



Nellie Hall Williams Papers (K0141)

Collection Number: K0141

Collection Title: Nellie Hall Williams Papers

Dates: 1920-1990

Creator: Williams family

Abstract: The collection consists of personal papers of Nellie Hall Williams and genealogical materials for the Hall and Williams families. The papers related to Nellie consist of her diaries and memorabilia she collected on a trip to Southern California. In addition, there are materials related to Nellie's time as a teacher. There are also personal papers for Nellie's husband, Wilber, and her sister-in-law, Nona.

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic foot
(35 folders, 19 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Nellie Hall was born near Wilcox, Missouri, in 1901, to her parents, Brice and Belle Hall. Nellie attended Maryville High School, and when she graduated in 1922, she began teaching at Olwell School in Nodaway County, Missouri. In 1923, Nellie and her mother traveled by train to California. Nellie and her mother kept diaries while on the trip that discussed observations of Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Big Bear.

In the fall of 1923, Nellie returned to Missouri and resumed teaching at Olwell School. It is during this time that she met fellow teacher Wilber Williams. Nellie and Wilber married and had three children Elaine, Paul, and Stephen.

In 1925, Nellie attended Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, now Northwest Missouri State University. She returned to college in 1956, to complete her degree, so she could continue teaching. Nellie remained an elementary school teacher until retiring in 1970. Nellie passed away in 1997.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by material type into the following three series and six subseries. The items within the folders have been arranged chronologically.

Personal Papers

- Nellie Hall Williams
- Wilber Williams
- Nona Williams

Genealogy Records

- Hall Family
- Williams Family

Teaching Materials

- Student Work

Scope and Content Note:

Personal Papers

This series contains the personal papers of Nellie Hall Williams, Wilber Williams, and Nona Williams. The Nellie Hall Williams subseries consists of biographical materials and diaries kept throughout the early part of her life. However, the bulk of the subseries contains material related to Nellie's trip to California in 1923 and contains correspondence, diaries, and photographs from the trip. The Wilber Williams subseries contains biographical papers, academic papers, and photographs. The academic papers are essays written by Wilber while he was obtaining his teaching credentials. The Nona Williams subseries consists of biographical materials along with correspondence and employment records from throughout her life. Of particular interest are the religious materials in this subseries. Nona collected the radio scripts for WNBC's "Highlights of the Bible" and prayers that she came across.

Genealogy Records

This series consists of the genealogical records for the Hall and Williams families. Included are family histories, family trees, genealogy research, and histories for specific individuals in the family.

Teaching Materials

This series contains educational material retained by Nellie Hall Williams throughout her teaching career. The materials include newsletters for students, student plays, lesson materials, and educational publications. Of particular interest is the student work subseries that consists of subject specific essays written by Nellie's students. The essays discuss what student's think the future will be like, what America means to them, along with works of fiction and poetry.

Container List:

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- Box 001 f. 1-6 Nellie Hall Williams
 - f. 1 Biographical, 1920-1981
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 - f. 2 Correspondence, 1923
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