

Guide to the
Wiggin Collection

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Summary of Collection

This collection contains a variety of files regarding the Wiggin family. It includes an assortment of material from letters to diplomas to scrapbooks. Through the many types of documents in these files, we are able to gain insight into what life was like in Montclair, and the United States, in the early 20th century.

Creator(s):

Blanton Charles Welsh; Emilie Benson Welsh; Emilie Benson Welsh Wiggin; Paul F. Wiggin

Dates:

Mid-19th century into mid-20th century

Location:

Clark House, 3rd Floor (upstairs Library)

Quantity:

5 boxes

History of the Wiggin/Welsh Family

Blanton Charles Welsh was born in Lancaster County in 1860. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1882 and was later stationed at Fort Sheridan, IL in the 1890s. Welsh's wife, Emilie Benson Welsh, was born in Short Hills, NJ in 1862. Emilie went on to become the president of the Montclair Women's Club. The couple moved into their home at 24 Upper Mountain Ave in Montclair soon after Welsh received commandant at Montclair Military Academy in 1897¹. Emilie died in 1938 and Blanton died the next year. Their daughter, Emilie Benson Welsh Wiggin, continued to live in the house until her death in 1968. The younger Emilie attended Vassar College² and was a charter member of the Montclair Garden Club³ while her husband, Paul F. Wiggin, was head of the Paul F. Wiggin advertising agency and former advertising manager of the Vacuum Oil Company⁴.

¹ "Folks You Know," *The Inquirer*, 14 August 1897.

² "Notes About Town," *The Montclair Times*, 14 December 1912.

³ "Mrs. Paul Wiggin Succumbs at 75," *The Montclair Times*, 21 February 1968.

⁴ "Paul Wiggin, Advertising Executive, 70," *The Montclair Times*, 04 December 1958.

Reference Guide to Who's Who in the Welsh/Wiggin Family

BCW: Blanton Charles Welsh; b. 1860; d. 1939; built 24 Upper Mountain Ave. with EBW

EBW: Emilie Benson Welsh (a.k.a. EBW, Sr.), wife of BCW; d. 1938; built 24 Upper Mountain Ave. with BCW

Adelaide Culver Wiggin: mother of PFW, Carl Culver Wiggin, and Marion Diller; mother-in-law of EBW, Jr.; lived in Montclair after about 1910, but not at 24 Upper Mountain Ave.

TWBW: Thomas Whitney Benton Welsh, son of BCW/EBW; b. mid 1880s; d. late 1930s

EBW, Jr.: Emilie Benson (Welsh) Wiggin, daughter of BCW/EBW; b. 1882; d. 1967(?)

PFW: Paul Felton Wiggin, husband of EBW, Jr.: son-in-law of BCW/EBW; b. 1888

Marion Diller: sister of PFW; daughter of Adelaide Culver Wiggin; lived in Montclair with her husband, Alfred Diller

Carl Culver Wiggin: brother of PFW; son of Adelaide Culver Wiggin; d. 1912; never lived in Montclair

Jim Welsh: son of TWBW; grandson of BCW/EBW

BCW (2): Blanton Culver Wiggin, a.k.a. "Bud," son of EBW, Jr./PBW; grandson of BCW/EBW

NJW: Nancy Jane Wiggin, daughter of EBW, Jr./PBW; granddaughter of BCW/EBW

PBW: Paul Benson Wiggin: son of EBW, Jr./PBW; grandson of BCW/EBW

CEW: Charles Everett Wiggin, son of BCW (2); great grandson of BCW/EBW

RCW: Richard Culver Wiggin, son of BCW (2); great grandson of BCW/EBW

RWW: Russell Washburn Wiggin, son of BCW (2); great grandson of BCW/EBW

DNW: Donald Nightingale Wiggin, son of BCW (2); great grandson of BCW/EBW

Emilie (3): Emilie Wiggin; daughter of PBW; great granddaughter of BCW/EBW

Carl (2): Carl Wiggin; son of PBW; great grandson of BCW/EBW

Scope and Content

The types of documents in this collection include (but are not limited to) letters, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, photographs, deeds, and short stories. It is made up mostly of photographs and letters, most of which are originals. The documents pertain to the Wiggin and Welsh families, mostly Blanton Charles Welsh and Emilie Benson Welsh.

Arrangement Note

The files in this collection are arranged by subject. The staff and volunteers responsible for the processing of this collection felt that this was the most sensible arrangement because the materials are intended for frequent access. This collection has been entered by file folder into the PastPerfect database. Corresponding accession numbers are listed on each folder.

Container List

This is an inventory of the collection. It includes box number, the folder title, and the folder contents.

| Box Number | Folder Number | Folder Title | Content |
|------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Photos 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Emilie Benson Welsh Jr 1900-1965● Paul Wiggin● Christmas Cards● Marion Wiggin, ca. 1890-1900● Family dog Captain Hector● Nancy Wiggin● Blanton Wiggin● Abbie H. Herron● Marie Holmes● Marion Wiggin Diller● Aunt Alice● Monument Park, 1921● Misc. Military photos● Jill McArthur● Captain Hector on porch, late 19th-early 20th century, snapshot● Lt. Blanton C. Welsh, 15th Infantry, April 1889, carte de viste● Unidentified man, taped to matte, ca. 1920s● Major Blanton C. Welsh● Misc. Family Photos |
| 1 | 2 | Photos 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Blanton Welsh ca. 1929● Photo on a card of the Palmer House in Chicago● Photograph of a Christmas tree; 24 Upper Mountain Ave house ca. 1850s● Photos of Blanton Welsh during the war (all 1915-1919) |

