Walter E. Booth Family

Scrapbook, 1894-1958
.5 linear ft.

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History

This scrapbook was assembled by the Walter E. Booth family of Toronto and passed down to Susan Harman Booth Norberg. Susan Norberg is the daughter of Lawrence Harman Booth and Norma Evelyn Lindsay; granddaughter of Walter E. Booth and Clara Gray, and great granddaughter of George Booth and Myrtilla Cormelia Smith. George was the younger brother of Henry Wood Booth, the father of George Gough Booth.

Walter E. Booth was born November 28, 1873 in Toronto, Canada, son of George Booth and Myrtilla Cormelia Smith. He attended Model School, Jarvis Street Collegiate and the University of Toronto. He started in business on the editorial staff of the Detroit Tribune and the Chicago Journal. He returned to Toronto in 1900 and entered the manufacturing business, joining his father in the Booth Copper Company. That company became the Booth Coulter Copper and Brass Company, of which he was the head from 1919/1923. In 1898 he married Clara M. Gray of Detroit and they had five children: Florence Maria Booth; Walter Gray Booth; Lawrence Harman Booth; Josephine Ella Booth; and Katherine Clara Booth. At the time of his death he was president of the W.E. Booth Company, working with his son, L. Harman Booth. He spoke five languages, English, French, German, Italian and Russian. Walter E. Booth died on October 27, 1934.

Scope and Content of Collection

This 10” x 12” scrapbook contains a small amount of material consisting of newspaper articles, programs to concerts and church services, obituaries, photographs, miscellaneous papers. Following is a partial list of items:

Photograph of unidentified elderly woman (Mrs. James Harman?) holding child (great grand niece?)
Photos: Henry Gough Booth (1811-1871); George Booth (1838-1919); Walter E. Booth (1873-1934); L. Harman Booth (1903-1977)
Article on Mrs. James Harman’s 100th birthday
Articles on church, Mary Baker Eddy
Walter E. Booth obituary
Ralph H. Booth obituary
Arnold W. Thomas obituary
Henry G. Booth chronology in America by Clarence H. Booth
Correspondence: James Scripps Booth to W.H. Coulter re: Booth & Sons Copper Co., 5 Jan 1953
Arthur Lowe to L. Harman Booth 5 Feb 1958
Biographical information on Walter E. Booth
Toronto Globe pages from 6 Nov 1934
Related Collections

- Henry Wood Booth Papers (1985-05)
- George Gough Booth Papers (1981-01)
- James Edmund Scripps Papers (1987-01)