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MS 958
KING, CHARLES, 1844-1933
KING PAPERS, 1924-1929

DESCRIPTION

There is one folder of correspondence between Charles King, Dr. S. C. G. Watkins, and Lorenzo DeRetz Walters (1869-1943) and one letter from George Eaton to Dr. Watkins. The letters describe military service in Arizona and literary activities between 1924-1929. The second folder contains newspaper clippings about King from 1924.

1 Box, .10 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles King was born in New York in 1844 but was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where his father edited the *Sentinel and Gazette*. In 1866, he graduated West Point and had a series of appointments before being stationed in Camp Verde, Arizona in 1874 as a Lt. Under Gen. George Crook. He had a distinguished career but after being wounded, he retired from the Army in 1879. He began writing about army life, writing both fiction and non-fiction. He wrote *Campaigning With Crook* in 1889. When he stopped writing in 1914, he had published sixty-five books. At the same time, he was active in the Wisconsin National Guard and retired as adjutant General in 1931. He is considered one of the “co-creators” of the Western. He died in 1933.

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