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| 1 | 3 | Montclair House 24 Upper Mountain Ave 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 copies of the living area of 24 Upper Mon. Ave with Christmas tree on display ca. 1920s, snapshot ● House shown from street view with snow, Dec. 1945, snapshot ● Extremely faded photo of two houses, ca. 1930s ● Street view of house, ca. 1940s snapshot ● Welsh Christmas card with blue tinted photo of house, ca. 1940s, card ● Two copies of blue tinted photo of house from porch and steps, ca. 1940s, card ● Blue tinted photo of house, ca. 1940s, card ● Two copies of blue tinted photo of side view of house in snow with branch hanging down ca. 1940s, card ● Two copies with one more exposed than the other, blue tinted of house in snow of side/front and steps leading to the house, ca. 1940s, card ● Deeds/Acquiring Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blue paper with map of property owned by Emily B. Welsh, surveyed ca. 1901 ● Measurements of house and property line on scrap of tan paper, in pencil, ca. 1910s ● Note written on paper from Dr. Lilian Welsh discussing the property and the transfer to Emilie Welsh, ca. 1940s ● Deed transferring property to Emilie Welsh ca. March 25th, 1901 ● Warranty Deed to Emilie B. Welsh ca. Dec. 9th, 1904 ● Warranty Deed transferring from Alice Welsh to Emilie B. Welsh ca. Jan. 10, 1900 ● Deed transferring property from David M. Caro to Emilie B. Welsh ca. April 24th, 1922 ● Warranty Deed transferring property from Blanton C. Welsh to Alice Welsh ca. Jan. 10, 1900 ● Deed transferring property from Mary F. Wright to Blanton C. Welsh, ca. Oct. 21, 1899 ● Satisfaction of Mortgage by The Howards Savings Institution completed by Emilie Benson Welsh and husband ca. Aug 24th, 1907 ● Legal document regarding a case between Emilie B. Welsh and Charles Berner concerning construction issues on 24 Mountain Ave titled "Complainants Brief", ca. 1900s. Rolled up typed letters. |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legal document regarding a case between Emilie B. Welsh and Charles Berner concerning construction issues on her property, titled “Reply to Defendant’s Brief”, ca. 1900s. Rolled up typed letters. ● Receipts from Frederick Fass for Heating \$450, paid. Ca. Jan. 20, 1902, Jan 18th, 1902, April 1, 1907, and Nov. 4th, 1905 ● Letter to Lieutenant Blanton C. Welsh from Edwin B. Goodell concerning a bill payment issue, ca. Dec. 22, 1905 ● Letter from Frederick Faas House-Heating Engineer, ca. Jan 10, 1906 ● Letter to Emilie Welsh from Edwin B. Goodell. Ca. Jan. 21, 1905 ● Letter to Emilie Welsh containing measurements of objects she has or wants in the house, ca. 1930s ● Letter to Emilie Welsh from Frederick Fass with small notes stapled to the front, ca. Dec. 17th 1906 ● Letter to Emilie Welsh from Charles Frederick Rose, architect. Ca. Oct. 25th, 1901 ● Bill to Emilie Welsh from Frederick Fass, ca. July, 1902 ● Abstract of the Title of Emilie Benson Welsh for 24 Upper Mountain Ave. ca. 1917 ● Abstract of the title of Louise M. Becker to the premises on North side of Claremont Ave. ca. Feb.18th, 1902 ● Abstract of title of Blanton C. Welsh on 24 Upper Mountain Ave. ca. Oct. 21, 1899 ● Correspondence between Delilah Jackson and James Jackson to the Montclair Railway Company. Ca. 1871 ● Abstraction of the title of Emilie B. Welsh to the premises on a side of Claremont Ave ca. March 1901 ● Sketch of home on back of “First vote’s League” letter, ca. 1920 ● Map drawn on pink graph paper showing dimensions of a house ca. 1900s ● Letter to Emilie B. Welsh from the Count of Essex’s Committee on Roads, Assessment and Speedway notifying her of an unpaid assessment, ca. March 30, 1921 |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimensions of a property on Claremont Ave. ca. 1920s |
| 1 | 4 | Montclair House 24 Upper Mountain Ave 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small black scrapbook containing pictures of 24 Upper Mountain Ave • Drawn blueprints of 369 Claremont Ave on various papers, held within a folder ca. 1920s • <i>Newark Evening News</i> clipping of 369 Claremont Ave, Sept. 12, 1933 • Letter concerning 369 Claremont Ave on back of L.C. Balsam Co. slip • 3 pages of notes on dark notepad paper from Oct 1932 and Sept 1933 • Small bill for Claremont Ave, \$147.92 total • <i>Newark Evening News</i> clipping from May 1933, article on Great Piece Meadows • Clip of QA where question 2 concerns enslaved individuals being in NJ in 1820 from Newark Newspaper Clipping attached to a long note of paper • Article concerning Enslaved Quarters, cut from full paper. Ca. Jan 22, 1933 • Business card for commercial artist Charles Y. Banes along with two notes • Copy of Petition concerning 369 Claremont Ave ca. 1932 • Letter to Mrs. Blanton C. Welsh from P. Larsen and Sons regarding general insurance • Letter to Mrs. Blanton C Welsh from P. Larsen and Sons confirming their house on 369 Claremont Ave fits the insurance companies' standards. Ca. 1932 • Old notes written on envelope from Room 740 80 federal Street, Boston, MA • Letter to Mrs. Blanton C. Welsh from the Town of Montclair's Law Department regarding a petition. Ca. Dec. 13, 1932 • Notes written on a sheet of paper with Mrs. George F Read 173 North Mountain Ave printed on the side • Blueprint/ outline of property on back of note that says Vouchers Returned • Note signed by a Samuel Rosenblatt ca. 1922 • Letter from Mr. Samuel Rosenblatt, Assistant Town Council to 24 Upper Mountain Ave regarding a letter sent in relative to the building on Mrs. Welsh's property in Claremont Ave |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professionally printed blueprints of the property of Emilie B. Welsh on Upper Mountain Ave ● Typed copy of an Article in the <i>Newark Evening News</i> about 369 Claremont Ave ca. Sept 12, 1933 ● 4 photos of a fireplace and chair in 369 Claremont Ave, ca. 1934, snapshot ● 4 light exposure photos of a 369 Claremont Ave ca. 1933 ● Hand-drawn outline of a property on graph paper possibly 369 Claremont Ave ● Newspaper clipping regarding 369 Claremont Ave from <i>Newark Evening News</i> ca. Sept.5, 1933 ● Article clipping from the <i>Montclair Times</i> “The Soldier Girl of Crane’s Gap” ca. Oct. 25, 1924 ● Article clipping from unknown newspaper from 1936, “Girl Scouts Hear History of Property Once Headquarters of Gen. Washington” ● 2 copies of expenses for the 24 Upper Mountain Ave house written by Major Welsh ● Conclusions of a lawsuit over construction on 24 Upper Mountain Ave, between Emilie Benson (Complaint) Welsh and Charles Berner (Defendants) ● Blue paper of the debrief of answering defendants questions during the lawsuit between Emilie Benson Welsh and Charles Berner ● Letter to Mrs. Welsh from Edwin Goodell concerning her complaint about her construction job. ca. July 28, 1905 ● Letter to Mrs. Welsh from Edwin B. Goodell updating her on the case between her and the construction company. ca. July 27, 1905 ● Letter to Mrs. Emilie Benson Welsh from Edwin Goodell informing her he is sending the judge a check. ca. Dec 18, 1905 ● Letter to Mrs. Emilie Benson Welsh from Edwin Goodell discussing his return Aug 28th and the Judge Harris’s decision. ca. July 29, 1905 ● Letter to Mrs. Emilie Benson Welsh from Edwin Goodell discussing the payment that he requests. ca. Feb. 17, 1904 ● Letter to Lieutenant Blanton Charles Welsh from Edwin Goddell regarding the lawsuit the Welsh’s filed ca. July 30, 1903 ● Letter to Mrs. Emilie Welsh from Edwin Goodell telling her to be ready for the renewal of their trial. ca. Sept. 12, 1903 |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Edwin Goodell to Emilie Welsh asking her for money, the attached check is written to Edwin Goodell for the amount he requested. ca. Dec. 23, 1902. • Sketch of property lines on Mountain Ave • Sketch of property lines, on small page, unfolded 1877 |
| 1 | 5 | Wiggin Military 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of the Military Service of Blanton Charles Welsh • pictures titled "Closing the Doors of the World's Greatest Rifle Plant" ca. 1890 • Articles regarding Fort Sheridan • Graduation material for US Military Academy at West Point • Official register of Officers and Cadets from the US Military Academy at West Point |
| 1 | 6 | Wiggin Business 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters from Blanton Welsh • Receipts • Letters and business proceedings regarding Growers and Breeders of Shropshire Sheep • business certificate for B.C.W. for floral exchange business • Letters and bills from banks |
| 1 | 7 | Genealogy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Tree for Crane Family • Nathaniel Crane Will from March 14, 1831. • Handwritten research on the Crane Family • Treat Family genealogy |
| 1 | 8 | Ward Genealogy | Scrapbook with notes, newspaper clippings, and the Ward family genealogy. |
| 1 | 9 | Postcard Collection | Samples from Major Blanton C. Welsh's postcard collection. They include various images of Montclair, Montclair Military Academy, and Columbia, PA. |
| 1 | | "Memoirs of West Point" | Written by BCW |
| 1 | | "Recollections of a West Pointer, 1877-1882" | Memoirs of West Point by BCW Written in 1935, two years before the 55th reunion at the age of 75 years and 1 month. Photos pasted in the back of the book. |

