

MS-243, Pedrick Family Papers

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Title: Pedrick Family Papers

Dates: 1860-1960

Creator: The Pedrick Family

Summary/Abstract

The Pedrick Family Papers were compiled over four generations beginning with William E. Pedrick (W.E.P.), who was a prominent entrepreneur in the mining industry and also a lieutenant during the Civil War. His children also participated in the mining industry and land speculation, but soon took interest in other professions such as artwork and design, as well as, electrical engineering. The collection includes blueprints, correspondence, deeds, accounting ledgers, photographs, maps, journals, diaries, and scrapbooks.

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Revisions:

The collection was originally processed by David Bragg in August 1994. In 2004, additions were made to the collection and the finding aid was revised by Timothy Binkley. In 2007, Mandy Reese began processing the additions to the collection. In 2012, Jeremy Katz completed the

processing of the collection and revised the finding aid to the Encoded Archival Description (EAD) format.

Related Material:

MS-92, Wallace Family Papers
MS-236, Patterson Family Papers
MS-284, Schenk Family Papers
SC-1, Rockafeld Family Papers

Processed by:

David Bragg, August 1994
Additions and revisions by:
 Timothy Brinkley, 2004
 Mandy Reese, 2007
 Jeremy Katz, 2012

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged into 5 series:

Series I: Family Files
Series II: Business Records
Series III: Correspondence
Series IV: Publications
Series V: Photographs and Artwork

Biographical/Historical Note

FIRST GENERATION

William E. Pedrick was born in Pennsylvania in 1838. For many years, he was a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. His first wife, Lizzie U. (Hough?) Pedrick, died on March 30, 1860, at the age of 16 years, 6 months, and was buried in Cleveland's Woodland Cemetery.

From 1861 to 1864, William E. Pedrick served in the 2nd Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and rose to the rank of Captain. He was wounded on January 25, 1864. In August of that year he was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability. William Pedrick married Cornelia (Nena) on January 10, 1867. They made their home in Cleveland, where they bought and sold real estate. (Cornelia seems to have been actively involved in the real estate business. Her signature appears on many legal documents in the collection.) William founded the Cleveland Coal Company in 1865 with partners E. R. Griswold, H. E. Massey, E. B. Chamberlain, and George W. Girty. William and Cornelia attended St. Paul Protestant Episcopal Church, and were founding members of Emmanuel Chapel, a parish that broke away from St. Paul's in 1874-1876.

After losing a legal battle that went all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court, Captain W.E. Pedrick went bankrupt in 1878. Discharge of bankruptcy was granted a year later. In 1884, the Pedrick family moved to Denver, Colorado, where William aided in the development of the lumber and cattle industries, railroads, coal mines, coke ovens, and water systems. Along with Clevelander Walter Kennard, Pedrick founded the Good Hope-Wonder Mining Company of

Colorado around 1890. Captain Pedrick also worked as a Maxwell Land Grant Company agent. The Maxwell Land Grant consisted of 1,700,000 acres located in present day southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. The U.S. government expropriated this land from Mexico after the Mexican War of 1846-1848. In 1897, William E. Pedrick sought and received letters of recommendation for the position of U.S. Consul General to Mexico. He later withdrew his name from consideration for that post.

William E. Pedrick and his wife, Cornelia, had three sons, Clinton A. (d. 3/16/1937 in Los Angeles, CA), William Leslie (Willie, Will, Billy), and Albert Hough (Bart). Cornelia Pedrick died on June 23, 1895, in Colorado. After his wife's death, William E. Pedrick ran the Western Anthracite Coal and Coke Company from its New York City office. He died in 1916 in California.

SECOND GENERATION

The Pedrick sons all participated in land speculation for a time. William L. (Billy) Pedrick succeeded his father as President of the Good Hope – Wonder Mining Co. of Colorado and formed a business partnership called Pedrick & Schneider, Miners and Buyers of Gold, Silver and Lead Ores. Clinton A. Pedrick became an electrician and electrical contractor. He settled in California and married Estella (Louise) Motheral in 1908. Clinton later remarried a woman named Golden.

