

Barker Family Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator - Writer of accompanying material	Barker, Amos L. , (Amos Lincoln), 1860-1919
Creator - Writer of accompanying material	Barker, Anselm H. , (Anselm Holcomb), 1822-1895
Creator - Writer of accompanying material	Barker, Emma S., (Emma Stevens), 1862-1952
Creator	City and County of Denver (Colo.) .
Creator	Denver Catholic Register.
Creator	Denver Fire Department.
Creator	Denver Firemen's Protective Association .
Creator	Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association .
Creator - Writer of accompanying material	Gewinner, Lucile Lawrence
Creator	Knights of Columbus .
Creator	Methodist Episcopal Church--Colorado.. Lawrence Street Parish .
Creator	Order of the Eastern Star .

Creator	Pioneer Women (Organization : U.S.). Denver Chapter. Also known as Pioneer Ladies' Aid Society .
Creator	Porter Hospital (Denver, Co.) .
Creator	Society of Colorado Pioneers.
Creator	Sons of Colorado .
Creator	Sons of Temperance.
Creator	Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association.
Creator	Woodmen of the World.
Title	Barker Family Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1859-1959
Date [inclusive]	1842-1966
Extent	2.0 Linear feet 1 flat box
Location note	The photograph series is stored in Ph.00020 in the Photography collection.
Language	English
Graphic materials [Photographs]	1 lf
Archival Material [Archival-Material]	1 lf + 1 flat box

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical note

Anslem H. Barker was born in Gallia County, Ohio in 1822. After learning the blacksmith trade as a young man, he married, and with his bride, Lucinda (nee Liston), moved to Fairfield, Iowa in 1847. Two years later, they relocated to Warren County, Iowa, where Anselm helped to lay out the town of Indianola. They stayed in Indianola until 1857, when they relocated to Plattsmouth, Nebraska Territory where Anselm was involved in the mercantile business.

In 1858, Anselm left his wife in Nebraska when he journeyed to the Cherry Creek area of Colorado. There he erected one of the first log cabins in the new community of Auraria, becoming the secretary of the Auraria Town Company. He engaged in mining near Idaho Springs and Central City for a time, before moving his wife to Denver in 1860. The Barker's son, Amos Lincoln, was the first white child born in Denver.

The elder Barker made a living as a farmer and blacksmith, and in 1875-1876 he was the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Colorado General Assembly. He died on January 5, 1895, survived by his wife and five children.

Amos Barker was raised in Denver and only left the city limits once in his lifetime. He received his education from the Arapahoe Street School and later at a Denver business school. Less than a month before his sixteenth birthday in 1876, Amos joined the Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 of the Denver volunteer Fire Department. In 1882, he joined the paid Denver Fire Department, which was established earlier that year. Amos remained with the Denver Fire Department until 1893, having reached the rank of captain. He then became manager of the Denver Fire Dispatch Company and then the Denver Fire Reporter and Protective Company until his death.

Amos married Emma Stevens, a native of Wisconsin, on January 13, 1886. Emma was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Pioneer Women of Colorado. The couple had seven children, two of whom died at an early age. Known as "Link", Amos was a well-known figure in Denver due to his lifelong residence in the city and civic activities such as Woodmen of the World, The Sons of Colorado (he served as president) and as an alderman of the Second Ward from 1907-1908.

Amos died in 1919, and Emma forty years later.

Scope and Contents note

The Barker Family Collection documents the Barker family of Denver, Colo. and includes papers, correspondence, obituaries, scrapbooks, diaries, and photographs, among other materials circa 1842-1966. The collection is organized into eight series: correspondence (1880-1966) containing letters and cards of the Barker family; Anselm H. Barker material (1842-1895) containing personal material and claims

filed by Anselm, which give insight into his determination to find gold, and documents pertaining to his appointment as sergeant-at-arms at the state constitutional convention; Amos L. "Link" Barker material (1873-1920) containing documents related to Denver's early firefighters; Emma S. Barker material (1879-1952) containing membership rosters of the Pioneer Women of Colorado and the Order of the Eastern Star, two organizations of which Emma was a member; Barker family material (1883-1951) containing information on the Barker and Stevens families; obituaries (1883-1951) documenting deaths in the Barker family; miscellaneous material (1876-1948) relating to the Barker family; and Photographs (1866-1945) documenting the Barker, Cotton, Stevens, and Cavally families.

