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Galloway family Papers. 1893 – 1928

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Size of Collection: 1 cubic foot

Locator Number: Mss./A/G174

Scope and Content Note

Majority of the collection consists of correspondence between Carl B. Galloway and his fiancé and future wife, Marguerite (Maggie) Edwards, beginning with their early courtship in Iowa in 1893 up to their marriage in 1898 and continuing with a few letters in 1928. In addition to revealing the developing affection between them, the letters offer many details concerning their backgrounds, personal opinions on local and national issues, family life and work experiences (teaching, operating creameries and a livery stable, and ore mining). Additional letters written by Carl's parents living in Kentucky provide much insight regarding the role of religion (Presbyterianism) in daily life and parenting. An interesting series of letters written between 1912 and 1914 reveal an intense family dispute between Carl's mother, Sallie Galloway, and Carl's sister-in-law, Nina Galloway, and their attempts to obtain support from other family members.

Biographical Note

Carl B. Galloway, the eldest son of Oliver and Sallie Galloway, was born April 21, 1874, in Perryville, Boyle Co., Ky. His younger brother, Dwight, was born in December, 1884. Carl's father was a Presbyterian minister and served a series of churches in Kentucky, Illinois and Iowa. Carl remained in Iowa after his parents moved back to Kentucky in 1895. There he held a series of jobs in creameries and became a co-owner of a livery stable in Brooklyn, Iowa. In 1897, Carl moved to Breckenridge, Colorado, at the recommendation of an uncle and worked in a mining operation for a number of years. After a 5-year courtship, Carl married Marguerite (Maggie) Edwards, a school teacher from Adair, Iowa, in 1898. After living in Breckenridge for some time, they had moved back to Iowa by 1910, where he entered the insurance business. He and Maggie had no children.

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