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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Nelson Dickerman Papers
Date:	1880-1965.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0542
Creator:	Dickerman, Nelson, 1881-1952 Urbanski, Pauline
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Extent:	3.5 Cubic feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	Papers relating to the career and life of mining engineer Nelson Dickerman: letters, photographs, clippings and diaries kept during his mining career. Much of the material is personal, rather than professional, relating to Dickerman's family and children. Family photographs include baby books.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to the National Museum of American History, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources by Pauline Urbanski on April 28, 1993.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center in 1997. Addendum received on April 9, 2004.

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The collection was transferred from the Division of Work and Industry to the Archives Center in 1997.

Processing Information

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Accruals

An addendum of approximately 1 cubic foot was received on April 9, 2004.

Biographical Note

Nelson Dickerman was born in 1881 in Denver, CO to Charles O. and Louise Haage Dickerman. He began mining as an assistant surveyor at Tomboy gold mines in Colorado in 1900 and in 1903, worked underground at Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mine, Idaho. Dickerman would later take a position as a metallurgist at the Ladd Metal's Company's copper smelter in Idaho. He graduated from the University of California in 1905 earning a B.S. and later that year joined the Yuba Consolidated Goldfields in Hammonton, California. Dickerman worked for a number of mining companies throughout his career as a general manager, superintendent, and vice president—Natomas Consolidated (1910); Kirtley Creek Gold Dredging Company (1911-1913); Pato Mines (Columbia), Ltd. and Nechi (Columbia), Ltd (1913-1916); Guiana Development Company and Liberty Development Company in Dutch and French Guiana (1916-1921); Cornwall, Anglo-Oriental Mining Corporation (1928-1932); and Amiranian Oil Company (1937-1938). During his career Dickerman made examinations in Chile, Argentina, British Guiana, Columbia and the United States. He worked for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, War Production Board from 1939 to 1944 and in 1945, he joined the U.S. Bureau of Mines serving in the far east unit, foreign minerals division until 1948. He then went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency where he served until his death in February 1952.

Nelson Dickerman married Hallie Ferron on May 12, 1909; they had three daughters, Delight Dickerman, Doris Dickerman, and Rhoda Dickerman John.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents Nelson Dickerman, a mining engineer and his immediate family members, Hallie Dickerman (wife) and three daughters, Delight, Rhoda and Doris. The majority of documentation pertains to the Dickerman Family and is best represented through the black and white and photographs.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into six series. Series 1: Biographical Materiall Series 2: Correspondence
Series 3: Diaries
Series 4: Photographs
Series 5: Maps
Series 6: Miscellaneous

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Infants
Mining engineering
Mining engineers

Types of Materials:

Baby books
Christmas cards
Clippings
Diaries
Family papers -- 20th century
Letters (correspondence) -- 1900-1950
Maps
Photograph albums
Photographs -- 20th century

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1880-1965, 1992

Box 1, Folder 1	Marriage certificates of Charles and Nelson Dickerman, 1880 and 1909
Box 1, Folder 2	Delight Dickerman, 1916-1940
Box 12, Folder 1-7	Delight Dickerman Scrapbook, 1927-1942
Box 2, Folder 3	Hallie Ferron Dickerman, 1935-1965
Box 1, Folder 4-6	Hallie Ferron Dickerman (pseudonym Hannah Lounds)—Short Stories undated
Box 11, Folder 1	Hallie Ferron Dickerman—Short Stories, 1940 and 1942
Box 2, Folder 10	Helene Ferron Scrapbook, 1891
Box 1, Folder 3	Louise Dickerman, undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Nathan Dickerman Memoir, March 26, 1882 to January 2, 1930
Box 1, Folder 5-6	Nelson Dickerman, 1901-1952
Box 1, Folder 7	Rhoda Dickerman, 1921-1992
Box 1, Folder 8	Locks of hair, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Newspaper clippings, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Miscellaneous, undated

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1900-1952

Subseries 2.1: Mining, 1900-1952

Box 1, Folder 11-15

Subseries 2.2: Dickerman Holiday/Christmas Greetings, 1938-1951

Box 1, Folder 16

Subseries 2.3: Christmas/Holiday Greetings to the Dickerman's, 1936-1952

Box 2, Folder 7-8 Christmas/Holiday Greetings to the Dickerman's, 1950-1952

Box 2, Folder 9 Christmas/Holiday Greetings to the Dickerman's, 1936-1952

Subseries 2.4: Sympathy, 1952

Box 2, Folder 1

Subseries 2.5: General, 1910-1952

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Series 3: Diaries, 1897-1952

