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Byerly, Frank A. Collection
1916/1941 - 1950

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of business and personal papers of Frank A. Byerly a businessman working in Mexico. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with family and business associates between 1943 and 1949. Three ledgers detail work activities coordinated on road construction projects, around the family farm, or in the community from 1943 to 1947. One small scrapbook features Mexican newspaper clippings reporting activities Byerly was involved with. Two folders of photographs depict children, family grave stones, and other unidentified persons & locations. One folder consists of over 30 images of Byerly's funeral in 1949 testifying to his significant standing within the community.

3 Boxes, 1.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frank A. Byerly was born in North Dakota but spent over 30 years in Mexico living near Navojoa Sonora and became a Mexican citizen. He engaged in a wide range of business ventures with a vegetable and wheat farm, operated a hotel, and founded a home for orphan boys. For a period of two years he coordinated road construction near Navojoa, possibly in coordination with the Pan-American Highway. Mr. Byerly died in a plane crash on the farm on March 9, 1949.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Steven J. Prchal in 1989.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in June 2010.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	Byerly Family History	
f.2	Membership Cards	1916/1945-1948
f.3	Masonic Order information	1946/1948
f.4	Correspondence Regarding Frank Byerly's Death	1949
f.5	Scrapbook of Weather Recordings, Diary, and Clippings	1943 – 1948
f.6-7	Byerly Work Diary	1943 – 1949
f.8-11	Business & Personal Correspondence	1941/1943 – 1945

Box 2

f.12-22	Business & Personal Correspondence	1946 – 1950
f.23	Byerly Blank Stationary	

Box 3

f.24	Employee Labor Logs	1946/1948 – 1949
f.25	Employee Payroll Listings	1944 – 1949
f.26	Byerly Financial Ledger	1944/1949/1953
f.27	Accounts Listing	March 1947
f.28-29	Receipts and Bank Statements	1944 – 1950
f.30	Appeal Almanac & Arsenal of Facts	1916
f.31	Three Small Notebooks	N.D.
f.32	Mexico Directory (Possibly Telephone)	N.D.
f.33	Pan-American Highway Brochure	1948
f.34	Maps and Drawings	N.D.
f.35	Photographs – Funeral of Frank Byerly	1949
f.36	Photographs – MISC Locations (Mostly Unidentified)	
f.27	Photographs – MISC People (Mostly Unidentified)	