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| 2 | 1 | Misc. 1- Family & Friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Canceled mortgage Theron Oliver and others Feb 1902 ● Canceled mortgage for Witfield Oliver and others, Aug 1886 ● Assignment of mortgages for Bloomfield Building and loan association to Frances J Love May 14, 1902 ● Certificate of Redemption for sale tax Siles Stuart to Bloomfield Building Feb 1902 ● Warranty Deed Francis Oliver and Wife to Marry E. Doyle wife of Chirstopher Dolye July 1877 ● Agreement for sale of property from Theron Oliver, executor, to Lousie M. Becker June 1904 (2x) ● Deed for Theron Olvier to Lousie M. Becker Oct. 1904 ● Misc. numbers, listing of Mrs. Becker's Check and BCW's check ● Summons, Town of Montclair vs. Lulu Becker Dec. 1904 ● Letter from Robert M. Boyd Jr. to BCW Sept. 14, 1904 ● Handwritten copy of the last will and testament for Francis Oliver Feb 1883 ● Release part of mortgaged premises Amos Crane to Francis Oliver July 1877 ● Deed for James Peckwell to Hannah C. Hoagland July 1875 ● 13 empty envelopes, one addressed to Mrs. Blanton C. Welsh, the remainder addressed to Lt. Blanton C. Welsh ● Letter addressed to Blanton ca Sept 12, 1894 ● Pages numbered 1-4 of a letter to Aunt Lizzie, ca. Aug 15, 1883 ● Letter from Blanton to his mother ca. Dec. 2nd, 1888 ● Letter to Blanton Welsh's mother May 22, 1888 ● Silhouette of a woman. 1860s |
| 2 | 2 | Misc. 2- Family & Friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Article from the <i>Quest</i> Volume No. V. No. 4, Jan 1935,. article on Emilie Benson Welsh ● Envelope with blank invitation card from Blanton Welsh as well as a hand drawn picture of a coat of arms ● Prayer cards written by Emilie Bensons Welsh ca. 1911-1913 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter to Mrs. Blanton Welsh from J.D. Sears of the Emergency Relief Administration still in envelope ca. April 6, 1932 ● Poem titled “Restoration” written by Emilie Welsh, signed by her at the bottom as well ca. 1911 ● Newspaper clipping from the <i>Montclair Times</i> discussing Mrs. Blanton Welsh’s return from Washington D.C. ca. 1936 ● Letter to the Headquarters Second Corps Area, Paul Wiggin, reporting Blanton Welsh’s death ca. July 25, 1940 ● Letter to the National Geographic Society canceling Blanton Welsh’s subscriptions and notifying them of his death, written by Paul Wiggin ca. July 25, 1940 ● Handwritten letter from G. J. Rousseau to Emily in blue ink, regarding the health of her father, ca. Sept. 6, 1939 ● Various letters with notes on them about Blanton Welsh’s death and the proceedings afterward, 7 pages ● Certification from the Commissioner of Registration to Mrs. Emilie B. Wiggin residing in Rensselaer Rd ca. June 16, 1941 ● Telegraph from the Western Union Telegraph company, about the safe arrival of Welsh to Ft. Sheridan ca. June 1942? ● Letter to Emilie Welsh from Arthur D. Benson ca. April 25, 1939 ● Newspaper clipping with “Newark Appointees” article saved ca. 1910 ● Newspaper clipping titled “Colonial Dames Meet Here” ca. 1915 ● Newspaper clipping of an article titled “Commissioners of Deeds in County” ca. 1916 ● Newspaper clipping of article titled “Myers Machine and Tool Company Declares Dividend” ca. 1917 ● Last will and testament of Mary E. Baker ca. November 18, 1947 ● Copy of all the assets and stocks that Mary Baker owned before her death ● Will of Mary E. Baker’s father, Elihu B. Baker |
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| 2 | 3 | Misc. 3- Family & Friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map of Mount Pleasant Cemetery ahead of the Baker funeral, the back details where the Bakers were buried ● The New Jersey Society of the Colonial Dames of America Historian's report ca. May 17, 1938 Mrs. Blanton Welsh is apart of this group ● Poem titled "Billingham Manor House" written by Emilie Benson Welsh ● Letter to Emiliy Wiggin from Mary Baker ca. 1949 ● Newspaper Newark Evening News Oct. 1, 1935 (2x): article with BWC's 50th wedding anniversary,. "Golden Anniversary Reception Recalls Couple's Eventful Lives" ● Letter from David M. Carey to Emilie Welsh, Mrs. BCW Sept 23, 1921 ● Thomas H. Doyle states his parents are legally dead in letter March 21, 1901 ● Stanley F. Quinby stating that he knows Mary. F. Wight, November 10, 1899 ● NJ Supreme Court document stating that Mary E. Doyle, Thomas, Doyle, Ellen Doyle and Ellen Hoefle have no liens against them. March, 19, 1901 ● Funeral book of Mary Baker, also includes 5 copies of the obituary of Mary Baker in the newspapers. ● Correspondence between the Daily News and Blanton Welsh ca. June 16th, 1937 ● Anniversary card sent to Blanton Welsh for his Golden anniversary with Emilie from their old schoolmaster. (50 years) ca. Oct. 1, 1935 ● Letter from the State Historical Society of North Dakota to Blanton Welsh concerning ceremonies that took place in the state's history ca. Jan. 20, 1931 ● Letter to Blanton Welsh from the Seed Department of North Dakota discussing a reptile he was inquiring about cam. Nov. 10, 1958 ● Original and copy of a postcard to Mrs. Annie E. Welsh ca. January 1, 1885 ● Vassar College 49th Annual Commencement booklet from June 10, 1914 and 2 tickets to the commencement celebration ● Vassar College class day booklet ca. 1914, owned by Emilie Welsh |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class song book of 1914 from Vassar College that was owned by Emilie Welsh • Clipping from Montclair Herald Aug. 9, 1919 food exhibit at the rifle range, regarding B.C.W.'s son |
| 2 | 4 | Misc. 4-Family & Friends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission ticket to national democratic convention in Chicago ca. June 21, 1892 • Pamphlet from the Richmond Gold Mines and Mills, ca. 1893 operating statements • Notice that Ms. Mary E. Baker has been accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution. ca. April 14, 1897 • Daughters of the American Revolution Directory of the Nova Caesarea Chapter, 1899 • Draft of biography of Thomas W.B. Welsh • Two handwritten sheets on the life of Elihu Baker • Booklet of "We Drivers" by General Motors • Envelope "To my beloved Skeptic Paul" inside is a booklet called "I'm from Boston" • Pamphlet called the "True Religion" by Rev. Archibald Black • Booklet called "Let's Drive Better than Men!" 1930 • The Traveler's Quiz Brochure 1938 • Flier with "Broadway's Confucius" for a show of 150 sayings • Letter from Blanton to Major Blanton? July 18, 1930 • Prayer card written by Emilie Welsh 1911 • Tickets to the World's Columbian Exposition 1892-1893 • Faded photo taken by J.N. Templeman of Miller Dakota ca. 1830 • Photo of Blanton Welsh ca. 1929 • Progress report from 1939 on Lodge No. 1 Boy Rangers, Montclair 1st Congregational Church • Handwritten letter in an envelope to Mrs. Blanton Welsh from Charles Eggers ca. July 27, 1926 • Letter to Mrs. Annie E. Welsh (his mother) July 6, 1884 from Blanton Welsh in envelope • Death certificates for Blanton Welsh Sept. 9, 1939 • Letter to a Ruloff written by Emilie ca. 1930s • Letter to Mrs. Paul F. Wiggin from Arthur D. Benson, dated March 26, 1938, copy of letter from A. J. Wall attached. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership ticket for Lieut. B. C. Welsh to certify his membership of the Union League Club ● Trust Agreement ca. July 1930 ● Newspaper clipping titled "VanCouwenhoven-Conover Family To Hold East Orange Celebration" ca. May 19, 1930 ● Letter addressed to "Dear Daughter" from "Father", ca. Sept. 17, 1918 ● Clipping from the American Microscopical Society for BCW's diatom discovery, with images of diatom ● Envelope labeled "Chicago Property - Tax and Sewer Assessments 1895 - 1924" inside there are 29 assessment bills. |
| 2 | 5 | Misc. 5-Writings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Topography Notes" ● Engineer's work order ● Legal notepad, typed: "A Sketch of the Operations of the Port of Embarkation, New York" ● Typed story to "grandchildren" ● Historical essays, possibly for school |
| 2 | 6 | Misc. 6-Writings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwritten notes/letters ● Essay: "Captain Crawford's Last Expedition" ● Essay: "Rescue of the Carlin Party," Charles P. Elliott ● Typed letters related to the military, mid-1890s ● Multiple typed essays |
| 2 | 7 | Misc. 7-Writings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Various handwritten stories possibly by BCW about his time in the army ca. 1880s and 1890s ● "What Happened at Fort Sheridan" ● Copy of the <i>New York Sun</i> Monday March 23, 1936, article titled "The case of Bancroft" ● Copy of a court-martial appointment ● Photocopy of short stories: "How Private Horgie Won His Chevrons" |
| 2 | | Book | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collected letters of correspondence, essays, related to North Dakota, US military operations ● Graduating class list, 1861 ● Essays about flowers, plants, natural science |
| 2 | | Book | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lancaster, PA Newspaper from January 1932 ● Incomplete scrabook of newspaper clippings, military related, late 19th century |

