

## Guide to the Rhiner Collection 1 – 2008.25

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**Title** Rhiner WWI Collection  
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**Name and location of repository** Hazel E. Johnson Research Center  
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### Collection Summary

**Dates** 1918-1919  
**Bulk dates** 1918-1919  
**Level of description** Collection  
**Extent** .25 cubic feet  
**Creator(s)** August Rhiner, Ethelyne Rhiner, and Jack McAdams

### Administrative/Biographical History

#### **Biographical note on August L. Rhiner**

August L. Rhiner was born on May 25, 1897 in Denver, CO. He and his family came to Greeley in 1909. In 1920 he married Loa Meredith. After serving in World War One, he started working for United Air Lines in 1945 in Cheyenne and then was transferred to San Francisco and retired in 1962. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of San Mateo, Greeley Lodge No 809, BPOE, American Legion, and of the Last Squad. August died in San Mateo, California on September 7, 1977.

#### **Biographical note on Ethelyne Rhiner**

Ethelyne W. Rhiner was born on June 1, 1895 in Loveland, CO. She and her family came to Greeley in 1909. She attended Greeley High School and the Colorado State Teachers College, known today as the University of Northern Colorado, where she received both her Bachelors of Arts and Masters of Arts degrees. From 1918 to 1928 she taught at Meeker Junior High School, and from 1928-1960 worked at Greeley High School. She was a member of the First United

Methodist Church, Garden City Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Grand Cross of Color of Rainbow for Girls. Ethelyne died on January 9, 1996.

### **Biographical note on Mary Jane Morris Rhiner**

Mary Jane Morris Rhiner was born on April 14, 1872 in Wyandot, Kansas. She was a member of the First Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Social Order of Beauceant. Mary died on December 4, 1958.

### **Biographical note on Thomas Paine Rhiner**

Thomas Paine Rhiner was born on May 6, 1872 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He and his family moved to Greeley in 1909 where he was in the plumbing trade and owned his own plumbing business. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, Woodmen of the World, and I.O.O.F. Thomas died on April 30, 1945.

### **Historical note on World War One**

World War One, also known as the Great War, started on July 28, 1914. The war started as a European war but the United States joined the battle on April 6, 1917 after the publication of the Zimmerman Telegram. The United States passed the Selective Service Act in 1917 which drafted 2.8 million men to help the Allies fight in France. World War One ended on November 11, 1918.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection of letters and envelopes that were written by August Rhiner or to August Rhiner by his sister Ethelyne or his parents during his service in World War One. There is also one photograph in the collection that was included in one of the letters. The letters start in Waco, Texas and end with him in France and Luxemburg.

#### **System of arrangement**

Original order maintained by letter date and recipient.

#### **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

<b>Immediate source of acquisition</b>	This collection was donated by Jack McAdams
<b>Notes</b>	Preferred citation: City of Greeley Museum's Permanent Collection, #2008.25.
<b>Names</b>	McCauliff, L. Rhiner, August Rhiner, Ethelyne Rhiner, Mary Rhiner, Thomas Seaman, Mae Wyss, F.Q. Zick, Herbert
<b>Places</b>	Longwy (France) Luxemburg Greeley (Colo.) Waco (Texas)
<b>Subjects</b>	Manuscripts Solider War
<b>Document forms</b>	Correspondence Envelopes Photograph

## **Contents**

### **Series I: Correspondence**

#### **Subseries A: Mrs. T.P. Rhiner**

Consists of letters written by August Rhiner to his parents in Greeley. The letters start when he was in Waco, Texas and end when he was in France and Luxemborg, ranging from 1918 to 1919.

#### **Subseries B: August Rhiner**

Consists of letters written by Ethelyne and various others to August Rhiner while he was serving in World War One, ranging from 1918 to 1919.

### **Series II: Envelopes**

#### **Subseries A: Mrs. T.P. Rhiner**

Consists of envelopes addressed to Mrs. T.P. Rhiner from August Rhiner, ranging from 1918 to 1919. All envelopes in this subseries correspond to letters written to Mrs. T.P. Rhiner in Series I: Subseries A.

**Subseries B: August Rhiner**

Consists of envelopes addressed to August Rhiner from Ethelyne Rhiner, ranging from 1918-1919. All envelopes in this subseries correspond to letters written by Ethelyne Rhiner in Series I: Subseries B.

**Subseries C: Various Envelopes**

Consists of empty envelopes without corresponding letters, ranging from 1918 to 1919.

**Series III: Photograph**

Consists of one photograph that was found with a letter to August Rhiner from Ethelyne Rhiner numbered 2008.25.0002.64.

**Container List**

**Series I: Correspondence**

**Subseries A: Mrs. T.P. Rhiner**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	1-9

**Subseries B: August Rhiner**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	10-12

**Series II: Envelopes**

**Subseries A: Mrs. T.P. Rhiner**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	13-21

**Subseries B: August Rhiner**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	22-24

**Subseries C: Various Envelopes**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	25

**Series III: Photograph**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	26