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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