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| 3 | | Book | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “B.C. Welsh’s Centennial Scrap Book, June 2, 1876” • Transactions ledger from mid 19th century (mostly 1851) • Newspaper clipping related to the 100th anniversary of independence • Other military related newspaper clippings |
| 3 | | Book | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various booklets and papers related to the life of Dr. Lilian Welsh, ~1859-1938 |
| 4 | | Sign | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The National Society Magna Charta Dames” recognized Emilie Benson Welsh as a direct descendant of 1+ baron of England who fought for King John and the Magna Carta in or before 1215 CE |
| 4 | 1 | Military Document | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 27, 1894 special order for the retirement from active service on disability of 1st Lieutenant Blanton C. Welsh, from Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont |
| 4 | 2 | Military Document | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4, 1919 presidential appointment of Blanton Charles Welsh to Major, Ordnance Department of the US Army |
| 4 | 3 | Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1931 Certificate of Merit for B.C. Welsh from the Seattle Dahlia Society for “Wampadeka” |
| 4 | 4 | Certificate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate for B.C. Welsh from the Dahlia Society of New Jersey for “Wampadeka” |
| 4 | 5 | Undergraduate Diploma | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science in 1937 from the US Military Academy at West Point of Blanton Charles Welsh |
| 4 | 6 | Military Document | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1930 promotion by the US President to the rank of Major of B.C. Welsh |
| 4 | 7 | Welsh in Pennsylvania | <p>Various letters and newspaper articles from Emilie Benson Welsh's time in Westmoreland City and Eddystone, PA.</p> <p>From the note Richard Wiggin left: "EBW interest in 2500 acre Gilchrist estate (on the Conemaugh R.) in Westmoreland City, PA; tried to sell coal rights 1909-1910. Evidently she didn't have an interest outright, but tried to help out a neighbor- sister of ILM Gilchrist, owner. May have had an option."</p> |

