



Guide to the Walton family papers, 1730-1980 and undated, bulk 1890-1975

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Summary

Collection Title:

Walton family papers, 1730-1980 and undated, 1890-1975

Creator:

Walton family

Abstract:

The papers of the Walton family comprise journals and diaries; correspondence; writings; photographic materials; clippings; and printed material. Early items pertain to the Baker family of Hingham, Massachusetts, and letters document the Walton's courtship and early marriage. Papers from the 1920s to 1948 relate to Eleanore Walton's work with societies and clubs, and as a motion picture censor in Kansas City, Missouri. The larger Loring B. Walton Series documents Walton's student days, his service as a U.S. Army officer in the American Expeditionary Force in France and Germany, 1918-1919, and his lengthy correspondence with his mother, Eleanore, and with A. Goderic A. Hodges, a British Army officer. In addition there are a few letters from authors such as Wilmon Brewer, Count Sforza, Maurice Holleaux, and Anatole France, and a poem by Edmund Wilson. Walton's involvement with Duke University as a Romance Languages faculty member is also documented to a lesser degree. Photographs and negatives are of family member portraits, Princeton and Harvard campuses, 1920, Fort Douglas, Utah, also 1920, Hingham, Massachusetts, and unidentified subjects.

Extent:

4.5 Linear Feet (9 boxes; 2 oversize folders)
Approximately 1700 items

Language:

Materials in English.

Collection ID:

RL.01339

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

The Walton family papers date from 1730 to 1980, and comprise journals and diaries; incoming and outgoing correspondence; writings; postcards, photographs, albums and negatives; clippings; printed material; and genealogical information and history relating to Hingham, Massachusetts.

Small groups of early materials refer to the lives of Eleanore's father James Loring Baker and the history of Hingham, Massachusetts. Later correspondence documents the courtship and early marriage of Eleanore Coolidge Baker and George E. Walton; an 1896 diary recounts George Walton's trip to Florida by wagon. A larger series of papers and correspondence relates to Loring Baker Walton's student years, travel abroad, service in World War I, and his role as academic author and professor of Romance Languages at Duke University. Letters in this series also document Loring B. Walton's relationship with his mother Eleanore and her involvement in various societies, clubs, and employment as a film censor in Kansas City, Missouri.

Photographs, postcards, and negatives in the collection include portraits of family members; images of travel abroad in France and Hingham, Massachusetts, circa 1920s; Fort Douglas, Utah, 1920; and the campuses of Harvard and Princeton in 1920, and unidentified subjects.

Addition (03-053)(175 items, .2 lin. ft.; dated 1917-1968) comprises materials on Loring Baker Walton, and consists primarily of scholarly correspondence and materials concerning his work on Anatole France and other projects (1932-1968). Also includes his class notes from Harvard (1917-1918), and from his training and service with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I.

Addition (08-184)(375 items, .4 lin. ft.; dated 1891-1980 and undated) contains primarily material related to Loring Baker Walton's background and service with the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. Includes information regarding Walton family property settlements for land they owned in Germany that was damaged during WWII. There are also letters (1891-1951) for George E. and Eleanore C. Walton.

Biographical/Historical

George E. Walton

Date	Description
1839, Dec. 25	Born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Charles and Sarah Underwood Horsey Blake Walton
1864	Graduated from Bellevue Medical College (N.Y.). Served as Assistant Surgeon in the Union Army
1865	Toured Europe to study methods of surgery and medicine
1866	Began medical practice in Cincinnati, Ohio
circa 1870	Married Marion Young of Pittsburg, Pa. Had two sons and two daughters
1880	Assumed Chair of Medicine and Surgery at Cincinnati Academy of Medicine
1880-1881	President of Cincinnati Academy of Medicine
1883	Published The Mineral Springs of the United States and Canada with Analyses and Notes on the Prominent Spas of Europe, and a List of Sea-Side Resorts (D. Appleton)
1890	Moved to DeLand, Florida area

Date	Description
1892, Fall	Married Eleanore C. Baker in St. Augustine, Fla. Son was Loring Baker Walton
1917, June 25	Died in Terre Haute, Indiana

