

# **Guide to the Daggett-Couey Family Papers**

**GEN MSS 767**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 767

**CREATOR:** Daggett family

**TITLE:** Daggett-Couey family papers

**DATES:** 1845-1999

**BULK DATES:** 1864-1976

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Daggett-Couey Family Papers consists of material created by and relating to Elizabeth Daggett Couey, her father O. W. Daggett, and her husband Fred Couey. The family papers were compiled in part or whole by Elizabeth's and Fred's daughter, Sylvia Couey Turner.

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

b.        box  
f.        folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Sylvia C. Turner on the William Robertson Coe Fund, 2007.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Daggett-Couey Family Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

The collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition in 2007. Further organization, rehousing, and description were carried out in 2011.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as: Uncat MSS 941.

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## Associated Materials

Daggett Family Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## O. W. Daggett (1861-1942)

O. W. (Orion Wainwright) Daggett was the great-great-grandson of Naphtali Daggett, who was Livingston Professor of Divinity at Yale (1755-1780) and president of Yale (1766-1777). He married Harriet Dravo Patterson (1873-1940) in 1904, and they had four daughters: Elizabeth Patterson, Eleanor Dravo, Harriette Brittain, and Emma Lou. O. W. Daggett owned and wrote stories for the newspaper *The Holy Cross Trail*, which was published in Red Cliff, Colorado from 1922 to 1941.

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## Elizabeth Daggett Couey (1904-1971)

Elizabeth Patterson Daggett Couey, the eldest daughter of O. W. Daggett and Harriet Dravo Patterson Daggett, was born and raised in Red Cliff, Colorado. She married Fred Couey (1908-1964) in 1932, and they had one son, Paul, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Syliva and Cynthia. Fred Couey was an author, psychologist and professor at Pace University. Elizabeth Daggett Couey was a teacher at Eastern Montana Normal School from circa 1927 to 1931, worked as an educational consultant, and later in life was assistant dean of students at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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## Scope and Contents

The Daggett-Couey Family Papers consists of material created by and relating to Elizabeth Daggett Couey, her father O. W. Daggett, and her husband Fred Couey. The family papers were compiled in part or whole by Elizabeth's and Fred's daughter, Sylvia Couey Turner.

The collection contains photographs of members of the Daggett and Couey families, including a tintype and a daguerreotype by unidentified photographers, as well as prints, portraits, and snapshots. Papers relating to O. W. Daggett include family letters; typescripts and clippings of stories written by O.W. Daggett for The Holy Cross Trail newspaper, as well as copies of the newspaper dating from 1932 to 1940; and printing blocks used in reproducing illustrations for the newspaper. Papers relating to Elizabeth Daggett Couey include school and teaching material; correspondence with friends and family; baby books for the Daggett sisters and Paul Couey; material relating to her work with the League of Women Voters during the 1940s and Alabama Council on Human Rights during the 1950s; and other material documenting aspects of her personal and professional life. Papers relating to Fred Couey include writings, correspondence, and certificates and diplomas.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Photographs, circa 1845, 1864-1960s. II. O. W. Daggett Papers, 1903-1976. III. Elizabeth Daggett Couey Papers, 1900-1976, 1999.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Photographs, circa 1845, 1864–1960s

0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)

Arranged in rough chronological order.

b. 1, f. 1	Unidentified, daguerreotype	circa 1845
b. 1, f. 2	O. W. Daggett, tintype	1864
b. 1, f. 3-4	Daggett, Dravo, and Patterson families	circa 1880s-1890s
b. 1, f. 5-6	Couey family Also stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 85	circa 1880s-1890s
b. 1, f. 7	Ida B. Williams (Couey), elementary school class photograph	circa 1890
b. 2, f. 8	Elizabeth Daggett as an infant and child	1905-1908
b. 2, f. 9	O. W. Daggett family	1906-1918, undated
b. 2, f. 10	Elizabeth Daggett as a young woman (with others)	1918-1927, undated
b. 2, f. 11	Fred Couey	1928-1958, undated
b. 2, f. 12-14	Couey family (including Fred's parents, siblings, and other relatives)	1929-1965, undated
b. 2, f. 15	Harriet Daggett (sister)	1930, undated
b. 2, f. 16	Elizabeth Daggett Couey and Daggett family	1935-1939, undated
b. 2, f. 17	Daggett-Couey family snapshots	1930s
b. 2, f. 18	Daggett-Couey family snapshots, page from photograph album	1936
b. 2, f. 19	Sylvia Couey (daughter) as a child	1937-1939
b. 2, f. 20	O. W. Daggett	1940, undated
b. 2, f. 21	Sylvia and Cynthia Couey (daughters)	1943
b. 2, f. 22	Sylvia Couey Turner	circa 1950s
b. 2, f. 23	Daggett-Couey family snapshots, page from photograph album	1955
b. 2, f. 24	Atlanta workshop	1955
b. 2, f. 25	Elizabeth Daggett and Fred Couey	1957, undated
b. 2, f. 26	Elizabeth Daggett Couey	1950s-1960s
b. 2, f. 27-28	Various family and unidentified	

b. 2, f. 29	Various family and unidentified, color snapshots
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b. 2, f. 30	Miscellaneous (possibly associated with O.W. Daggett newspapers stories)
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**Series II: O. W. Daggett Papers, 1903-1976***1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Largely arranged by format.

