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Guide to Collection

Wilson, Helen Cecil (Mrs. Edward Luzadder), 1867 - 1963

Papers of Helen Cecil Wilson (Luzadder), 1887 - 1919

MS 4-14-6

2 folders

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**ACQUISITION:** This collection was donated by (Mrs. L.O.) Alice Albright, niece of Helen Wilson, on November 20, 1995. Acc. #1995-65. An addition to the collection was donated by Mrs. Alice Albright on November 5, 1997 (MS 4-14-6b).

**ACCESS:** The collection is available for viewing; however, the photographs in the collection may not be photocopied.

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**PROCESSING:** The items in this collection have been housed in Mylar and placed in pH-neutral folders. The collection is described in the Scope and Contents Note. No itemized inventory has been created.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Helen Cecil Wilson was born in Fosterville, Pennsylvania, and attended Indiana Normal School, graduated in 1887. She taught in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, before moving west to Idaho where she was Superintendent of the Boise County Schools. She moved to Skagway to teach. She returned from Skagway at the age of 52 to marry Edward Luzadder in 1919. They operated the Hot Springs Hotel in Bergdorf, Idaho, and then moved to McCall, Idaho, where Helen returned to teaching. She died there on June 19, 1963.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The papers include two letters written in Skagway from 1918 and 1919, an autograph album from 1887, and two photographs of Helen Wilson. One letter, undated but assumed to be from November 1918, tells about the flu epidemic, the sinking of the *Princess Sophia*, and the celebration of the Armistice which ended World War I. **Folder MS 4-14-6b**, containing items from a scrapbook, was later added to this collection. The items include a map titled Routes of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Steamers British Columbia Coast Service [Seattle to Skagway, 191?] (*located in MS X-Oversize Map Case in Vault*), newspaper clipping "*Sophia Heirs Will Receive But Small Sum From Railway*", Lynn Canal Alaska photograph, poems.