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Newel Berryman Crain Papers. Inclusive: 1858-1948, undated, Bulk: 1908-1924, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Berryman, Newton M. Crain, Newel Berryman, 1891 - 1924
Extent (quantity/size)	2 document boxes.
Language	English
Abstract	The Newel Berryman Crain Papers consist of correspondence and literary manuscripts created by Newel Berryman Crain and some of his family members, along with photographs and a few artifacts.

Subjects

Baylor University (Independence, Tex.) -- History. / Baylor University -- Alumni and alumnae. / World War, 1914-1918 -- United States. / World War, 1914-1918.

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Scope and Content

The Newel Berryman Crain Papers were acquired by gift in two transactions from William J. Stone Jr., the nephew of Newel Berryman Crain. The first gift, given on 2011 October 4, consisted of one box of letters, photographs and miscellaneous documents belonging to Newel Berryman Crain. The second gift, given on 2012 July 16, consisted of seven letters between Newton M. Berryman and his parents, dated 1858.

This collection begins in 1858 and ends in 1948. The Correspondence series is by far the largest in the collection and contains numerous letters between Newel Berryman Crain and his parents that describe various aspects of his life from 1908 to 1924. This series also includes seven letters between Newton M. Berryman, Newel Berryman Crain's maternal grandfather, and his parents while Berryman was a freshman at Baylor in Independence, Texas, in 1858. The collection also contains some photographs, one of which is a picture from 1916 June 14 of President Woodrow Wilson, his second wife Edith Galt, and his daughter Margaret.

Administrative/Biographical History

The Newel Berryman Crain Papers chronicle the experiences of a young man from Texas during the beginning of the twentieth century. Born in Spanish Fort, Texas, on 1891 June 8 to Newel W. Crain and Lelia Berryman, Newel B. Crain began attending Baylor University in 1908. In 1910 April, after having left Baylor, he began working for the Census Bureau in Washington, D.C. He also enlisted in the Naval Battalion of the District of Columbia's National Guard and later transferred to the Guard's First Company of the Coast Artillery. After joining the Reserve Corps in 1917, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery, was soon promoted to the rank of captain, and later assigned to the Fourth Anti-Aircraft Battalion. As part of his military service, he briefly went to France at the end of World War I to participate in anti-aircraft training.

Beginning in 1918, Newel suffered from health problems and was hospitalized in 1920 March, again in 1921 November, and for a third time in 1922 April. During these years he met and courted Louise Moore. The two eventually were married on 1922 December 25 in Washington D.C. Only thirteen months after the wedding, Newel was hospitalized for the last time where he died on 1924 February 6. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

After Newel left his parents' home in Texas, he regularly wrote letters to them about his experiences in school, his work for the Census Bureau, his military service, and various other aspects of his life. The Newel Berryman Crain Papers provide a glimpse into early twentieth-century American life.

Related Resources

Related citations

Anderson, John C. "Newel B. Crain." Find a Grave. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Crain&GSfn=Newel&GSbyrel=all&GSdy=1934&GSdyrel=in&GSob=n&GRid=49171983&df=all&> Accessed 22 May 2013.

"District of Columbia Marriages, 1811-1950," s.v. "Newel B Crain and Louise Moore, 1922." Family Search, Accessed 22 May 2013.

"United States, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," s.v. "Newel Berryman Crain, 1917-1918." Family Search, Accessed 22 May 2013.

Archival Arrangement

The Newel Berryman Crain Papers were not organized prior to this finding aid, and had no prior finding aid or inventory.

Currently, the Newel Berryman Crain Papers are arranged in four series: I. Correspondence, II. Literary Productions, III. Photographic Material, and IV. Artifacts.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1858-1948, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series is the largest in the collection and contains correspondence between Newel Berryman Crain, his parents, and other family members, from 1897 to 1948. It also contains seven letters between Newton M. Berryman and his parents from 1858. This series is in average condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Newton M. Berryman, 1858
 Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: General: Newel Berryman Crain, 1897-1909
 Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1909-1910
 Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1911
 Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1911-1912
 Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain (1 of 2), 1913
 Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain (2 of 2), 1913
 Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1913-1915
 Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1916-1917
 Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1917
 Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1917-1918
 Box 1. Folder 12. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1918
 Box 1. Folder 13. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1918-1920
 Box 1. Folder 14. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1920
 Box 1. Folder 15. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1921-1922
 Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1923-1924
 Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1924
 Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, 1924-1948
 Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence: Personal: Newel Berryman Crain, undated

Series 2: Literary Productions. 1909-1913, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains a few pamphlets, a script from a play in Newel Berryman Crain's handwriting, four travel guidebooks for destinations in Italy, and an autobiography written by Crain. The contents of this series are in good condition.

Item List

Box 2. Folder 5. Literary Productions: Pamphlets, 1909, undated
 Box 2. Folder 6. Literary Productions: Script, 1910 March 31
 Box 2. Folder 7. Literary Productions: Guide Books, 1913
 Box 2. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Guide Books, undated
 Box 2. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Autobiography of Newel Berryman Crain, undated

Series 3: Photographic Material. circa 1911-1916, undated

Summary Information

Media	Photographic print
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Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains some photographs of Newel Berryman Crain. It also contains a photograph of United States President Woodrow Wilson, his second wife Edith Galt, and his daughter Margaret from 1916. This series is in good condition.

Item List

Box 2. Folder 10. Photographic Material: General, 1916, undated
 Box 2. Folder 11. Photographic Material: Newel Berryman Crain, circa 1911-1915, undated

Series 4: Artifacts. undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains two undated cross stitches, which are in poor condition.

Item List

Box 2. Folder 12. Artifacts: Cross stitches, undated