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Scope and Contents
The Mann Family Papers collection is comprised of 31 personal letters written primarily between Betty A. Mann, friends and family, as well as between E. C. Mann and Betty A. Mann from 1920 to 1937. Mostly comprised of general correspondence, the letter contents include general life, health, and weather updates from friends and family, including travel arrangements for visits.

Notably, Betty Avery Mann received letters from her uncle, Geo Stafford, who was a long time patient at the Parsons State Hospital, a state hospital for epileptics. Interestingly, Stafford often notes the poor living conditions endured by patients and his experiences with early mental health.
Item 1
Letter Dec 2, 1920
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: 2 copies. Author unknown, potentially Betty A Mann. Letter writes about disappointment in marriage after 10 years, and frustrations with social life. Letter author updates mother on her two children, who behave poorly, local gossip, and various purchases. Letter also includes arrangements for travel plans.

Item 2
Letter June 19, 1923
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author is "Carl". Letter contents include love sentiments to wife, and work updates.

Item 3
Letter July 1, 1923
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Geo W Stafford. Letter contents include frustration with state hospital in Parsons, Kansas; author suffers from epilepsy but is forced to stay at a mental hospital for his condition. Letter includes description of living conditions and frustrations with arrangements to leave and travel.

Item 4
Letter to Betty Avery January 12-13, 1924
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author "Lewis". The first letter, dated January 12, asks Betty to keep good spirits and a positive mindset. The second letter, dated January 13, includes sentiments of love and devotion to Betty.

Item 5
Letter to Betty Avery January 5, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author is Betty's sister, Anita. Letter contents include travel arrangements and family inquiries.

Item 6
Letter to Jessie August 23, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Billie Crane to Jessie, envelope addressed to Betty Mann. Letter contents include inquiries about recent trip, friendly gossip, missed connections, and a recent birthday.
Item 7
Western Union Telegram to Betty Mann
September 29, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Love sentiments to Betty from husband, “Ned” Edward Mann.

Item 8
Western Union Telegram to Betty A Mann
October 3, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Love sentiments to Betty from husband, “Ned” Edward Mann.

Item 9
Letter to Betty A Mann October 6, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author "Joe". Letter contents include nostalgic sentiments, missed connections on various trips, inquiries about old friends, and well wishes.

Item 10
Letter to Betty A Mann November 28, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Geo W Stafford. Letter contents include frustration with state hospital in Parsons, Kansas and William Douglass for inconsistent communication. Letter describes briefly conditions inside state hospital.

Item 11
Item 12
Letter to Betty A Mann December 11, 1926
Letter to Betty A Mann December 26, 1926
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Geo W Stafford. Letter contents include gratitude for letters and Christmas cards, and commentary on a "poor babe" that Betty and Edward Mann, presumably, are dealing with.

Item 13
Letter to Betty A Mann January 12, 1927
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Geo W Stafford. Letter contents include state hospital conditions and gratitude for holiday gifts.

Item 14
Letter to Betty and Edward Mann January 17, 1927
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Fern Atwood. Letter contents include description of a family ranch and home, work updates, inquiries about forgotten items left with Betty, and health updates.

Item 16  Brief card to Betty A Mann February 2, 1927  Scope and Contents  Scope and Contents note: Letter author Florence Wenman. Card contents include weather updates and visit updates.

Item 17  Letter to Betty A Mann February 7, 1927  Scope and Contents  Scope and Contents note: Letter author Billie. Letter contents include general inquiries about family, friendly correspondence, and plans to attend a Cabaret Dinner Dance event at Billie's husband's club. Letter also includes general health updates and weight loss news.

Item 18  Letter to Betty A Mann April 10, 1927  Scope and Contents  Scope and Contents note: Letter author Geo W Stafford. Letter contents include state hospital conditions, gratitude for Christmas gifts, and an update in a change of guardians from Douglass to a Mr Hack.

Item 19  Letter to Betty A Mann May 4, 1927  Scope and Contents  Scope and Contents note: Letter author "Geoffrey". Letter contents include news of bringing a family friend to visit with and travel arrangements.

Item 20  Letter to Betty A Mann July 16, 1927  Scope and Contents  Scope and Contents note: Letter author "Geoffrey". Letter contents include explanation of continuing disagreement between Geoffrey and Betty regarding the family friend who was brought along to visit, and well wishes to Betty and Edward.

Item 21  Letter to Betty and Edward Mann December 20, 1927  Scope and Contents  Scope and Contents note: Letter author "Geoffrey". Letter contents include gratitude for Christmas gifts and an explanation for not sending any gifts due to events with a young woman.
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<td>Letter to Betty and Edward Mann</td>
<td>Fern Atwood</td>
<td>Scope and Contents: Let letter author Fern Atwood. Letter contents include offers to watch Junior should Betty be in the hospital for throat related issues, updates on buying a house and seeing guests, and well wishes.</td>
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<td>March 12, 1930</td>
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<td>Edward C Mann's mother</td>
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<td>Verne S Landreth, President of the Miramonte School and Junior College</td>
<td>Scope and Contents: Let letter author Verne S Landreth, President of the Miramonte School and Junior College. Letter contents include updates on &quot;Ted&quot; as he began his school in Atascadero and description of his overall demeanor in a new environment.</td>
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Item 36  Western Union Telegram to Betty A Mann from Edward C Mann June 15, n.y.
Item 37  Empty Letter Envelopes 1920-1924
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Three empty envelopes dated October 22, 1920 addressed to Fred R Avery, December 19, 1923 addressed to Betty Avery, and June 11, 1924 addressed to Betty Avery.

Item 38  Letter to Betty A Mann n.d.
Scope and Contents
Scope and Contents note: Letter author Fern Atwood. Letter contents include gratitude for the friendship, gifts, support, and love given to the author from Betty and Edward Mann.

Miscellaneous
Item 27  Name Cards for Betty A Mann January 6, 1933
Item 31  Short Creative Writing Piece n.d.
Item 32  Southern California Music Company Receipt/Check June 15, 1926
Item 33  Newspaper Clippings re deaths in city of Parsons n.d.
Item 34  Insurance Policy for Neta H Baldwin April 18, 1921