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| 4 | | Framed Newspaper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Slave House, Symbol of Bygone Era, Standing at Montclair” from September 12, 1933, about 369 Claremont Ave |
| 4 | 15 | Clear Sleeve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large souvenir photograph (8½" X 12") of a Dornier Do X (wing markings: D 1929) in flight, signed by approx. 15 individuals, dated August 27 and 29, 1931, evidently Captain and crew members for its flight to New York. The Dornier Do X was the largest and heaviest aircraft of its era and set records for its immense size and weight. It landed in New York on August 27, 1931. |
| 4 | 33 | Clear Sleeve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document: Presidential appointment of Paul Felton Wiggin to Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Section of the US Army in January 1918 |
| 4 | 40 | Clear Sleeve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait: Silhouette of PFW, full length, by Baron Scotford, 5½" X 14" on heavy stock, Snip-Ettes decorations |
| 4 | 41 | Clear Sleeve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4" x 6" portrait of BCW and EBW at their Golden Wedding Jubilee, October 2, 1935 |
| 4 | 63 | Photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 printed photographs: Major Blanton C. Welsh, for P.F. Wiggin, Essex Fells, NJ |
| 4 | 64 | Paper Photo Album | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of 7 portrait prints of EBW (4 different poses) by Ella G. Ball, photographer (Lancaster, PA), 1913, several sizes on 7" x 11" and 11" x 14" stock |
| 4 | 65 | Photograph | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait of BCW, 7" x 9 ½" in 10" x 14" cardboard frame, October 2, 1935, at 50th wedding anniversary celebration. |
| 4 | 66 | Photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait of EBW, 7" x 9 ¼" in 10" x 14" cardboard frame, October 2, 1935, at her 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Also, a smaller 3 ½" x 5" print of a similar but slightly different image. |
| 4 | 68 | Photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait and proofs of EBW, 7" x 9 ½", 4" x 6", 3" x 5" and 1 ½" x 2 ½", at her Golden Wedding Jubilee, October 2, 1935, one signed by Pach Brothers (NYC). (14 pieces) |

