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PARSONS-ENSIGN FAMILY PAPERS, 1899-1988

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Corporate Name: N/A
Extent: 4 linear feet (6 cubic feet)

System of Arrangement: There are two series to this collection; Personal Papers and Greeting Cards. The majority of the arrangement was imposed by the processors. The original order is the Parsons-Ensign General folder, 50th Wedding Anniversary and Thank You cards folders, and 58th Anniversary folder.

Restriction on Access: One folder is restricted titled “Medical Information.”


   Collection Type/Materials and size: Papers, 1.5 linear ft.
   Method of Acquisition and date: Gift of Larry Hite, 1997.
   Description: Huntington, W. Va. family originally from Litchfield Co., Conn., settling in Huntington at its inception. Ely Ensign established the railcar manufacturing company that became American Car and Foundry in 1899. The papers consist primarily of letters from Ely Ensign to his wife Mary Walton Ensign during her trips to Conn. with her children. Includes correspondence from Ensign, Prentice, and Walton families in Conn. as well as school papers belonging to Ensign’s daughter May and letters of condolence upon her death at age 15, in 1889.
Abstract: Huntington, West Virginia family. Papers include items relating to Mrs. Bromley's music career, the Huntington Symphony Orchestra, early childhood mementoes, as well as minutes of the Huntington, West Virginia, First Congregational Church Missionary Society, 1905-1916. A later addition includes the personal papers of Janet Parsons Ensign (Mrs. Darwin A.).

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

Mrs. Janet Parsons Ensign was the granddaughter of Warren J. Parsons and daughter of Dr. John Weeks Parsons. Warren Parsons was the brother of Captain H. Chester Parsons who had a professional relationship with Collis P. Huntington. Dr. John Parsons established the first orthodontic practice in West Virginia. Dr. Darwin Ensign, Mrs. Ensign’s husband, was the descendant of the founders of the Ensign Manufacturing Company. Mrs. Janet Ensign and Dr. Darwin Ensign married in 1922.

This collection is divided into two series. Series I is Mrs. Ensign’s personal and family information, while Series II is greeting cards. The Parsons-Ensign General folder contains genealogical information for the family.

The majority of this collection was arranged as the processors saw appropriate; however, there are a few original order folders. These include the Parsons-Ensign General folder, 50th Anniversary and Thank You Cards folders, and the 58th Anniversary folder. The processors arranged the collection alphabetically and chronologically where appropriate.

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FOLDER LIST

Series I  Personal Papers

Box 1  Folder 1  Address Lists
       Folder 2  50th Wedding Anniversary and Thank You Cards (1/3)
       Folder 3  50th Wedding Anniversary and Thank You Cards (2/3)
       Folder 4  50th Wedding Anniversary and Thank You Cards (3/3)
       Folder 5  58th Anniversary
       Folder 6  Assorted Bills
       Folder 7  Philanthropic/Charitable Contributions
       Folder 8  First Congregational Church
       Folder 9  Greenbrier Rodeo
       Folder 10 Invitations, 1950s
       Folder 11 Invitations, 1960s
       Folder 12 Invitations, 1970s
       Folder 13 Invitations, 1980s
       Folder 14 Invitations, undated
       Folder 15 Letters, 1930s
       Folder 16 Letters, 1940s
       Folder 17 Letters, 1950s
       Folder 18 Letters, 1960s
       Folder 19 Letters, 1970s
       Folder 20 1979 Get Well Cards

Box 2  Folder 21  Letters, 1980s
       Folder 22  Letters, undated
       Folder 23  Misc. Items
       Folder 24  Newspaper Clippings, undated
       Folder 25  Parsons Ensign General
Folder 26  Personal Memos
Folder 27  Photographs, 1970? To 1988?
Folder 28  Stationary for Darwin and Janet Ensign
Folder 29  Thank You and Replies to Luncheon, December 3, 1969, given by Mrs. Darwin Ensign
Folder 30  Travel Information
Box 3  Folder 31  Calendars 1962
Folder 32  Calendars 1964
Folder 33  Calendars 1965
Folder 34  Calendars 1966
Folder 35  Medical Information (Restricted).
  Planner 1955 (2 items)
  Planner 1959
  Planner 1961
  Planner 1962
  Planner 1963
  Planner 1964 (2 items)
  Planner 1965
  Planner 1966
  Planner 1967 (2 items)
  Planner 1968 (2 items)
  Planner 1969
  Planner 1970
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  Planner 1972 (2 items)
  Planner 1973 (3 items)
  Planner 1974 (2 items)
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