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MS 321 Hall, Dick Wick, 1877-1927 Papers, 1905-1940 (bulk 1917-1926)

DESCRIPTION

Personal and business correspondence of Dick Wick Hall, a humorist and an active participant in the affairs of Salome, Arizona. This collection also contains memorabilia such as his personal notebook, pictures and letters from his daughter and some photographs. Hall lived in Salome, Arizona for the majority if his life and this file deals primarily with correspondence with friends and business associates regarding personal affairs, prohibition and civic projects. Writer Frank Scully wrote a partial biography about Hall and that too is enclosed. There are two copies of his paper, The Salome Sun and various newspaper clippings discussing the success of his paper.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dick Wick Hall was born in Iowa on March 20, 1877. Hall grew up in Iowa and attended The University of Nebraska for one year but his adventurous spirit led him to Arizona. In Arizona, Hall lived with various Native-American tribes and became intrigued by their culture and developed a tremendous respect for their heritage. He settled in Northern Arizona and established the town of Salome. Through his writings and circulated paper, The Salome Sun, the sleepy western town became famous. Hall's inventive stories captivated people all over the world. Hall was not interested in fame yet yearned for tranquility and was extremely active in local politics. His zealous efforts were directed at improving the state's highways. Hall lived a short but successful life and is remembered for his clever writings and his contributions to Salome.

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