Eleanore Coolidge Baker Walton

Date	Description
1865, March 18	Born Eleanore "Nellie" Coolidge Baker in Hingham, Massachusetts to Susan L. and James Loring Baker
1880s	Studied in Chicago Attended Hingham Academy (Hingham, Mass.).
1891	Moved to Florida because of illness, treated by Dr. George E. Walton
1892, Fall	Married George E. Walton in St. Augustine, Fla. Son was Loring Baker Walton
circa 1898	Moved to Kansas City, Mo. and became active on the Board of the Women's and Children's Hospital, and in the Missouri Society for Crippled Children, the Women's Chamber of Commerce, the YWCA, and the 2nd District Federation of Women's Clubs for Missouri
1933, May	Appointed Assistant to Film Censor for Kansas City

Date	Description
1938, December	Appointed Film Censor for Kansas City
1948	Retired and moved to Durham, N.C.
1958, July 12	Died in Durham, N.C.

Loring Baker Walton

Date	Description
1893, November 17	Born in Deland, Florida to Eleanore C. and George E. Walton
1898	Moved to Kansas City, Mo. with his mother
1916	Entered Harvard University as a graduate student A.B. degree from Princeton University.
1918-1920	Served in the U.S. Army in France, Germany, and Fort Douglas, Utah
1920, November	Employed by Guaranty Trust Company in New York City
1923 (?)	Returned to Europe for study and travel
1924	Awarded License-en-Lettres from the Sorbonne in Paris in classical languages
1924-1929	Instructor of Romance Languages at Princeton University

Date	Description
1925, December	Married Susanne Joseph Lindlar. Children were Loring B. Walton, Jr. and Eleanore
1929-1963	Professor of Romance Languages at Duke University
1943	Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago
1975, February 9	Died in Durham, N.C., buried in Maplewood Cemetery

Published: Anatole France and the Greek World (Duke University Press: 1950), A Manuscript of Thais(PMLA: 1956), and Anatole France and the First World War: the Correspondence with Carlos Blacker (1962).

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Use Restrictions

The copyright interests in the Walton family papers have not been transferred to Duke University. For further information, see the section on copyright in the Regulations and Procedures of the Rubenstein Library.

Acquisition Information

The papers of the Walton family were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift from 1984-1987 by Mrs. Loring B. Walton, Loring B. Walton, and Eleanore Walton Bequaert.

Additions to the collection were received in 2003 and 2008.

Processing Information

Processed by: Fran Tracy-Walls and Sharon Knapp, 1992.

Encoded by Stephen D. Miller.

Additions encoded by Alice L. Poffinberger, February 12, 2009.

Nitrate negatives rehoused and description revised by Paula Jeannet, October 2018

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- World War, 1914-1918 -- Germany
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- Fort Douglas (Utah) -- Photographs
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- Hingham (Mass.) -- Photographs
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- Cellulose nitrate film

- Diaries
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- Sforza, Carlo, Conte, 1872-1952
- France, Anatole, 1844-1924
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- Wilson, Edmund, 1895-1972
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- Harvard University -- Photographs
- Princeton University -- Photographs
- Duke University -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

George E. and Eleanore C. Walton Papers, 1730-1958

Scope and Contents note

Most of the earliest items pertain to Mrs. Walton's family, the Bakers, who had settled in Hingham, Massachusetts at least by the eighteenth-century. Letters to Mrs. Walton comprise a major segment of this series, including those to her from her father, James Baker, 1880-1882. Included are courtship letters from George Walton, a physician who attended Eleanore Walton while she was convalescing near Deland, Florida. Most were written from 1891-1892, after she returned to her home in Chicago. Letters from George Walton after the marriage suggest financial hardship and indicate that the couple was frequently separated from the beginning of their marriage and during the early childhood of their son Loring. After 1895, there is a gap in the correspondence.

Also included is George Walton's 1896 diary of a trip via wagon from Indiana to Florida. Later material and correspondence in the series pertains to Eleanore Walton's work as a clubwoman and motion picture censor in Kansas City, Missouri from the 1920s to 1948, when she retired and moved to Durham, N.C. to live with her son Loring Baker Walton, who was on the faculty at Duke University.