b. 3, f. 31	Page from diary of Lizzie Dravo (dating from 19th century?)	undated
b. 3, f. 32	Letters to Harriet Dravo Patterson (wife)	1903, 1936
b. 3, f. 33	Letters from Elizabeth Daggett Couey	1932, undated
	Newspaper stories by O. W. Daggett	
b. 3, f. 34	"Jack German," typescript	circa 1922-1941
	"Jack German," clippings Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 86	circa 1922-1941
	"Miss Sarah Daugherty," clippings Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 87	circa 1922-1941
	"Scar Face Bill" Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 88	circa 1922-1941
	"Dick Morgan" Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 89	circa 1922-1941
	"Ed Slaughter" Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 90	circa 1922-1941
	"Cooties" or The Unromantic Side of Aspen Boom Days Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 91	circa 1922-1941
	<i>The Holy Cross Trail</i> , copies Stored in: Oversize Box 11, Folder 92	1932-1940
b. 3, f. 35	Certificate of admittance to The Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay in New England	1927
b. 3, f. 36	Miscellaneous	undated
b. 3, f. 37	Clippings	1966-1976
b. 4	Printing blocks 6 items	circa 1935
b. 5	Printing blocks 5 items	circa 1935

**Series III: Elizabeth Daggett Couey Papers, 1900-1976, 1999***1.88 linear feet (5 boxes)*

Arranged in rough chronological order. Fred Couey and Sylvia Turner Couey papers are arranged as separate groups at the end of the series.

b. 6, f. 38	Clippings	1900-1975
b. 6, f. 39-40	Baby book for Daggett sisters / Daggett family album	1904-1940
b. 6, f. 41	School papers	1912-1927
b. 6, f. 42-50	Correspondence	1921-1962
b. 7, f. 51-52	Correspondence	1965-1969
b. 7, f. 53-54	Sorority and fraternity material	1928-1957
b. 7, f. 55-57	Eastern Montana Normal School	1929-1931
b. 7, f. 58	Wedding announcement	1932
b. 7, f. 59-60	Paul Daggett Couey baby book	1933
b. 8, f. 61	Miscellaneous	1933-1969
b. 8, f. 62	Biographical information	1941-1970
b. 8, f. 63	Calendar	1942
b. 8, f. 64	Ration book	circa 1942
b. 8, f. 65	"Hartford Circus Fire"	1944
b. 8, f. 66	"Civil Rights Efforts"	1945, 1950-1956
b. 8, f. 67	Fred Couey Memorial	1964
b. 8, f. 68	Will	1965
b. 8, f. 69	SUNY Award	1974
Fred Couey Papers		
b. 9, f. 70	Certificate, diplomas	1908, 1925-1946
b. 9, f. 71	"A Test of Reading Discrimination," master's thesis	1932
b. 9, f. 72	Miscellaneous	1933-1964
b. 9, f. 73	Correspondence	1940, 1950, undated
b. 9, f. 74	Poetry and writings	1953, 1958, undated
b. 9, f. 75	Educational workshop	1954
b. 9, f. 76	<i>Child Psychology</i> by Fred Couey, printed copy	1963

## Fred Couey Papers (continued)

b. 9, f. 77	Death certificate, autopsy report	1964
Sylvia Couey Turner Papers		
b. 9, f. 78-80	Elizabeth Daggett Couey Estate	1971-1972
b. 10, f. 81	Couey family history, notes and clippings	1976, undated
b. 10, f. 82	Letter from "Aunt Joe" including linen belonging to Harriet Dravo Patterson	undated
b. 10, f. 83	Letter from "Aunt Joe" including writing "The Professional Contribution of the Nurse [by] Fred and Elizabeth Couey"	undated
b. 10, f. 84	Correspondence and photographs related to attempted sale of daguerreotypes	1999

**Oversize***0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 11, f. 85	Couey family photographs (from Series I)	circa 1880s-1890s
b. 11, f. 86	"Jack German" (from Series II)	circa 1922-1941
b. 11, f. 87	"Miss Sarah Daugherty" (from Series II)	circa 1922-1941
b. 11, f. 88	"Scar Face Bill" (from Series II)	circa 1922-1941
b. 11, f. 89	"Dick Morgan" (from Series II)	circa 1922-1941
b. 11, f. 90	"Ed Slaughter" (from Series II)	circa 1922-1941
b. 11, f. 91	"Cooties" or The Unromantic Side of Aspen Boom Days (from Series II)	circa 1922-1941
b. 11, f. 92	<i>The Holy Cross Trail</i> , copies (from Series II)	1932-1940

## 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.

### Preferred Titles

*Holy cross trail*

### Subjects

Educators  
Educators -- United States  
Newspaper publishing -- Colorado  
Publishers and publishing

### Genres / Formats

Daguerreotypes (photographs)  
Photographic prints  
Printing blocks (printing surfaces)  
Tintypes (prints)

### Families

Couey family  
Doggett family

### Names

Couey, Elizabeth D. (Elizabeth Daggett), 1904-  
Couey, Fred  
Daggett, Orion Wainwright, 1861-1942  
Turner, Sylvia Couey

### Contributors

Daggett family  
Couey family