Albert H. Pedrick lost a leg, and nearly his life, as a result of an elevator accident in a Colorado hotel in 1901. After his recovery, Albert took up more artistic pursuits. He attended The National Academy of Design in New York and became an artist/draftsman. His wife, Elizabeth (Betty) French Phillips, was a nurse. She was trained in London, England, by Dame Henrietta Barnett and afterwards returned to New York to take care of a wealthy patient of a doctor she had met in England.

In 1909, Albert (Bart) and Elizabeth (Betty) moved to, Buffalo, New York, where Albert worked for the Buffalo Road Roller Company. He and Elizabeth relocated to Springfield, Ohio, when that company moved and became the Buffalo Springfield Road Roller Company. They had a son, Ronald Hough (b. 1911), and a daughter, Laura Jeanne (b. September 14, 1913). The Pedricks were active in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Springfield, Ohio. Elizabeth died April 4, 1940.

THIRD GENERATION

Laura Jeanne graduated from Springfield Senior High School in 1930. She attended Wittenberg College, where she joined Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and became a schoolteacher. On June 24, 1939, she married John Thompson Brookhouse of Boston, MA.

After graduating from Springfield High School in 1929, Ronald moved to Cincinnati with dreams of being a newspaper writer. He worked at A & P Bakery in the early 1930's. On July 22, 1939, he married Betty Lou Lotton (b.1916) of Clifton, Ohio. They had two sons: David Phillips Pedrick (b. 1940) and Donald Lotton Pedrick (b. 1942). Both Ron and Betty were talented artists. Ronald Hough Pedrick died in 1995.

FOURTH GENERATION

David (Dave) Pedrick, the donor of this collection of family papers, studied at Wright State University, Sinclair Community College, Wittenberg University, U.S. Armed Forces Institute, Cleveland Institute of Electronics, and the U.S. Navy Sonar School. His work with the U.S. Navy (1958-1962) included submarine tracking during the Cuban blockade and helicopter search and recovery of U.S. space capsules launched from Cape Canaveral, FL. From 1963 to 1995, he worked for Systems Research Laboratories of Dayton, Ohio, in the field of electronics engineering.

Scope and Content

Researchers studying the Pedrick Family Papers can gain insight into many aspects of American life during the 19th and 20th century, including the Civil War, the mining industry, and the liberal arts. The collection is arranged into five series:

Series I, Family Files, contains files related to some of the Pedrick family members. It also includes much of William E. Pedrick's Civil War material.

Series II, Business Records, contains documents related to William E. Pedrick's court case and bankruptcy, as well as, coal and land speculation documents such as land leases and deeds, mining reports, maps, and blueprints. It also contains bank books, accounting ledgers, and other material related to the family's various business ventures.

Series III, Correspondence, contains a mix a business and personal letters collected by the Pedrick family. This includes letters from Theodore Roosevelt concerning William E. Pedrick volunteering his "boys" for the Rough Riders. Files are arranged chronologically.

Series IV, Publications, contains various leaflets, journals, diaries, newspaper clippings, and catalogs. Files are arranged chronologically.

Series V, Photographs and Artwork, contains photographs of family members and friends, as well as the artistic work of Albert Pedrick.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Pedrick Family

Organizations/Corporate Names

Cleveland Coal Company

Good Hope-Wonder Mining Company

Maxwell Land Grant Company

Western Anthracite Coal and Coke Company

Places

Cleveland (Ohio)

Colorado
New York (New York)
Springfield (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Civil War
Mining
Elevators--Accidents

Material Types

Blueprints
Correspondence
Deeds
Ledgers (Accounting)
Maps
Photographs
Pocket Books