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| 4 | 69 | Photograph | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portrait of EBW and BCW, 7 1/2" x 9 1/2" at their Golden Wedding Jubilee, October 2, 1935, with Mytilda (?) Castle, who was EBW's Maid of Honor |
| 4 | 70 | Photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three prints of the Golden Wedding Cake, 7 1/2" x 9 1/2", in cardboard frames, October 2, 1935, one signed by Pach Brothers (NYC) |
| 4 | 71 | Photograph | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printed photograph in cardboard matting of a man, presumably B.C. Welsh |
| 5 | 1 | 24 Upper Mountain Ave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set of 24 negatives of the house with views of adjacent properties on the corner of Upper Mountain Avenue and Claremont Avenue, including a couple of views of 369 Claremont Ave. Possibly pre-1939. Misc. collection of 5 small negatives showing similar views of the house, adjacent properties, and 369 Claremont Ave. Undated. Negative of Emilie Benson Welsh with crutches (from similar pictures given to the Milburn ca. 1911-1912) Misc. collection of 7 small negatives showing various individuals at the house. Undated. Set of 10 negatives of unidentified women on the front terrace/porch of the house. Undated. Collection of 6 negatives of the interior and exterior of the house (all undated), including Set of 3 negatives of BCW(2) on the front porch with 2 women. Perhaps 1925 Set of 18 negatives of the house and gardens Misc. set of 3 negatives of BCW(2) and NJW inside the house. Approx. 1928 Negative of BCW standing in the front entry doorway of the house. Undated. Negative of the house from across Claremont Avenue (unpaved). Probably about 1903 or 1904. Corner of 369 Claremont Ave visible on the left Misc. set of 23 photos of NJW at the house, ca. 1927-1933 Collection of 14 photos and 1 negative of Christmas at the house, through the years, 1920-1962 EBW, Jr. holding NJT as an infant, on front porch of the house, approx. 1926 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJT as a pre-teen standing below the terrace, undated • BCW, inscribed "To Nancy Jane Wiggin, From Grandpa," undated • Family pose of EBW, Jr., PFW, BCW(2), and NJW, taken against the NE side of the house, approx. 1926 • The house after a snowstorm, Dec. 20, 1945 • Set of 10 negatives of views across Claremont Ave. (also Upper Mountain Ave.) from the house, undated. • EBW, Jr. in her wedding dress. ca. 1918. • EBW, Sr., ca. 1918 • 2 images of BCW(2) riding a tricycle with an American flag • 2 photos of 24 Upper Mountain Avenue shortly after construction, ca. 1901 • Negative of the intersection of Upper Mountain Ave. and Claremont Avenue after a snow storm in 1927, taken from 24 Upper Mountain Avenue • Misc. collection of 26 prints from several different rolls, December 27, 1947-January 2, 1948, at 24 Upper Mountain Avenue of house and Wiggin family in the aftermath of a large snowstorm. Identifiable individuals include PFW, EBW Jr., BCW (2) aka Bud, ENW, PBW, NJW and a friend, CEW and Kam (the dog). Also, a view of 369 Claremont Ave. • Misc. collection of 13 small prints, various sizes, of 24 Upper Mountain Avenue, mostly in winter • 7 Kodacolor prints with negatives of 24 Upper Mountain Avenue and surroundings in spring. • Kodachrome print of 24 Upper Mountain Ave., dated 1955, with 369 Claremont Ave visible behind |
| 5 | 2 | Welsh/ Wiggin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from H. P. Sawyer, Ft. Sheridan to Maj. Blanton Welsh, dated Oct. 1, 1934, advising him about how to obtain a birth record for EBW, Jr. • Birth (June 29, 1892) and baptism (Sept. 8, 1895) record for EBW, Jr., from the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, NJ, dated Apr. 4, 1962. • Receipt for \$50 payment by Adelaide Wiggin of Beach Bluff (Swampscott), MA, to Atherton Hunt, Boston attorney, on the instructions of William H. Walker, dated Boston, Oct. 4, 1902. Legal work is unexplained, but it was evidently |

