



Ray Family Papers, 1898-1953 (*Bulk: 1911-1944*)

2 boxes (1 linear ft.)

Collection number: MS 432

Abstract:

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Biographical Note

Herman Edgar Ray, son of Fred Jackson Ray and Mabel Cosella Merriam Ray, was born in Westminister, Massachusetts on May 28, 1911. Herman Edgar married Anita Crabtree on May 4, 1934 in Gardner, Massachusetts. The family remained in the area throughout the 1950s as indicated by their correspondence.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection consists primarily of family photographs spanning three identifiable generations of the Ray family, and contains photograph albums, formal portraits, and miscellaneous photographs. Additional material includes postcards, correspondence, and hand-made greeting cards. The materials document the childhood of Herman Edgar Ray. His extended family includes: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ray, Ray Fenno, Mary Emergene Fenno, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Helen Gates, Mary Russell, and Eleanor Howe.

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Additional Information

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English.

Related Material

For materials related to early 20th century local history of Western

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Subjects

- Camping--Massachusetts.
- Family--Massachusetts.
- Massachusetts--Description and travel.
- Portraits--History--20th century.
- Ray, Herman Edgar.
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Genre terms

- Photograph Albums--Massachusetts.
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