Occupations

Miner
Artist
Electrician
Electrical Engineer

Collection Inventory

Series I : Family Files

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	W.E. Pedrick Civil War Memos	1861, 1862
	2	W.E. Pedrick Civil War Pocket Notebooks	1862, 1863
	3	W.E. Pedrick Civil War Manuals	1862-1865
	4	W.E. Pedrick Last Will & Testament	1891
	5	W.E. Pedrick Civil War Pension & Reunion Info	1897-1901
	6	Laura Jeanne Pedrick	1934-1942
	7	Aunt Ester's (Mrs. D.B. Smith, N.C. Congressman) Papers (Temperence Pledge Card)	1892-1950
	8	Elizabeth (Betty) French Phillips	1906-1939
	9	Ronald (Ron) Pedrick	1911-1946
	10	Donald L. Pedrick	1961-1962, 2004

Series II: Business Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
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2	1	Business Cards	1880
	2	Business Cards	Undated
	3	Business Cards	Undated
	4	Oliver Hough (Cornelia Pedrick's father), Deed	1849
	5	Cornelia Hough Pedrick Correspondence & Deeds	1866-1895
	6	Legal-Sarah Beebe	1873
	7	Supreme Court of Ohio Case	1878
	8	Bankruptcy, Eviction, Leases	1878
	9	Eviction Notice, Court Documents	1879
	10	Land Deed	1853
	11	Deeds	1872
	12	Deeds	1873
	13	Deeds	1874
	14	Land Transactions, Taxes	1875
	15	Deeds	1877, 1878
	16	Cornelia Hough Pedrick Correspondence & Deeds	1880-1900
	17	Leases	1881
	18	Lease, Land Title	1882
	19	Land Deed & Correspondence	1883
	20	Land Deeds	1892
	21	Coal Lands Deeds, Co.	1892
	22	Land Deeds	1893
	23	Coal Land Deeds, Co.	1893
	24	Coal Land Deeds, Co.	1984
	25	Letters & Coal Land Deeds	1894
	26	Boston Gold Mining	1895
	27	Mining Coal Land Business	1895
	28	Coal Declaration, Statements	1895
	29	Coal Land Deeds	1895
	30	Mining Land Deeds	1896
	31	Gold Mining	1896
	32	Land Records	1900
	33	Land Records	1900
	34	Coal Mine Land Deeds	1903
	35	Coal Mine Land Deeds	1903
	36	Coal Mine Land Deeds, Letter	1903
	37	Land Records	1904
	38	Deeds & Land Contracts	Undated
3	1	Cleveland Coal Co.	1865
	2	First Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Cripple Creek Phonolite Gold Mining Co.	1896-1897
	3	Stock and Ledger Book for Cripple Creek Phonolite Gold Mining Co.	Undated
	4	The Pueblo Western Railway Company and the	Undated

	Western Anthracite Coal & Coke Company Info	
5	Anthrocite Coal & Coke Co. Info	1900-1901
6	Western Anthracite Coal & Coke Company Minutes of Stockholders and Directors' Meetings	1901-1904
7	Anthracite Coal Co. Minute Book	1900-1902
8	Anthracite Coal Mine documents	1902
9	Western Anthracite Coal Mine documents	1902
10	List of Stockholders for the Western Anthrocite Coal & Coke Co.	1903
11	Reports, Letters, Legal Documents (Mining)	1897
12	Mining Reports	1889-1890
13	Mt. Evens Railway/Southern Railway	1902
14	Misc. Railroad Info	1889-1890, Undated
15	Iron Mountain Land and Mining Co., TN	1883
16	Mining California	Undated
17	Misc. Mining documents	1896, Undated
18	Burlington Ditch, Reservoir Land Co., CO	1885
19	The Deer Lodge Water Co.	1888, 1894-1900, Undated
20	Denver and Platte Valley Canal Co.	1892
21	Bowman Group Copper Mines	1897
22	Coal Lands	1880, Undated
23	Governsey Coal Land Co., Albany Co. Wyoming	1888, 1889
24	Coal Lands, Washington	1887, 1902
25	William Kaufman Garrison, CO (Coal Lands)	1889
26	Cement Business, Receipts, Letters, & Legal	1891
27	Horseshoe Mining Co. Info	1898
28	Good-Hope Mining Co.	1898
29	The Butte Copper Mining Co.	1899, 1900, Undated
30	Tacoma Steel Co.	1902
31	National Bank Cleveland, OH (Bank Books)	1867-1875
32	Colorado National Bank books	1892, 1894
33	Misc. Bank Books	1861, 1871, Undated
34	Chicago Quincy Railroad Notebooks	1882-1883
35	Notary's Record	1891-1894
36	Check Books	1876, 1891-1892, Undated
37	Check Books	1893
38	Check Book	1894
4	1 Check Book	1896-1897
	2 Check Books	1918, 1919
	3 Bookkeeping and Accountancy Books	Undated
	4 Stock Ledger	1902
	5 Stock Ledger	1902-1903
	6 General Ledgers	1918, 1919

