

Guide to the Chester Wells Purington Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 595

CREATOR: Purington, Chester Wells, 1871-

TITLE: Chester Wells Purington papers

DATES: 1898-1925

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, drafts of various books and articles concerning Purington's travels in Russia and Siberia as a mining engineer ca. 1898-1900, and other papers.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Zuill in 1969.

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Preferred Citation

Chester Wells Purington Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Scope and Contents

These papers consist largely of unpublished manuscripts of books and articles describing the travels of Chester W. Purington (1871-\) in Siberia and to a lesser extent in western Alaska before World War I, and his work there as a mining engineer. Purington discusses not only his mining and prospecting, but also many aspects of Siberia and Russia and their inhabitants in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

Other material in the papers includes a few letters dealing with the publication of Purington's writings, a letter describing the wreck of the *Carioca*, passports and other documents, memorabilia, and printed matter on the subjects of Siberia and mining. The papers were given to Yale University by Mr. and Mrs. William Zuill in 1969.

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b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1917-1925
	Writings:	
b. 1, f. 2 - 4	"Free Siberia" (draft) English	[1917?]
b. 1, f. 5	"From a Western Perspective" English	undated
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	"Siberia of Today" (draft) English	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Printed articles on Siberia	1915-1916
b. 1, f. 9	Short writings on mining in Siberia	1917, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Short writings on Siberia, Alaska	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Passports and other documents	1898-1917
b. 1, f. 12	Memorabilia	1914-1921, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Printed matter	1916-1917, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Mines and mineral resources

Geographic Names

Europe

Siberia (Russia) -- Description and travel

Soviet Union -- Description and travel

Occupations

Mining engineers

Names

Purington, Chester Wells, 1871-