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WILLIAM WIGGINS PAPERS
1930-1931

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VOLUME: 0.25 LINEAR FEET

HISTORY

William "Bill" Wiggins was born in Warrenpoint, County Down, Ireland on July 30, 1889, the son of T.H. and Frances Kichen Wiggins. He married Mary Stermitz (also Stermetz) on October 22, 1917, in Bozeman, Montana. Wiggins worked for Yellowstone National Park from at least the 1930s until 1955. The couple had one daughter, Agnes Margaret (later Link). Wiggins passed away on July 1, 1970, in Livingston, Montana.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of a photograph album and scrapbook related to the work of William Wiggins in Yellowstone National Park. The collection includes a photograph album of waterworks construction and a scrapbook compiled at the time of Wiggins's retirement from the National Park Service in 1955. The photograph album showing construction of waterworks throughout Yellowstone Park. Images included pipes, water towers, pump houses, tanks, and other construction. There are also images of the Mammoth and Lake incinerators. The scrapbook contains numerous letters to Wiggins congratulating him on his retirement, commemorating his long service, and reminiscing about various incidents. Although the contents date largely to 1955, the compilation of the material and the binding into an album appear to date from the 1980s (subsequent to the date that the Yellowstone Association changed its name from the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association). It is likely that the binding was done subsequent to the donation or discovery of the contents as manuscript materials were often maintained by the Library at the time; no accession or donation details have been located, however.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Earl J. Stermitz, 2018 and found in collection, 2020.

AVAILABILITY

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