

Title: Weeks/Watkins Families Papers

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Abstract: Charles D. Weeks was a former general manager of the Milwaukee Coke & Gas Company. His wife, Alice Tenny Weeks, served as a president of the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin. Their son, Francis Dickin Weeks, was born in Milwaukee in 1907. He graduated from Milwaukee Country Day School in 1925, Dartmouth College in 1929 and MIT in 1931. He married Elsie Crane Watkins in 1933 and moved to Highland Park, IL. He worked with Commonwealth Edison from 1932-1942, General Cable Corporation from 1946-1950; and Joslyn Manufacturing from 1950 to 1970. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant and lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Both Francis and Elsie were avid world travelers and photographers.

The Watkins family also included astute businessmen and inventive individuals. E.T. Watkins was a director of the Merchants’ Loan and Trust Company in Chicago, and Frederick A. Watkins was an inventor with Colytt Laboratories, patenting telephone mouthpieces.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of genealogical material related to the Wells, Weeks, Watkins, Langdon, Tenny, Smith and Bryant (from Plymouth, MA) families, as well as family photos, scrapbooks, and other ephemera.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was donated by Nancy Dougherty, April 2017, and processed by Kevin Abing, May 2017.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Genealogical Information (1 of 5)	1	1
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Alice Tenny Weeks		

Miscellaneous Material -Obituaries -Condolence notes re Alice Weeks' death, 1958 -Essay on Sympathy, ca 1895	1	6
Alice Tenny Weeks Scrapbook (marriage and trips to St. Louis World's Fair, etc.), 1904-1907	1	Loose
Francis D. and Elsie Watkins Weeks Records		
Francis Weeks – Miscellaneous Personal Material	1	7
Francis Weeks – Baby's Record	1	8
Francis Weeks – Scrapbook, Poster Stamp Collection	1	Loose
Francis Weeks – Scrapbook #2, Poster Stamp Collection	1	Loose
Francis Weeks – Dartmouth College Material -Term Papers (History/Biography), 1927-1928 -Class book, 1929 -Commencement program, 1929	1	9
Francis Weeks – Massachusetts Institute of Technology Material -Term Papers -Senior Week program, 1931 -Commencement program, 1931	1	10
Francis Weeks – Commonwealth Edison Company	1	11
Francis Weeks – U.S. Navy Commission, Promotion, Separation, etc.	1	12
Francis Weeks – Naval Officer Commission File	1	13
Francis Weeks – Lieut. O-V(S) USNR 137790	1	14
Francis Weeks – General Cable Corporation	1	15
Francis Weeks – Joslyn Electrical Laboratory	1	16
Francis Weeks – Highland Park High School & Deerfield High School (dedication programs and a centennial history)	1	17
Francis Weeks – Commendations and Certificates	1	18
Francis Weeks – Winnisimet Collection, Master Record File	2	1
Francis Weeks – University Club of Chicago "Seventy Six" Archivist's Column, 1978-1985	2	2
Francis Weeks – Tenny Info for Colonial Dames, etc.	2	3
Francis Weeks – Letters regarding Weeks' Death, 1990	2	4
Francis and Elsie Weeks – Travel Itineraries and Miscellaneous Genealogy	2	5
Weeks Family – Forest Home Cemetery Markers	2	6
Elsie Watkins Weeks		
Elsie Watkins Weeks – Continental Bank Trust	2	7
Elsie Watkins Weeks – Scrapbook of School Work, ca 1915	2	8
Elsie Watkins Weeks – Wellesley College Publications	2	9
Diane Langdon Weeks Covers		
Diane Langdon Weeks Covers – Miscellaneous Material	2	10

Watkins Family (Frederick A.; E.T. and Florence)		
Miscellaneous Watkins Family Material	2	11
Miscellaneous Watkins Family Material	2	12
Francis Watkins – McCulloch & McCulloch Note: Includes Watkins' patent applications	2	13
Frederick A. Watkins – Travel Diary/Miscellaneous re European Trip, 1905	2	14
Travel Maps/Brochures – U.S.	2	15
Travel Maps/Brochures – Europe	2	16
Miscellaneous Publications - <i>The World War at a Glance</i> , 1918 - <i>Illustrations of the Different Languages and Dialects in which the Holy Bible in Whole or in Part has been Printed and Circulated by the American Bible Society</i> (Souvenir edition, Columbian Exposition, 1893) - <i>Johann Sebastian Bach and a few of his major works</i> , by Herbert F. Peyser, 1945 - <i>The Geographic Background of Chicago</i> , by J. Paul Goode, 1926 - <i>Chicago History</i> (Fall 1956 and Winter 1956-57) - <i>The Niagara Falls Power Co. and Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Company</i> (Souvenir booklet of Power & Progress Exposition, 1925)	2	17
Florence Watkins – Diaries/Travelogues, 1922, 1924-1925	2	18
Florence Watkins – Miscellaneous (correspondence, diplomas, programs, etc.)	2	19
SCRAPBOOKS:		
Elsie Watkins Weeks		
Scrapbook – Wellesley College, Freshman Year, 1927-1928	3	Loose
Scrapbook – Wellesley College, Sophomore Year, 1928-1929	3	Loose
Scrapbook – Wellesley College, Junior Year, 1929-1930	3	Loose
Scrapbook – Wellesley College, Senior Year, 1931	RC21A	Sh. 2
Scrapbook – Travel Diary, trip to Washington, DC, New York, Boston, 1924	3	Loose
Florence Watkins		
Florence Watkins – Scrapbook, Vacation to Eastern U.S., 1919	3	Loose
Florence Watkins – Scrapbook, Vacation to Washington, DC, Summit and Boston, 1924	3	Loose
Florence Watkins – Scrapbook, Vacation to Eastern U.S., 1925	3	Loose
Florence Watkins – Scrapbook, Vacation to Yellowstone Park, ca. 1929	3	Loose
Florence Watkins – Scrapbook, Gulf Park College Memory Book, 1929-1930	3	Loose
PHOTO FILES		
Bryant Family	4	1
Crane Family	4	2
Fowler Family (Nancy & James)	4	3

