

Title: Nelson, August T. Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0970

Inclusive Dates: 1905 – 1939

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: August T. Nelson was born in Door County, Wisconsin, on August 29, 1869. His family had immigrated from Norway in 1852 and eventually settled in Door County. His mother died when August was 13 years old and his schooling was cut short as a result. He went to work on a tugboat and eventually secured a pilot's license. He received a patent for an automatic steering device which was used on several steamers on the Great Lakes.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of business letters and papers related to Nelson and his invention.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English