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| | | | <p>for work associated with her attempt to divorce her second husband, named Bray.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invoice for \$40, dated January 21, 1903, to be paid to Dr. William B. de las Casas by Adelaide C. Wiggin. ● Notice from the Bureau of Records, Dept. of Health, New York City, dated Feb. 19, 1925, that no birth record could be found for PFW. ● Two page letter (with envelope, addressed to Paul F. Wiggin, Essex Fells, NJ) from W. W. Blackman, MD, dated April 7, 1933, attesting to the birth record of PFW in Brooklyn on Aug. 3, 1888. ● Group snapshot of Barbara Diller, EBW Jr., PFW in uniform, Marion Diller, Adelaide Wiggin, Angela Diller, Kendrick Diller, 1918. ● Group snapshot of Alfred Diller, Ted Diller, Barbara Diller (?), BCW(2), PFW holding PBW, Adelaide Wiggin, EBW Jr., NJW, 1930 ● PFW's voter registration card, Montclair, Nov. 5, 1940 ● Marriage Certificate for PFW and EBW Jr., both of Montclair, dated June 14, 1918; at the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, NJ ● PFW Honorable Discharge, dated January 25, 1918. ● PFW commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Ordinance Section, Officers Reserve Corps., dated January 25, 1918. ● PFW Honorable Discharge certificate, Aug. 21, 1919 ● Misc. set of 24 negatives from WWI taken by PFW, 1919 ● Portrait: Emilie Benson Welsh Jr. (#37) ● Portrait: PFW (#38) ● Portrait proofs: 13 proofs from the sitting that resulted in the portraits #37 and #38 ● Portrait: Silhouette of PFW ● Portrait: Wedding photo of EBW Jr. and PFW ● Portrait: EBW Jr., Christmas 1918 ● Portrait: Two portraits of EBW Jr., ca. 1913 ● Portrait: Adelaide Culver Wiggin ● Photo, EBW Jr. at age 2½ to 3 years, 1895 ● Photo, of EBW Jr. with Captain Hector (the Welsh family dog) at age approx. 3 years ● Photo, PFW in front of his tent in WWI ● ID photo of PFW, WWII era |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Photo of PFW re-upholstering a chair ● 3 photos of a Welsh/Wiggin family picnic, including EBW, BCW, Mary E. Baker and Amelia Park (EBW cousins), TWBW, EBW Jr. TWEW's wife Jenny and son Jim, PFW, NJW, and PBW; ca. 1933 ● Magna Charta Dames insignia 1929 EBW, EBW Jr. ● EBW Magna Charta Dames certificate. ● 5 photos of EBW Jr. with NJW, EBW, Aunt Em "4 generations of Ladies!" on front porch of 24 Upper Mountain Ave. Also, BCW (2) poking his head into the picture. 1926 ● Misc. collection of 8 photos and silhouettes of BCW and EBW, owners of 24 Upper Mountain Avenue from its construction in 1900 to their deaths, 1938/9 ● EBW on her Golden Wedding Celebration October 2, 1935 ● Set of 5 film negatives of a woman (probably Emilie Jr.), in some sort of Women's auxiliary (or Red Cross) uniform, and wearing a sandwich board sign, post WWI ● Two photos of PFW and EBW Jr. in Jefferson, N.H., 1925 ● Photo of PFW and EBW Jr., undated ● Photocopy of the deed to the gravesite in Jefferson, NH, where Carl Culver Wiggin is buried, dated Nov. 25, 1912 ● Negative of Carl Wiggin's camp in Jefferson NH, along with a handwritten quatrain identified as ● Photo album of PFW's WWI service ● Portrait of EBW ● Two photos of EBW in her Newark office as Commissioner and Secretary of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, 1915-1918 ● Two portraits of Maj. BCW in military uniform ● Collection of 7 portrait prints of EBW ● Portrait of BCW, 1935, at 50th wedding anniversary celebration. ● Portrait of EBW, 1935, at her 50th wedding anniversary celebration. ● Portrait of Maj. BCW, taken in Montclair about 1922 ● Photocopy of a letter from Blanton Welsh to the Daily News in Columbia, June 16, 1937, with an enclosed partial transcript of a July 1, 1863 letter |
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| | | | <p>from Annie E. Welsh in Columbia to her husband, Gen. Thomas Welsh who was with Grant at Vicksburg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Portrait of PFW with Adelaide Culver Wiggin, undated ● 2 photos of PFW at age 5 mos., 1908 ● 3 misc. photos of Adelaide Culver Wiggin, all undated ● Misc. collection of 10 Diller family photos, including the Diller summer home in Tamworth, NH, Wiggins & Dillers in Silvermine, CT, and a 1967 photo of Angela Diller with nieces Florence Sutherland & Barbara Diller ● Adelaide Culver Wiggin in her music studio in Montclair, ca. 1910 |
| 5 | 3 | Other Items of Montclair Interest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postcard of Memorial Monument in Edgemont Park ● Winter of 1898-9; South Mountain Avenue at the corner of Hoburg Place ● Home of Helen Durfey, 2 Curtis Terrace |
| 5 | 4 | Montclair Veterans War Memorial Committee #79 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Records of the Montclair Veteran's War Memorial Committee, kept by PFW, who was secretary of the committee 1919-1926. Includes photos, correspondence, meeting minutes, fundraising notes and financial data, newspaper clippings, programs for the unveiling exercises, and unused stationary. |
