

Guide to

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Walter J. Thalheimer Collection

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Walter Thalheimer was born in 1894, attended Stanford University and graduated from University of Michigan Law School in 1917. He served in the Marine Corp in WWI, returning to Phoenix where he began his law practice, specializing in probate affairs. Thalheimer was active in local politics, being elected to the Phoenix City Council in 1937, and serving as Mayor of the city from 1938 to 1940. He served twice as a State Senator and was a Supreme Court Judge from 1946 to 1950. Thalheimer died in 1982 at the age of 88.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The first 12 Folders in Box 1 of this collection contain various documents, certificates and personal items, reflecting the history of the Walter Thalheimer family. There are numerous letters from Walter to his spouse, Ila, spanning a period from 1924, the year of their marriage, to 1960. There is a booklet invitation to graduation week for Michigan University law School, where Walter attained his law degree in 1917, and expressions of sympathy for the death of two of Walter's brothers. There are also several newspaper articles regarding Walter, reflecting some of his civic deeds.

The remainder of Box 1, all of Box 2 and most of Box 3, contain photos of members of the Thalheimer family, associates and friends and groups of students. Many are formal portrait photos, and very few are identified. From newspaper articles showing photos of Walter, this writer was able to identify several photos of Mr. Thalheimer. It is presumed many of the photos also reflect his parents, siblings and spouse. Folder 39 contains the Marriage Certificate and License for Walter and Ila, dated in 1924.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1.

Folder 1: Correspondence dating from 1924 to 1960. Mostly personal letters from Walter Thalheimer to his wife, Ila.

Folder 2: Three certificates of recognition for contributions made by Walter Thalheimer, all dated in the 1940's.

Folder 3: Walter Thalheimer's leather-bound booklet invitation to law school graduation exercises at Michigan University, June 24th to 26th, 1917.

Folder 4: A school lesson booklet, 1883-1884.

Folder 5: A journal of trip to Paris, 1880-1882.

Folder 6: a small booklet, "The Rosary, it's history and use".

Folder 7: Postcards from 1909-1925, depicting European and American scenes.

Folder 8: Travel brochures

Folder 9: 1948 expressions of sympathy for the death of Walter Thalheimer's brother

Folder 10: 1959 expressions of sympathy for the death of Ulrich Thalheimer.

Folder 11: Metal name plate for Mrs. Walter Thalheimer.

Folder 12: Newspaper clippings from 1938 and 1960.

Folder 13: 11 Photos:

Older couple

Portrait of young man(probably Thalheimer)

Same

Older couple

5 women seated at table

2 women in large hats, walking

Woman in a buggy in the desert

Large group of men, "An exchange of greetings by telephone"

Sheep on "Rancho de Thalheimer"

Tent campsite and old auto

Private Walter Thalheimer, Marine, 1918.

Folder 14: 10 Photos:

Man & boy at beach

Desert scene(Hole in the Rock?) 1909

Baby in chair

Young man seated

Man & old auto

Horse, wagon and bldg. being constructed

Postcard, Stanford 1916 football team

Postcard, several adults inside balloon gondola.

Portrait, Ulrich Thalheimer in military uniform.(WWI)

Two men in uniform (WWI)

Folder 15: 10 Photos:

Woman seated with baby, portrait

2 men and older woman in garden

Leather-bound portrait of young woman

Passengers in rail car, Mount Lowe, Calif.

Portrait, Joseph Thalheimer at 8 months

Portrait, Ernest Thalheimer, age 2

Portrait, small child

Same

Same

Walter Thalheimer as young boy in band uniform

Folder 16: 10 Photos:

Portrait, young woman & 4 children
Portrait, young man (Walter Thalheimer)
Same
Portrait, young man(probably Walter)
Portrait, woman in long gown
Portrait, young man with beard
Portrait, Walter Thalheimer, older age
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, baby
Portrait, older woman

Box 2.

Folder 17: 12 Photos:

Portrait, older woman
Same
Portrait, woman in long gown, 1904
Portrait, young newlyweds (possibly the elder Thalheimers)
Same
Same
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, Joe Thalheimer as baby
Portrait, young boy(probably Walter)
Thumbnail photos of the 22 member 16th State Legislature, 1943-44, including Walter Thalheimer from Maricopa county
17th Legislature, 1945-46
Portrait, young boy(Walter?)
Portrait, young boy(Walter?)

Folder 18: 8 Photos:

Borden Dairy Bldg. & trucks
Borden delivery men and employees-Walter Thalheimer is pictured.
Large banquet, mostly women, all in hats
Group of military personnel, (WWI)
Portrait, rather seductive, of young woman
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, young woman
A residence, family & dog

Folder 19: 9 Photos:

Residence, family seated on porch
Group of adults, 2 children by “danger” sign....railroad yard?
6 adults on horseback in wooded area
Soldier standing by tent

Small child(Ruby Reese) with Barridge Butler & Walther Thalheimer
Portrait, young woman, 1909
Young girl
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, small child

Folder 20: 10 Photos:
Small boy in chair
Portrait, small child
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young woman with long hair
Portrait, young woman in reverent pose
Portrait, young man(Walter?)
Portrait, young woman with book(bible?) & candles
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young man

Folder 21: 5 Photos:
Portrait, young man(Walter)
Portrait, young man in graduation gown
Same
Young man in graduation gown by bldg.
Same

Folder 22: 25 Photos:
Front of residence
Man in swim suit
Men surveying fire damage
Man by statue
Young couple on bench
3 small children
Small girl
Portrait, small boy
Portrait, baby, 1897, "Willy" or "Wally"??
Small bay in wash tub
Portrait, man in graduation gown
Same
Same
Man in graduation gown by house
2 women, young man in graduation gown, 1915
Art Wynne, graduation gown, Stanford
4 adults by tree
Walter Thalheimer & young woman
Man & woman

Woman by house
Man opening car door
Man in driveway
Man lying on sand
Lady by house, standing in snow
Man diving into pool

Folder 23: 6 Photos:
Portrait, Joseph Thalheimer as baby, 1902
Portrait, young child
Portrait, small child
Portrait, small child
Portrait, small child
Portrait, young boy

Folder 24: 8 Photos:
Portrait, 2 small girls
Portrait, young lady, "Love to aunt Ila & uncle Walt, from Mimi, 1948".
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, young woman
Portrait, young woman
Young man
Same
Portrait, young man

Folder 25: 6 Photos:
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young boy
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young man (Walt. Thalheimer)
Portrait, young man

Folder 26: 4 Photos:
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young man
Portrait, young man in military uniform
Negative of rocky cliff

Box 3.
Folder 27: Portrait, Walter Thalheimer
Folder 28: Graduation class, in cap & gown
Folder 29: Portrait, Thalheimer family, 1909
Folder 30: Portrait, young woman(likely, spouse of Walter)
Folder 31: Portrait, woman in long gown (Walter's mother?)
Folder 32: Same

Folder 33: Large group of people in front of bldg.

Folder 34: Group of young men on large porch (believe Walter T. is 4th from right, bottom row). Stanford?

Folder 35: Large group of men/boys on steps of bldg. (Stanford?)

Folder 36: Large group of men/boys on steps of bldg., Encina Hall (Stanford?)

Folder 37: A Certificate, written in German, signed by De Vincenz Wagner, August 3, 1886. (3 Thalheimers are listed)

Folder 38: Presidential Certificate of Appreciation awarded Walther Thalheimer, for administration of the Selective Service System for 5 years. Signed by Harry Truman.

Folder 39: Marriage License and Certificate for Walter Thalheimer & Ila Walker, dated June 2, 1924. (Thalheimer was 30, Ila 25)