountain (Lander County, Nev.). 1954, Aug. 6
Welter, Stuart Jackson. Letter to "Dear people." Fairbanks, Alaska. 1907, July 21
Welter, Stuart Jackson. Letter to "Dear Grover and Home folks." Stillwater, Nev. 1923, Sept. 18
Welter, Stuart Jackson. Letter to "Dear Home folks." Stillwater, Nev. 1923, Nov. 7
Welter, Stuart Jackson. Letter to "Dear folks." Battle Mountain (Lander County, Nev.). 1929, Sept. 14

Box 2

Photographs, legal documents, and misc. materials

Photograph. Seattle, Wash. 1911, May
Photograph. Seattle, Wash. 1911
Photograph. Dawson, Yukon. 1911
Photograph. Dawson, Yukon. 1914, Feb.
Photograph. Tolovana, Alaska. 1916
Photograph. Livengood, Alaska. Undated
Photograph. Undated
Photograph. Undated
Photograph. Undated
Photograph. Undated
Photographic postcard. Seattle, Wash. 1911
Photographic postcard. Undated
Lease between Frank Childress and Stuart Jackson Welter, and Tony Romano. 1936, Oct. 1
Lease Between Frank Childress and Stuart Jackson Welter, and Tony Romano. Alameda County, Calif. 1938, Feb. 19
Agreement between Zeb Silve, et. al., and J. Rossyln Jones. 1941, May 5
Agreement between Zeb Silve, and Stuart Jackson Welter, Clarence A. Lee, and W.G. Lee. 1941, May 21
Agreement between Zeb Silve and Celine Silve, and Stuart Jackson Welter, W.G. Lee, and Clarence A. Lee. Lander County, Nev. 1941, Nov. 10
Indenture between Frank Childress and Stuart Jackson Welter. Lander County, Nev. 1944, Nov. 13
Notice of ownership and suspension of labor of Stuart Jackson Welter and the Estate of Frank Childress. Los Angeles County, Calif. 1949, July 21
Lease between Karyn B. Sanders and Stuart Jackson Welter, and A.N. Bratton. Los Angeles County, Calif. 1951, June 4
Indenture between Karyn B. Sanders and Stuart Jackson Welter. Los Angeles County, Calif. 1951, June 6
Certificates of location. Lander County, Nev. 1950, Oct. 1
Certificates of location. Lander County, Nev. 1952, Apr. 15-28
Certificate: Proof of Annual Labor. Los Angeles County, Calif. 1953, June 11
Ephemera. 1 piece. Fallon, Nev. 1954, July 1
Receipts. 3 pieces. Austin, Nev. 1949-1953
Envelopes. 4 pieces. 1913-1954

Topographic surveys

Oversize folder
Belknap, Clayton. Township no. 33 North, Range no. 42 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nev. Reno, Nev. 1896, Oct. 28

Oversize folder
Kyle, Matthew. Township no. 34 North, Range no. 41 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nev. Reno, Nev. 1911, June 27

Oversize folder
Kyle, Matthew. Township no. 33 North, Range no. 41 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nev. Reno, Nev. 1914, Feb. 28

Oversize folder
Turrittin, George F. Township no. 34 North, Range no. 42 East, Mount Disable Meridian, Nev. Reno, Nev. 1891, Jan. 20

Photostat copies

Oversize folder
Materials related to a pension request for Revolutionary War soldier George Smith. FAC 1405