| 5 | 5 | PFW WWI Medals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dog tags ● WWI Victory medal with 2 service bars (St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne Defense Sector), and with associated lapel ribbons (bar and rosette) ● WWI New Jersey state Victory medal ● Coastal Artillery Officer's Badge ● misc. insignia, probably belonging to BCW and TWBW, as well as PFW (see included notes from RCW's 2019 conversation with Col. Peter Harvill) ● Crossed Swords hat badge. Origin and history unknown, but this probably belonged to Lt. Blanton C. Welsh from his service in the west, 1883-1892. Lt. BCW was in the 15th infantry, but was posted with cavalry units. Note that this pin is featured on the 50th anniversary celebration cake (see item # 70) |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crossed muskets hat badge for 312 Infantry Battalion ● Crossed lab flasks, probably belonged to Thomas Whitney Benson Welsh, who served in the Chemical Weapons Division ● American Legion pin ● misc. collar insignia (US and ordinance pins) |
| 5 | 6 | Byrd's 1926 North Pole Flight, #1-7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter from James J. Walker, Mayor of New York, to Mr. P. F. Wiggin, Asst. Advertising Manager, Vacuum Oil, June 17th, 1926, requesting him to serve on the committee to plan for an official reception for Commander Byrd upon his arrival in New York on June 23, 1926, on his return from the North Pole. ● Western Union Telegram from Grover A Whalen, Chairman of the Mayors Committee, to P S Wiggin, Vacuum Oil Co, dated June 21, 1926, inviting him to attend a luncheon in honor of Commander Byrd, at the Advertising Club of New York on June 23. ● Seating List for the luncheon of Lt. Comm. R.E. Byrd, June 23rd, 1926 ● NY Mayoral invitation to the luncheon of R.E. Byrd ● 1926 typed letter from PFW to NY Mayor James Walker ● Seating list of the Banquet to The Commander and Crew of the "America" ● Banquet souvenir program/menu, in its original envelope, for NYC's banquet to honor Commander Richard Byrd and the crew of the "America," and Clarence Chamberlin, pilot of the "Columbia," at the Hotel Commodore on July 19, 1927. |
| 5 | 7 | Lindbergh's 1927 Trans-Atlantic Flight, #8-14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Aero Digest</i>, Vol. X, No. 6 (June 1927). Devoted almost entirely to Lindbergh's flight ● Souvenir program/menu for NYC's banquet to honor Captain Charles A. Lindbergh for his New York to Paris non-stop flight, held at the Hotel Commodore on June 14, 1927 ● 1927 commemorative matchbook with picture of Col. Lindbergh from the Lindbergh banquet |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collection of 2 New York Times clippings, pinned together: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (undated) taking Lindbergh to task for a radio broadcast the night before, in which he decried "this hysterical chatter of calamity and invasion that has been running rife these last few days." b. (May 20, 1940, pp. 1, 8) reporting on a radio address by Lindbergh, in which he took issue with Roosevelt's defense and foreign policy, asserting that there was no danger of a foreign invasion unless the American people bring it on by meddling in the affairs of foreign countries. ● 1940 <i>NYT</i> article about 13th anniversary of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's flight ● Clipping from the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i>, October 20, 1939, by Dorothy Thompson, commenting on a speech by Lindbergh in which he appears to be advocating that the US exercise hegemony over Canada and the whole Western hemisphere as a hedge against the growing German imperialism. ● Clipping from the <i>NYT</i>, January 24, 1941, p. 7, with Lindbergh's formal statement before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and a report from London calling Lindbergh pro-Nazi. |
| 5 | 8 | Items assoc. w/ aviation milestones, #16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postcard "Ready for the Byrd expedition, Wonalancet, N. H." showing Arthur Walden and probably expedition members with the dog Chinook and other dogs, and a stack of sleds and other supplies. Undated, but identifiable as 1928, before the start of Byrd's Antarctic Expedition. On the back is written "Thought Buddy might like to keep these Chinook pictures." |
| 5 | 9 | Misc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postcard of the Pocahontas Memorial Association, to Blanton C. Welsh, 1909 ● 1919 pamphlet, "Montclair Victory Reunion" ● April 1950 Issue of <i>Quest</i>, by Montclair Women's Club ● Sheet Music of F.R. Liszt for piano ● <i>Newark Evening News</i> clipping from April, 1924, "Mrs. Blanton C. Welsh Named Consumers' League Executive" |