



Frank Carmany Wallower Papers (R0057)

Collection Number: R0057

Collection Title: Frank Carmany Wallower Papers

Dates: 1877-1966

Creator: Wallower, Frank Carmany, 1882-1970

Abstract: The Frank Carmany Wallower Papers primarily contains material connected with the unfinished autobiography of Frank C. Wallower, "A Review of Sixty Years." There are three different versions of his autobiography that include different information. In conjunction with the autobiography are newspaper articles and photographs that document Wallower's career in the mining industry and with the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(22 folders, 256 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Frank C. Carmany Wallower Papers can be found in the following collections:

Southwest Missouri Railroad Company Records (R0052)

Harry C. Hood Papers (R0035)

American Mining Congress Collection (R0981)

American Zinc, Lead and Smelting Company Records (R0010)

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Biographical Note:

Frank Carmany Wallower was born on August 23, 1882, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Elias Zollinger and Maria Hoover Wallower. Elias worked as a newspaperman in Harrisburg and was a member of a group of men who financed mining operations in the mineral district of southwestern Missouri. Frank Wallower graduated from Columbia University with a degree in mining engineering and was invited by the Harrisburg group of investors to supervise their investments in Missouri. Frank moved to Joplin, Missouri, in 1906. There he managed the Bradford-Kansas City Mining Company, which operated the Daylight Mine between Joplin and Webb City, Missouri. He also managed the Keystone Hotel in Joplin, Missouri. In 1912, after operating numerous mines and mills in Missouri, he moved his operations to the Picher field in Oklahoma.

In 1925, Wallower was elected director and general manager of the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company, an interurban line between Carthage, Missouri, and Picher, Oklahoma. He later served as a co-receiver and trustee of the road. Wallower retired from mining in 1932, and organized the Tri-State Casualty Insurance Company in Oklahoma. He managed this firm and a subsidiary until 1946. He then retired and moved the Mission Hills Farm near Joplin, where he lived until 1964. He died in Jasper County, Missouri, in 1970.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Autobiography
Personal Papers
Photographs
Artifact

Scope and Content Note:

Autobiography

This series contains materials related to Frank C. Wallower's unfinished autobiography. This includes multiple drafts that each include different information, notes, and revisions. This series is organized in its original order.

Personal Papers

This series consists of materials pertaining to life and work of Frank C. Wallower. This series includes business and personal correspondence, mining contracts, family papers, and newspaper clippings. The newspaper clippings contain articles about Elias Z. Wallower, Edgar Z. Wallower,

Frank C. Wallower and his work in mining and with the Southwest Missouri Railroad. This series is arranged by material type.

Photographs

This series contains surface and underground views of the mines and mills Wallower managed in Missouri and Oklahoma. There are also interior views of the mills and the “House of Mystery,” an electrolytic plant constructed during World War I. Folder 21 contains miscellaneous unidentified images possibly of family members and places that Wallower family travelled too. One image shows a group posed in front of the pyramids at Giza in Egypt. The series has been organized by location and then chronologically.

Artifact

This series contains a Southwest Missouri Railroad Company motorman’s badge that belonged to Frank C. Wallower.

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