

Preliminary Guide to the Watson Fredericks Kinney Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1584

CREATOR: Kinney, Watson Fredericks, 1906-

TITLE: Watson Fredericks Kinney collection

DATES: 1876-1995

BULK DATES: 1876-1928

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (3 boxes, 1 folio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of Kinney family correspondence, genealogical material, a memoir, a writing on the icaroscope, and a report on a Yale engineering inspection trip.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Watson F. Kinney and transferred from the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 1989, 1996.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Watson Fredericks Kinney was born on December 25, 1906, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, son of James Montrose Kinney and Helen Watson Fredericks Kinney. His father was president of the Kinney-Coons Company, Inc. of Yonkers, New York.

Kinney attended Pelham High School and Phillips-Andover. He studied mechanical engineering at the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University. His Yale relatives include two uncles, Gilmore Kinney, '07S and Orson A. Kinney, '18.

After graduation from Yale in 1929, Kinney joined the Detroit Edison Company as an engineer in the production department. He was owner of the Watson F. Kinney Sales Engineering Company in Detroit, Michigan from 1958 until his retirement in 1974.

(Extracted from: *History of the Class of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Nine, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University*, vol. 1, 1929.

50 Year Record, Yale '29, 1979.)

Scope and Contents

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Collection Contents

Accession 1990-M-042: Original accession

Received from: Watson F. Kinney, 1989 July 1, transferred from Beinecke Rare Book Library

.75 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 folio)

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence of Benjamin Irving Kinney (primarily from Cuba)	1895 Mar, 1901 February-April
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence of James Montrose Kinney	1898
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence of Gilmore Kinney, Sr.	1904 June-Aug, 1910 October- November
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence of Gilmore Kinney, Jr. from the Brunn-Kinney Co.	1910 March- April
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence of Henry Judd Gray to Benjamin Kinney	1927-1928, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Kinney family history, typescript photocopy	undated
b. 1, f. 7 - 9	Typescript of <i>My Two Boys</i> , by Gilmore Kinney, Sr., with accompanying photocopies	1917
	Memorabilia	
b. 1, f. 10	Denver and Rio Grande dining car menu	1905
b. 1, f. 10	Gift list	1918
b. 1, f. 11	Newspaper clippings	1922 March 21-22
b. 2, f. 12	<i>Yale Engineering Inspection Trip</i> , report by Watson F. Kinney	1929 March 27- April 3
b. 2, f. 13	"The Story of the Icaroscope," by Watson F. Kinney [the instrument used to observe and record the detonation of the atomic bomb in Operation Crossroads at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean on 1946 Jul 1], [1995]; shelved with box 2 of Accession 90-M-042 English	
b. 3	Land grant certificates of Kansas properties	1876, 1883, 1888
b. 3	Photograph of "Dewey's Return Home"	1899 September 29

Accession 1997-M-028: Additional Material

b. 1, f. 1 "Memoirs of Operation Crossroads," by Watson F. Kinney [the story of atomic bomb testing at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean on 1946 Jul 1], [1995?]
English

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Engineering
Spanish-American War, 1898

Geographic Names

Philippines
West (U.S.)

Names

Kinney, Watson Fredericks, 1906-

Corporate Body

Yale University. Sheffield Scientific School