# **Guide to the West Family Collection – 2012.104**

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# **Collection Summary**

Dates 1870-1956
Bulk dates 1895-1926
Level of description Collection

**Extent** Approximately 5 cubic feet

Creator(s) Henry Tracy West

# Administrative/Biographical History

# **Brief History on the Henry Tracey West**

Henry Tracey West, was born on October 17, 1824 and after moving west to join the Union Colony, became the Union Colony President of Colorado in 1874. On June 10, 1845 he married Mary Olivia Sears and together they had five children. Henry passed away in November 1922 in Idaho but before passing, he was active in writing short stories, brain teasers, and poems.

#### **Scope and Content**

The collection contains photographs, booklets, deeds and wills, short stories, poems, brainteasers, notes, newspaper clippings, letters, and a testimonial booklet; the majority of documents focus on the West family.

System of

**arrangement** No original order. Order imposed by material type and subject.

**Conditions** 

**governing access** There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

**Conditions** governing

reproduction and

**use** There are no restrictions on the use or reproduction of this collection.

Languages and scripts of the

materials English

**Immediate source** 

**of acquisition** This collection was donated by Tom Thurston

**Notes** Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum's Permanent Collection,

#2012.104.

Names Harmola, Betty Trelease

Trelease, Jessie Trelease, John

Trelease, Marian Hoodley Trelease, Olive West

West, Edna W., 1873-1964 West, Francis, 1586-1634 West, George Henry, b. 1850

West, H.T. (Henry Tracey), 1824-1922

West, John

West, Mary Caroline Wheeler West, Mary Olivia Sears, b. 1824

Wheeler, Charles Henry Wheeler, Thirza Flower

Places Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho

Duxbury, Massachusetts

Greeley, Colorado Salisbury, England

**Subjects** Census

Correspondence Photographs Portraits Wills

**Document forms** Booklets

Deeds

Newspaper clippings

Photographs

Letters

Testimonial Wills

### **Contents**

# Series I: Testimonial Booklet: Union Colony Presidency

A booklet containing information on Henry Tracy West's presidency for the Union Colony in Colorado.

# **Series II: Photographs**

Consists of both physical and digital photographs of West family members and friends taken in various locations

# Series III: Deeds/Wills

Deeds and wills regarding members of the West family.

# **Series IV: Newspaper Clippings**

Several newspaper clippings regarding members of the West family and the Founding of Greeley.

#### **Series V: Letters**

Letters written to and from the Thurston family

# Series VI: Booklets

Several booklets of different subjects from gravure photos to the history of the First Baptist Church in Greeley, Colorado.

# Series VII: Writings by George Henry West

Many different writings that consist of short stories, poems, and brainteasers written by George Henry West

# **Sub-Series A: "The Pursuit of Happiness"**

A story written by George H. West titled "The Pursuit of Happiness"

# **Sub-Series B: Other Writings**

Short stories, poems, and brain teasers by George H. West

# **Series VIII: Miscellaneous Documents**

Sales records and receipts from George Henry West, as well as a fiftieth wedding anniversary announcement for Mr. and Mrs. George Henry West.

# **Container List**

**Series I: Testimonial Booklet** 

**Box** Folder 1 N/A

Series II: Photographs

**Box** Folder 1-3

Rehoused with digital images.

Series III: Deeds/Wills

**Box** Folder 1 4

**Series IV: Newspaper Clippings** 

**Box** Folder 5

**Series V: Letters** 

**Box Folder** 1 6

**Series VI: Booklets** 

**Box** Folder 7

**Series VII: Writings by George Henry West** 

**Subseries A: "The Pursuit of Happiness"** 

**Box** Folder 1 8

**Subseries B: Other Writings** 

**Box** Folder 1 9

**Series VIII: Miscellaneous Documents** 

**Box Folder** 10