Walker Family Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: Walker Family Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1899-2022
Bulk Dates: 1899-1916
ID No.: MSS86519
Creator: Walker, Webster Lemuel, 1880-1939
Creator: Walker, William Anson, 1879-1922
Extent: 50 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: .2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2022086519
Summary: Correspondence and biographical material for the Walker family, primarily letters from brothers Webster Lemuel Walker and William Anson Walker to their family while serving with the 47th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, United States Army during the Philippine American War.

Acquisition Information
The papers of the Walker family were given to the Library of Congress by Samuel Robert Gilpin in 2022.

Custodial History
The correspondence and additional material in the Walker Family Papers were compiled by Marcella Walker, mother to Webster Lemuel and William Anson. She passed on the collection to her youngest daughter, Odrey Verne Walker Chaney, who added her typed autobiography to the materials. The collection was passed on through the family until it was given to the Library of Congress by Samuel Robert Gilpin in 2022. Gilpin also provided a detailed summary of the correspondence and biographical notes, which are included in the collection.

Processing History
The papers of the Walker family were arranged and described by Melissa Capozio Jones in 2023.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Walker family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of the Walker family are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Walker Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Biographical Note

Webster Lemuel Walker

Date | Event
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1880, Oct. 12 | Born, Norwalk, Ohio
1899 | Private, Company A, 47th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, United States Army
1899 | Promoted to corporal; deployed to the Philippines
1911 | Moved to San Diego, Calif.
1916 | Active duty, United States Army, Hawaii
circa 1916 | Furloughed from active duty; joined the Army Engineers Reserves
1918-circa 1922 | Active duty, Company A, 4th Infantry Division, V Corps, United States Army
Master sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army
1939 | Died, San Diego, Calif.

William Anson Walker

Date | Event
---|---
1879, Aug. 28 | Born, Norwalk, Ohio
1899 | Private, Company A, 47th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, United States Army
1899 | Deployed to the Philippines
1900 | Wounded in action, Donsol, Philippines; returned to the United States
1911, Apr. | Moved to San Diego, Calif.
circa 1913 | Active duty, United States Army, near St. Michael, Alaska
circa 1916 | Returned to San Diego, Calif.
1922, May 26 | Died, San Diego, Calif.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Walker family span the years 1899-2022, with the bulk of the material dating from 1899 to 1916. The collection consists chiefly of correspondence from brothers Webster Lemuel Walker (1880-1939) and William Anson Walker (1879-1922) to their family while serving with the forty-seventh Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. Letters from the brothers detail their time at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, and their deployment to the Philippines during the Philippine American War. Additional materials includes a small amount of correspondence from the brothers' father, Casabianca Burlington Walker, and their brother, Earl Herconis Walker, as well as a typed autobiography by their sister, Odrey Verne Walker Chancey. Also included is a packet of information, provided by donor and Walker family descendant Samuel Robert Gilpin, that includes a detailed summary of the correspondence and biographical information for members of the Walker family.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and by name.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Walker family--Correspondence.
Walker family.

Organizations

Places
Camp Meade (Pa.)--History.
Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

Occupations
Soldiers.
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