7	Gold, Silver, & Sewer Bonds	1870-1932
8	Receipts	1860-1870
9	Receipts	1880-1890
10	Receipts	1890-1910
11	Receipts	1918, 1919, Undated
12	Affidavits	1896
13	Court documents	1896, 1897
14	Maps (For OVS see Location 94, File 10)	1895-1901, Undated
15	OVS Cross-Section of Coal Mine Fields (See Location 94, File 7)	1901, Undated
16	OVS Blueprints (See Location 94, File 9)	1902, Undated
17	A.H. P. Business papers/letters	1911-1920
18	A.H. P. Business papers/letters	1921-1937
19	The Urraca Hereford Ranch	Undated
20	Emmanuel Church Business	1874-1875
21	Misc. Ledgers and Business notes	1876-1877, Undated
22	Ordinance and Resolution	Undated
23	Steel Colorado Reports	Undated
24	Notes on Iron and Steel in the Pacific NW	Undated
25	Notes on Petroleum in Wyoming	Undated

Series III: Correspondence

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	1	Eliza U. (Hawley) Pedrick Correspondence	1854-1857, Undated
	2	Family Correspondence	1860
	3	W.E.P. Correspondence	1857-1878
	4	Political Business Correspondence	1860-1870
	5	W.E.P. Business & Personal Cuyahoga County, OH	1860-1870
	6	W.E.P. Correspondence with Julia & Jeanne Smith	1871-1872
	7	Cornelia Pedrick (Nena) Correspondence	1869-1895
	8	W.E.P. Correspondence with Dr. G.C.E. Weber	1877
	9	Correspondence	1878- 1879, 1882- 1883
	10	W.E.P. Letters	1884
	11	W.E.P. Letters	1885
	12	W.E.P. Letters	1886
	13	W.E.P. Letters	1887
	14	W.E.P. Letters	1888
	15	W.E.P. Letters	1889
	16	W.E.P. Letters	1890
	17	W.E.P. Letters	1891
	18	W.E.P. Letters	1892
	19	W.E.P. Letters	1893
	20	W.E.P. Letters	1894, 1895

