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**WALK, FRANCIS CARL (1888-1934)**  
**PAPERS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Francis Carl Walk Papers (1888-1934) are composed almost exclusively of correspondence. Most of the letters were written by F. C. Walk to his wife, Mary Ellen, in the late 1800's. Francis Carl Walk was employed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the correspondence reflects the hardships caused by long separations from his family. The Francis Carl Walk Papers were a gift of Mrs. Paige Walk, Dickson, Tennessee.

No restrictions have been given for the Francis Carl Walk Papers.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Francis Carl Walk Papers, containing approximately 142 items, spans the period 1888-1934. The bulk of this correspondence was generated by Francis Carl Walk and addressed to his wife, Mary Ellen Ankenbauer Walk. Francis Carl Walk was employed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. His letters, as can be imagined, are of a personal nature and reflect the hardships which are imposed upon a family when one member is required to be absent for extended periods. The letters also provide insightful revelation concerning the type of work and off-duty activities performed by employees of the Corps of Engineers.

Other correspondence in the collection is from Francis Carl Walk's sister, Ellen, and from his children.

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