The papers of Loring Baker Walton, make up a separate and larger series in this collection. An extensive series of correspondence between Eleanor and her son is located there.

Correspondence, 1830-1949

Early family, 1830-1835

Box 1

James L. Baker to Eleanore, 1880-1886, undated	Box 1
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George to Eleanore, 1891-1895 and undated	Box 1
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Physical Description: 3 folders

Other correspondents to Eleanore, 1887-1949	Box 1
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Papers and Photographs, 1730-1958

Clippings, 1924-1949 and undated	Box 1
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Diary of trip, 1896	Box 1
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Funeral preparations for Eleanore Walton, 1957-1958	Box 1
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Hingham, Massachusetts and other family material, 1730-1828	Box 1
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Photographs, 1883-1919 and undated	Box 1
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General, 1865-1956 and undated	Box 2
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Physical Description: 2 folders

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Loring Baker Walton Papers

Scope and Contents note

Four volumes of journal entries describe Loring Walton's daily life and thought as a student, first in Kansas City, Missouri, and later at Princeton University, which he entered in 1912. The journals record campus reaction to Woodrow Wilson's election to the presidency.

Walton was a graduate student at Harvard when he was discharged from ROTC, called to active duty in the U.S. Army, and assigned to the American Expeditionary Force in France and Germany in 1918-1919. During the war and its aftermath, Walton assembled postcards and some photographs which complement his journal entries and correspondence. Other photographs and negatives show Fort Douglas, Utah, in 1920, the campuses of Harvard and Princeton, 1920, and Hingham, Massachusetts. Negatives are closed to use; copies may be requested in advance.

Most of the letters in this series are addressed to Loring Walton's mother, Eleanore C. Walton, with a few to his grandmother and aunt in Kansas City, Missouri. Of interest are his characterizations of civilians during the war and

occupation as well as his view of political conditions. For over 30 years Walton corresponded with A. Goderic A. Hodges, a British Army officer who lost a leg while in balloon service.

To a limited extent there is information in the series about Walton's literary and scholarly interests. A small quantity of correspondence is from figures such as philanthropist Wilmon Brewer (from Hingham, Mass.), antifascist politician and writer Count Carlo Sforza, and art historian and archaeologist Maurice Holleaux. Included is a letter written by Anatole France, which was given to Walton, and a handwritten, signed poem by Edmund Wilson. There are several draft versions of Walton's addresses or articles, mostly undated. While there are no papers or correspondence relating to Walton's study at the Sorbonne, one address refers to his living in the home of a French family and his observations of French culture and educational methods. This series also thinly documents his involvement with Duke University through the Interdenominational Church and the Erasmus Club, and his sabbatical in Europe while a member of the Department of Romance Languages.

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Diaries, 1908-1923

Diaries and journals, 1908-1919 Box 2

Physical Description: 4 folders

Journals, including postcards and some photographs, 1923, July Box 2

Journal, including postcards and photographs, 1923, July Box 3

Journal, including postcards, 1923 Aug. Box 3

Physical Description: 2 folders

Correspondence, 1911-1975

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Physical Description: 6 folders

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Physical Description: 3 folders

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Brewer, Wilmon, 1958-1972	Box 4
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Fort Douglas, Utah, 1920	Box 6

Processing Information:

Two small photographs, uncaptioned, removed from the photographic negatives folder for Fort Douglas, Utah. One shows a man in uniform on a horse; the other is a view of camp buildings, shade trees, and mountains in the background.

Postcards and photographs, circa 1921

Box 6

Scope and Contents

Real photographic postcards from Solesmes, France, and St. Moritz, showing cathedrals, abbey, and ski resorts. Two gelatin silver photographs show Loring B. Walton posing in skis with Paul Larwill.

Photograph of Romance Language
Department, Duke University, 1947-1948

Box 6

Photographic negatives (NITRATE), 1920s

Physical Description: 172 items

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Fort Douglas, Utah, 1920 (online item
available)

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Princeton, Harvard, 1920 (online item available)

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Princeton, Harvard, Hingham [Mass.], 1920
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Physical Description: 2 folders

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Oversize Materials

George and Eleanore Walton Series, 1868 and undated

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Other oversize papers

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