	21	W.E.P. letters, telegrams concerning possible appointment	1897
	22	W.E.P. Letters	1889-1899
	23	W.E.P. Letters	1899
	24	Clinton (Clint) A. Pedrick Correspondence	1880-1901, 1933-1934
	25	Letters to William Kaufman	1885-1890
	26	Letters to W.E.P. from Cornelia	1890
	27	W.E.P. Letters from Sen. Hanna and Theodore Roosevelt concerning W.E.P. son enlistment in special regiment	1987-1898
	28	Letters to W.E.P. from Albert (Bart)	1885-1890
	29	William L. Pedrick Correspondence	1881-1901
	30	W.E.P. Letters to son Bart	Undated
	31	Letters to W.E.P. from Wife and all children	1890-1904
	32	Family Correspondence	1897-1898
	33	Misc. letters	1900-1904
	34	L.B. Dodd letters	1900
	35	William (Billy) Pedrick Letters	1884-1900
	36	Correspondence about bonds	1900, 1901
	37	Business Letters	1900-1901
	38	Correspondence	1901
	39	Letters & Telegrams about Albert Pedrick's Elevator Accident	1901
	40	Bart Correspondence	1901, 1902
	41	W.E.P. General Business Correspondence	1902
6	1	Albert H. Pedrick correspondence, business	1893, 1901-1910
	2	Correspondence Book	1901-1905
	3	Correspondence about Coal Co.	1902
	4	W.E.P. Business Correspondence	1902-1903
	5	Railroad and Coal Land Correspondence.	1903
	6	Jeannie Phillips Post Cards	1903-1906
	7	Mr. and Mrs. A.H.P. Post Cards	1904-1938
	8	W.E.P. Letters, Coal and Railroad	1904
	9	W.E.P. Letters	1905
	10	W.E.P. Letters	1906
	11	Letter from National Geographic Society	1907
	12	W.E.P. Business Letters	1904-1916
	13	A.H.P. Love Letters	1903-1907
	14	A.H.P. Love Letters	1907
	15	A.H.P. Love Letters	1907
	16	A.H.P. Love Letters	1908
	17	A.H.P. Love Letters	1908-1909
	18	A.H.P. Love Letters	1909
	19	W.E.P. Letters	1908

	20	W.E.P. Letters	1911
	21	Letters to Joe Webb	1912-1913
	22	Misc. Letters	1920-1940
	23	Christian Science Literature Letters	1918-1920
	24	A.H.P. Letters	1900-1917
	25	A.H.P. Letters	1920-1939
	26	Jeannie Phillips (Mrs. AHP's sister) Letters, Papers	1923-1929
	27	Elizabeth Pedrick's Mother's Divorce Paper	1925
	28	Mrs. A.H.P. Business Papers/Letters (Nursing)	1925
	29	Ronald Pedrick Cincinnati Letters	1930-1932
	30	Ronald Pedrick Letters, Insurance, Post Cards	1924-1938
	31	Laura Jeanne Pedrick Letters	1926-1930
	32	Laura Jeanne Pedrick Post Cards	1925-1938
	33	Ronald Pedrick Letters, School Papers, Report Cards	1921-1929
	34	Ronald Pedrick—Commemorative Letter & Envelope for Springfield Ohio's first air mail flight	May 1, 1929
7	1	Albert H. Pedrick Correspondence	1938-1944
	2	W.E. Pedrick Business Correspondence	Undated
	3	W.E. Pedrick Personal Letters	Undated
	4	Letter	Undated
	5	W.E.P. Correspondence about S.J. Everret	Undated
	6	Albert and Elizabeth Pedrick letters	Undated
	7	Holiday Cards, Postcards	Undated
	8	A.H.P. Valentines/Christmas Cards	Undated
	9	Misc. Letters	Undated
	10	W.E.P. Notes and Scribbles	Undated
	11	W.E.P. Notes and Scribbles	Undated
	12	A.H.P. Notes and Scribbles	Undated
	13	Scrapbooks, writings, artwork	Undated

Series IV: Diaries, Scrapbooks, and Publications

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
8	1	W.E.P. Pocket Notebooks	1850-1860
	2	Cornelia F. Pedrick Journals	1868-1873
	3	Misc. Pocketbooks and Diaries	1873-1893
	4	A.H.P. Pocket Journal	1884
	5	W.E.P. Pocket Notebook	1888
	6	W.E.P. Pocket Notebooks	1890
	7	Misc. Pocketbooks & Diaries	1895, 1898, Undated
	8	Pocket Notebooks	1902, 1907
	9	Pocket Notebooks	Undated
	10	Concert Poster for event at Melodeon Hall (See Location 94, File 3)	Feb. 18, 1861