Langdon Family	4	4
Lydia Fowler Watkins & Watkins Family	4	5
Florence Watkins	4	6
Florence Watkins – Family Photos/Florida	4	7
Frederick A. Watkins	4	8
Watkins Family/Vacation Photos	4	9
Watkins Homes	4	10
Charles Dickin Weeks (“Govie”) & Weeks Family	4	11
Charles Dickin Weeks – Okauchee, WI Photos	4	12
Alice Tenny Weeks	4	13
Tenny Family	4	14
Francis (Frank) Dickin Weeks	4	15
Elsie Watkins Weeks	4	16
Elsie & Frank Weeks Family	4	17
Elsie & Frank Weeks Family-Photo Album No. 10, Oversize Prints	4	18
Elsie & Frank Weeks Family-Photo Album No. 11, Oversize Prints	4	19
Diane Weeks Cavers & Cavers Family	4	20
Francis D. Weeks-Photos of USS Baltimore, USS Hunt, USS Sims & USS Wardsworth	4	21
Francis D. Weeks-University Club of Chicago	4	22
Francis D. Weeks-Travel photos and miscellaneous	4	23
Weeks Family-Weeksbury, KY; White Sulphur Springs, VA; and Oconomowoc, WI Sailing	4	24
Perley B. Thompson & Family	4	25
Miscellaneous People Identified	4	26
Miscellaneous People Unidentified	4	27
Oversize Photo #2748: Diane Weeks Cavers Wedding Photo		
Oversize Photo #2749: “M.I.T. 99”		
PHOTO ALBUMS		
Charles D. Weeks: Photo Album 1—Christmas 1905—White Sulphur Springs, VA	5	Loose
Charles D. Weeks: Photo Album 2—Weeksbury, KY, ca. 1912-1915	5	Loose
Francis D. Weeks: Album 3—Milwaukee—Vest-Pocket Camera	5	Loose
Francis D. Weeks: Album 4—Oconomowoc Lake, Wisconsin (also includes photos of sailing on Lake Geneva and Cedar Lake as well as images at Niagara Falls)	5	Loose
Charles D. Weeks: Album 5—Milwaukee, Grandchildren, Etc.	5	Loose
Francis D. Weeks: Dartmouth College and M.I.T.	5	Loose
Francis & Elsie Weeks and Children #1	5	Loose
Francis & Elsie Weeks and Children #2		
Francis & Elsie Weeks—Honeymoon, Family Homes, Vacations & Kids, 1933-1947	5	Loose
Florence Watkins—Gulf Park College?, ca. 1929-1930	6	Loose

Florence Watkins—Florida, 1945-1949	6	Loose
Elsie Watkins Weeks and Family, 1933-1935	6	Loose
Watkins Family—Vacation Photos (Europe and U.S.), 1904-1905	6	Loose
Watkins/Weeks Houses (Dale Ave. and Laurel Ave.)	6	Loose
Francis D. Weeks: Miscellaneous Family Photos #1	6	Loose
Francis D. Weeks: Miscellaneous Family Photos #2	6	Loose
Watkins Family?—Vacation Photos, Summit, NJ	6	Loose
Elsie Watkins Family	6	Loose
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Watkins—Honeymoon Trip, 1907	6	Loose
GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES (Added to Glass Plate Collection)		
GP Neg #22,553 (5x7): Alice Tenny Weeks (?)		
GP Neg #22,554 (5x7): Unidentified street scene with auto		
GP Neg #22,555 (5x7): Unidentified street scene with auto		
GP Neg #22,556 (5x7): Interior of unidentified home		
GP Neg #22,557 (5x7): Florence Watkins (?)		
GP Neg #22,558 (5x7): Outdoor scene, unidentified location		
GP Neg #22,559 (5x7): Lace doily (?)		
GP Neg #22,560 (5x7): Florence Watkins (?)		
GP Neg #22,561 (5x7): Florence Watkins (?)		
GP Neg #22,562 (5x7): Florence Watkins (?)		
GP Neg #22,563 (5x7): Florence Watkins (?)		
GP Neg #22,564 (4x5): Unidentified woman and child		
GP Neg #22,565 (4x5): Unidentified child		
OVERSIZE ITEMS		LOCATION
Certificate from the Daughters of the American Revolution, approving Elsie Crane Watkins as a member, 1917		OS SM "W"
Memorial from Commercial Club of Chicago re death of member Elias Taylor Watkins, 1904		OS SM "W"
BLUEPRINTS (ADDED TO BLUEPRINTS COLLECTION)		
#0628-0629: Wiring and remodeling plans of Frederick Watkins home, Hazel Ave., Highland Park, IL		