

Information Sheet

R **Wallower, Frank Carmany, 1882-1966.**
57 **Papers, 1877-1966 (bulk 1902-1966).**
 Six folders and 216 photographs.

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Frank Carmany Wallower was born on August 23, 1882, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Elias Zollinger Wallower, a newspaperman and member of a group of Harrisburg investors who were financing mining operations in the mineral district of southwestern Missouri. After education at Columbia University as a mining engineer, F. C. Wallower was invited by the Harrisburg group to supervise their investments in Missouri. He came to Joplin in 1906 to manage the Bradford-Kansas City Mining Company, which operated the Daylight Mine between Joplin and Webb City, and the Keystone Hotel in Joplin. In 1912, after operating numerous mines and mills in Missouri, Wallower moved his operations to the Picher field in Oklahoma.

In 1925 Wallower was elected director and general manager of the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company (*q.v.*), an interurban line between Carthage, Missouri, and Picher, Oklahoma. He later served as a co-receiver and trustee of the road. Wallower retired from mining in 1932 and organized the Tri-State Casualty Insurance Company in Oklahoma. He managed this firm and a subsidiary until 1946. He then retired and moved to the Mission Hills Farm near Joplin, where he lived until 1964. He died in Joplin in 1966.

The Wallower papers consist primarily of materials connected with his unfinished autobiography, "A Review of Sixty Years," which he began writing after his retirement. There are three separate versions of the autobiography in this collection, each containing both original pages and carbons. Each version is incomplete and differs slightly from the others. Taken as a whole, they provide a composite of the intended form of the autobiography.

In connection with "A Review of Sixty Years," Wallower collected newspaper clippings and photographs illustrative of his career in the mines and with the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company. The photographs include both surface and underground views of mines and mills he operated in Missouri and Oklahoma. There are also interior views of the mills and the "House of Mystery," an electrolytic plant constructed during World War One. Not all of the photographs are identified. They have been assigned arbitrary catalog numbers and are filed in order following the manuscript material and newspaper clippings. Also in the collection, and filed with the photographs, is a motorman's badge from the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company.

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These are papers of a mine owner and operator at Joplin, Missouri, and manager of the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company. The collection includes rough drafts of his unfinished autobiography, "A Review of Sixty Years," correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs of lead and zinc mines in Jasper County, Missouri.

Folder 1: "A Review of Sixty Years." Index and Chapter One.

Folder 2: "A Review of Sixty Years." Rough drafts.

Folder 3: "A Review of Sixty Years." Rough drafts, carbon copies, and miscellaneous notes.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous papers, 1906-1966. Correspondence, mining contracts, and printed material.

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings on Frank C. Wallower and his career, ca. 1914-1960.

Folder 6: Newspaper clippings on the Southwest Missouri Railroad Company.

Photographs: This collection contains 216 photographs. See the Information Folder for an itemized list of these views.

Motorman's badge, Southwest Missouri Railroad Company. This badge is in a small plastic box, and is filed in the same box with the photographs.

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Shelf List of Photographs

No. **Name**

Surface Views

- 001 Unidentified mine and mill, mounted on cardboard.
- 002 "Dividend Mine Timbering, 1902"
- 003 "Dividend Mine—Surface View of Plant"
- 004 Daylight Mine (?)
- 005 "Bradford-Kansas City Mine"
- 006 "View of the Bradford Cave, Looking North"
- 007 "General view looking North. Arrow shows Bradford Cave"
- 008 "View From S.E. Corner of Property. Showing Bradford and Dinger Mills."
- 009 "Cumberland Mill"
- 010 "Cumberland Mill"
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- 012 Goldenrod Mining and Smelting Corporation, No. 7 Mill
- 013 Crew of the Disbrow Mining Company, Webb City, Missouri
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- 016 "Cave at Troup Mine After the Fire"
- 017 "Broom Flag—Jan. 7, 1926 Golden Rod No. 8" Damaged photographs, torn into two pieces.
- 018 "View of Section of Webb City-Carterville Sheet Ground Looking North"
- 019 "Mines North of Webb City on 10 Acres"
- 020 "Orange May 1915" Panoramic View.
- 021 "Orange May 1, 1915" View of an unidentified mill.
- 022 "Orange May 1915" View of mill and tailings pile.
- 023 "Orange 5-29-17" Unidentified mine buildings and cave.
- 024 "Orange 5-29-17 Same as above, different view.
- 025 Empress Mining Company, Plant No. 2, Buildings and Crew.
- 026 Empress Mining Company, Buildings and Crew.
- 027 Unidentified view of mine and mill buildings and railroad spur.
- 028 Mine and mill buildings showing ore carts and chat pile.
- 029 Golden Rod Mining and Smelting Corporation (?)
- 030 View of early mine and mill plant showing blacksmith shop.
- 031 View of unidentified mill buildings and zinc ore.
- 032 "Daylight Mine Webb City, Mo."(postcard view)
- 033 Daylight Mine (?)
- 034 Daylight Mine (Views 32-36 are different views of the same mine.)
- 035 Daylight Mine

- 036 Daylight Mine
- 037 Unidentified mine buildings and people, including F. C. Wallower.
- 038 Unidentified mine buildings and people.
- 039 View of unidentified mine and mill buildings showing a holding pond for mine water. Frank Wallower stands next to the pond.
- 040 Same subject as above, but a different mine.
- 041 View of cave and railroad trestle. Daylight Mine (?)
- 042 View of cave and railroad trestle. Daylight Mine (?) Different view than #41
- 043 Unidentified mine and mill buildings showing tramways for ore carts.
- 044 "Zinc 1604440 Lbs." Unidentified mine and mill showing ore piles and wagons.
- 045 "Looking East Showing Aerial Tram" Unidentified mill.
- 046 Unidentified mill, different plant than above.
- 047 Unidentified view of mine buildings and cave-in.
- 048 Same subject as above, different view.
- 049 Unidentified mill buildings.
- 050 Unidentified mine and mill buildings. Different mine than above.
- 051 Daylight Mine (?)
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- 077 Same as above, different view.

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- 078 View of mine crew, ore carts and rock drills in an unidentified mine.
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- 080 View of mine crew and rock drills, unidentified mine.
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