	11	W.E.P.'s New Italian Dictionary	1871
	12	Add for P.T. Barnum Lecture	1873
	13	"Faith and Works" Publication	Oct. 1875
	14	Farmer's Almanac	1884
	15	Promotional Pamphlets "Guide to the Maxwell Land Grant"	1889
	16	Leaflets—"The Maxwell Land Grant 1,700,000 Acres in Colorado & New Mexico"	1880
	17	Pamphlets promoting Maxwell Land Grant	1890
	18	Brochures for Deer Lodge, Montana, Citizen's Water Company	1900
	19	Seattle, Washington brochure titled "Seattle Statistics"	1902
	20	Pamphlets—"Camping in the Rocky Mountains"	1903
	21	Ohio Society of New York (For OVS See Location 94, File 6)	1899-1904
	22	Pamphlet—"Santa Lola Mining Company"	1906
	23	Irving K. Fannington—"Mining Market Letter" (Weekly)	1906
	24	"Who's Who in New York" (W.E.P. listed on page 699)	1905
	25	Newspaper Clipping Scrapbook	1904-1905
	26	Misc. Scrapbooks	Undated
	27	Newspaper Clippings	1880-1940
	28	OVS Newspapers—Deaths of Presidents (See Location 94, File 5)	1881, 1929, 1945
	29	OVS Newspapers—Space Flight (See Location 94, File 8)	1961-1962
9	1	Clinton A. Pedrick—Trade School Booklet and pharmacology examination	1910, 1911
	2	A.H.P. —Architecture/Art Brochures	1914-1920
	3	"Southern Telephone News" Periodical	1920
	4	Ronald Pedrick—School Literature	1929-1930
	5	A.H.P.—Songs	1930
	6	Laura Jeanne Pedrick—Chicago World's Fair Brochures	1934
	7	Laura Jeanne Pedrick—Boston University Catalogs	1935
	8	Laura Jeanne Pedrick—Wittenburg College Literature	1935
	9	Laura Jeanne Pedrick—Misc. Education Literature	1934-1935
	10	Media Research Bureau Literature	1939
	11	Misc. Publications	1864-1940
	12	"What the War meant to Women" by Dr. Anna Howard Show, League of Nations Leaflets	Undated
	13	Religious Song Books	Undated

14	“A Plated Article” by Charles Dickens	Undated
15	“The Wayfarers” by Mary Stewart Cuttings	Undated
16	Ronald Pedrick—Ohio Prepaid Sales Tax Stamps	Undated
17	Paper on oil	Undated
18	Misc. Brochures and Pamphlets	Undated
19	Writings on Women by Margherita Arlina Harum	Undated

Series V: Photographs and Artwork

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	20	A.H.P.—Short Stories, Poems, Articles	Undated
	21	A.H.P.—Short Stories, Poems, Articles	Undated
	22	A.H.P.—Short Stories, Poems, Articles	Undated
	23	A.H.P.—Short Stories, Poems, Articles	Undated
	24	A.H.P.—Drawings	Undated
	25	A.H.P.—Printed Pictures	Undated
	26	A.H.P.—Paintings	Undated
	27	Oil Paintings (See Location 94, Files 1 & 2)	Undated
	28	Portrait of Mrs. Jerningham (Lady Stafford)	Undated
	29	Photographs of W.E.P.	Undated
	30	Photographs of Albert Pedrick	1900, Undated
	31	Photographs of Clint Pedrick	1907, Undated
	32	Photographs of William L. “Billy” Pedrick	Undated
	33	Photographs of Ronald Pedrick & Laura Jeanne	Undated
	34	Photographs of Family & Friends (identified)	1900, 1941, Undated
	35	Photographs of Family & Friends (unidentified)	Undated
	36	Photographs of Family & Friends (unidentified)	Undated
	10	1	Landscape Photographs
2		Landscape Photographs	Undated
3		Negatives	Undated
4		Ambrotype of unidentified woman	Undated
5		Civil War Reprints	Ca. 1910
6		Photograph Album	1864, 1939, Undated
7		Photograph Album	Undated
8		Oversized Photographs (See Location 94, File 4)	1904, 1910, Undated
9		Transcript of Film now lost	Undated