

Dyer-Wells Collection 2014-17

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Summary

Title: Dyer-Wells Collection

Accession Number: 2014-17

Compiler: Josephine (Dyer) Wells (1892-1970)

Extent: 13 files (950 pages)

Language: English

Abstract: The Dyer-Wells Collection is a compilation of family history papers, correspondence, and photo albums relating to the families of Josephine Wells and her husband William Lacey Wells (1885-1943). They likely passed down to her son Dyer Willard "Mike" Wells (1918-1998) who died in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. There is also a narrative by his wife Joan Marie (Duryee) Wells about her family. The collection includes two folders of personal correspondence between Dyer Wells and his parents during World War II. There is also correspondence and notes regarding family history. In addition, there are several photo albums.

The most common surnames are Bidwell, Case, Duryee, Dyer, Lyon, and Wells. The most common locations are California, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Ohio.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The Dyer-Wells Collection was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

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Biographical Note

Josephine Dyer was born in 1892 in Hartford County, Connecticut. She married William Wells on 7 July 1917 in Collinsville, Hartford County, Connecticut. The family moved to California before 1930. After her husband's death, she returned to Connecticut and worked as a music teacher. A few years later she returned to California, and it was there that she died.

Finding Aid

File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Personal correspondence, most dating from World War II	Wells	California, Connecticut	182
2	Personal correspondence, most dating from World War II	Wells	California, Connecticut	294
3	Photo album, post cards, circa 1910	Clinton, Darling, Dyer	Connecticut	38
4	Family history narrative	Duryee, Hamilton, Hutchison, Walters, Wells	California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Oregon	64
5	Photo album	Duryee, Hutchinson, Lawrence	California, New Jersey	8
6	Newspaper clipping, handwritten lists of births, marriages, and deaths, photos, postcards	Bidwell, Dyer, Lyon	Connecticut, Ohio	10
7	Photos	Wells		4
8	Personal correspondence	Wells	Connecticut	131
9	Correspondence re family history, notes, photos, memorabilia, descendant report	Bidwell, Case, Chidsey, Dyer, Lyon, Wells	Connecticut, Ohio	53
10	Correspondence, descendant report	Dyer, Wells, Willard	California, Connecticut, England	10
11	Birth and death certificates, personal correspondence, enlistment record, property record, naturalization record, copy of will	Dyer, Lacey, Wells	California, Connecticut, Illinois	52
12	Photo album	Dyer, Wells	California, Connecticut	50
13	Photo album	Case, Dyer, Wells	California, Connecticut, Oregon	54
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