

Hawley-Lothrop Family Papers

Collection Summary

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Title: Hawley-Lothrop Family Papers

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Abstract

This collection consists of photographs, albums, certificates, scrapbooks, printed materials, and personal memorabilia documenting the Hawley and Lothrop families, along with related individuals and organizations connected to Brookings and Huron, South Dakota, from 1879 to 2002. Materials include family photographs and albums, a Hawley family history by Jean Lothrop, Lucille Lothrop's baby book, memorial materials, correspondence, South Dakota Agricultural College items, postcards, and materials related to the International Organization of Odd Fellows.

The collection provides insight into family life, education, civic engagement, and social organizations in South Dakota from the late nineteenth through the twentieth centuries. It is

significant for documenting family networks, local history, early educational experiences, and the role of fraternal and community organizations across multiple generations.

Biography

Wilma (Jean) Walters Lothrop was born July 19, 1919 in Brookings, South Dakota to William Hayes and Grace (Durland) Walters. Jean Walters graduated from Brookings High School in 1937, from South Dakota State College in 1941, and from Denver University with a Masters in Library Science. She also attended the University of Minnesota. In 1941-1942, she taught home economics and science at Langford, South Dakota, High School. On December 20, 1942 she married Eugene “Gene” Henry Lothrop of Huron, South Dakota. She was a librarian. They had two daughters Helen and Martha; and one son Robert. Jean died November 20, 2013 in Prescott, Arizona.

Eugene “Gene” Lothrop was born in Redfield, SD, on August 16, 1920. Gene graduated from Huron High School in 1938 and went on to study electrical engineering at South Dakota State College, graduating in 1942. On December 20, 1942, he married Wilma (Jean) Walters. Gene was the foreman at Lothrop’s Electrical Service owned by Elmer M. Lothrop. Gene died on April 15, 2014 in Prescott, Arizona.

William Hayes Walters was born December 8, 1877 in Laverne, Minnesota to Solomon and Mathilda Walters. He attended school in Bruce, South Dakota and graduated from South Dakota Agricultural College in 1897. William married Grace Jennie Durland in 1904. They had seven children; Maxine, Robert, Leslie, Hubert, Helen, Curtis, and Wilma. William was a self-employed real estate agent in Brookings, South Dakota. William died March 18, 1962. Grace died on March 3, 1978.

Lucille Helen Lothrop was born May 2, 1916 in Redfield, South Dakota to Elmer and Allie Lothrop, She graduated from Redfield High School in 1937. She died on July 20, 1937.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of photographs, albums, certificates, scrapbooks, printed materials, and personal memorabilia documenting the Hawley and Lothrop families, along with related individuals and organizations connected to Brookings and Huron, South Dakota, from 1879 to 2002. Materials include family photographs and portrait albums, such as two Hawley family photograph albums containing studio portraits and individual images, as well as loose family

photographs and a written Hawley family history by Jean Lothrop. Additional family-related materials include a baby book for Lucille Lothrop with photographs, a scrapbook documenting the death of Lucille Lothrop containing condolence and sympathy cards, and personal correspondence addressed to Jean and Eugene.

The collection also contains items reflecting educational, civic, and social activities in South Dakota. These include certificates and memorabilia associated with South Dakota Agricultural College, such as a commencement invitation from 1897, a transcript issued to William H. Walters in 1900, a reunion button, and anniversary and reunion certificates. Other materials include a municipal reform paper written by William H. Walters, a postcard album containing photographic postcards, and a scrapbook documenting the activities of the International Organization of Odd Fellows through newspaper clippings and photographs. Additional photographs depict individuals including E. and M. Hawley and locations such as the ruins of the Royal Hotel in Huron, South Dakota.

The materials provide insight into family life, education, civic engagement, and social organizations in South Dakota from the late nineteenth through the twentieth centuries. Family photographs, albums, and written histories document genealogical connections and domestic life, while items associated with South Dakota Agricultural College and local schools illustrate the educational experiences of early students and alumni. Scrapbooks and organizational materials, including those of the International Organization of Odd Fellows, reflect the role of fraternal and community organizations in regional social life. Collectively, the collection contributes to the study of local history, family networks, and community institutions in South Dakota across multiple generations.

Access Points

Subjects

- Families

Names

- Lothrop, Eugene, 1920-2014
- Walters, William Hayes, 1877-1962

Genre

- Photographs

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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Lucille Lothrop Baby Book, 9 Black and white Photographs	1916
1	2	Lucille Lothrop Scrapbook, Large Black Book, 26 Photos, 10 Get Well Cards, and 103 Sympathy Cards	1937
1	3	International Organization of Odd Fellows Scrapbook, Large Brown Book, 208 Newspaper Clippings and 70 Black and white Photographs	1941
1	4	Hawley Photo Album, Small Brown Book, 34 Portraits	undated
1	5	Hawley Photo Album, Long Red Book, 54 Portraits	undated
1	6	Postcards Book, 138 Photo Cards	undated
2	1	E. and M. Hawley Photograph	1879
2	2	Frederick and Amelia Hawley Wedding Invitation	1895
2	3	Municipal Reform Paper by William H. Walters	1897
2	4	South Dakota Agriculture College Commencement Invitation	1897
2	5	William H. Walters Transcript South Dakota Agricultural College	1900
2	6	Royal Hotel Ruins Photograph, Huron, South Dakota	1943
2	7	Class of 1897 50th Reunion Certificate	1947
2	8	75th College Anniversary Certificate	1960
2	9	William H. Walters' 63rd Reunion Button	1960
2	10	Brookings High School Class of 1937 31st Reunion Photograph	1968
2	11	Hawley Family History as written by Jean Lothrop	undated

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
2	12	Letter to Jean and Eugene	2002
2	13	Hawley Family Photos	undated
2	14	William H. Walters Autograph Book	undated