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Series 4: Photographs, 1900-1940s

Subseries 4.1: Dickerman Family

Box 6, Folder 1	Dickerman Nelson and Hallie, undated
Box 11, Folder 2	Dickerman Nelson (portrait), undated
Box 6, Folder 2	Dickerman Delight and Rhoda, undated
Box 11, Folder 2	Dickerman Delight and Rhoda, undated
Box 6, Folder 2	Dickerman Family, undated
Box 6, Folder 3A	Dickerman Doris ("Dodo" or "Dorrie"), undated
Box 6, Folder 4	Dickerman Louise, undated
Box 6, Folder 5	Children, circa 1900s
Box 6, Folder 6	Children unidentified, undated
Box 6, Folder 7	Dickerman Samuel Nelson and Grandma Schmitz, undated
Box 13, Folder 1	Guy, undated
Box 9, Folder 4	Horter Tommy and Steven
Box 9, Folder 5	John Blanche Ferron
Box 9, Folder 6	John Nelson Dickerman
Box 9, Folder 7	Manley Ferron John (includes Guy Guy IV Caitlin Brenna)
Box 9, Folder 8	Urbanski Pauline John (includes Ferron John Manley)
Box 13, Folder 2	Friends and relatives, undated
Box 13, Folder 3	Dickerman House, 1940
Box 13, Folder 4	Miscellaneous, undated

Subseries 4.2: Albums, 1906-circa 1917

Box 7, Folder 1	Baby Album photocopy Delight Dickerman, 1910-circa 1916
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Box 7	Loose photographs Delight Dickerman, 1910-circa 1916
Box 7, Folder 3	Baby Album photocopy Rhoda Dickerman, 1912-circa 1917
Box 7, Folder 4	Loose photographs Rhoda Dickerman, 1912-circa 1917
Box 14, Folder 1	RESTRICTED Baby Album Delight Dickerman, 1910-circa 1916
Box 14, Folder 2	RESTRICTED Baby Album Rhoda Dickerman, 1912-circa 1917
Box 8, Folder 1-2	Family Album, 1906-1910
Box 8, Folder 3	Raven Mine Album, undated

Subseries 4.3: People

Box 9, Folder 1-2	(Unidentified), undated
Box 9, Folder 3	Barker [Norine C.?], undated
Box 9, Folder 3A	Walker Dorsey, 1973

Subseries 4.4: General, 1936, undated

Box 10, Folder 1-2	Scenic, undated
Box 10, Folder 3	Venezuela trip, 1936
Box 10, Folder 4	Mining, undated
Box 11, Folder 3	Phi Kappa Psi Faternity (group portrait), June 1936
Box 11, Folder 4	Unidentified group, undated
Box 11, Folder 5	Unidentified Civil War group, undated
Box 11, Folder 6	Washington DC postcards, circa 1940s
Box 11, Folder 7	Unidentified daguerreotypes, undated

Subseries 4.5: Negatives, 1940-1941

Box 10, Folder 5	Hallie Rhoda and Johnnie Dickerman, June 1940
Box 10, Folder 5	Little Car, July 1940

Box 10, Folder 5	Florence Hanna and Nelson Dickerman and twins, August 1940
Box 10, Folder 5	Baby carriage, September 1940
Box 10, Folder 5	Hallie and Nelson Dickerman Dee & Doris and children, September 1940
Box 10, Folder 5	Nelson and John Dickerman, January 1941
Box 10, Folder 5	Polly and children, January 1941
Box 10, Folder 5	Marian and children, February 21, 1941
Box 10, Folder 5	John Rhoda Dickerman and children, May 10, 1941
Box 10, Folder 5	Children, May 10-14, 1941
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Box 10, Folder 5	Unidentified, undated
Box 10, Folder 6	Family and children, undated
Box 10, Folder 7	Slides, 1953

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Series 5: Maps, 1922, 1930

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Map-folder 1	Belcher's Map of Humboldt Co. California, 1922
Map-folder 1	Indian Copper Corp. Ltd. Mosaboni Mine Map, 1930

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Series 6: Miscellaneous

Box 12, Folder 8 Miscellaneous art prints

Box 12, Folder 9 Irvin Hoffman prints, 1936

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