Arrangement note

The collection materials are arranged into eight series:

Series I. Correspondence (1880-1966); Series II. Anselm H. Barker Material (1842-1895); Series III. Amos L. "Link" Barker Material (1873-1920); Series IV. Emma S. Barker Material (1879-1952); Series V. Barker Family Material (1883-1951); Series VI. Obituaries (1883-1951); Series VII. Miscellaneous Material (1876-1948); and Series VIII. Photographs (1866-1945)

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

The following materials appear to have been donated by Mabe McClain Barker, Lucile Lawrence Gewinner, Edgar L. Lawrence, and Eunice Barker Rogers circa 1959: appointment certificate of H.H. Barker as aid to camp for the Commander in chief of Colorado militia (Aug. 1864); Rules of the Constitutional Convention, A.H. Barker, 1876; scrapbook containing newspaper clippings pertaining to the Colorado Constitutional Convention, 1875-76; city of Denver Map; and scrapbook containing correspondence, certificates, newspaper clippings, etc. pertaining to A.H. Barker, 1842-1899.

This collection is accessioned with the number 84.271.1 through 271.5 in History Colorado's 1984 accession book. Dorothy Cotton donated additional material, including photographs and photo albums, to the collection in 1989. Other provenance unknown.

Processing Information note

This collection was processed by Emily Moazami and Haley Suby in July 2014.

Related Materials

Other Related collections

The Denver Public Library holds the Anselm Holcomb Barker Papers, 1858-1859, which includes journals and biographical sketches written by Barker.

Mixed Collection note

Lucile L. Gewinner loaned Anselm H. Barker's diary of his first journey to Colorado to author Nolie Numey, who edited and published the diary in 1959. The book is available in History Colorado's Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center. This collection also includes nine ribbons and two pins accessioned under 84.271.6 through 271.16 in History Colorado's Culture and Community department. Please contact History Colorado's research center staff for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Barker family -- Photographs

Genre(s)

- Advertisements
- Annual reports, Corporate
- Appointment books

- Autograph books
- Bills.
- Biography.
- Books.
- Business cards
- By-laws
- Certificates--1860-1870.
- Certificates--1880-1920.
- Charter of Denver
- Clippings.
- Contracts.
- Correspondence.
- Deeds.
- Diaries.
- Flyers, Advertising
- Greeting cards
- Hair.
- Invitations (Cards)
- Maps.
- Membership cards
- Membership certificates--1840-1850.
- Membership certificates--1890-1900.
- Oaths.
- Obituaries--Colorado.
- Pamphlets.
- Periodicals
- Photographs.
- Power of attorney.
- Programs.
- Receipts.
- Registers
- Scrapbooks.
- Sheet music
- Stock certificates
- Tickets
- Transcription
- Wallet

Geographic Name(s)

- Auraria (Denver, Colo.)
- Denver County (Colo.)

Occupation(s)

- Fire departments--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Fire departments--Colorado--Denver.
- Miner

Personal Name(s)

- Barker, Amos L. , (Amos Lincoln), 1860-1919
- Barker, Anselm H. , (Anselm Holcomb), 1822-1895
- Barker, Anselm H. , (Anselm Holcomb), 1822-1895 -- Photographs
- Barker, Emma S., (Emma Stevens), 1862-1952
- Barker, Lucinda L. , (Lucinda Liston), 1823-1899
- Barker, Mabel McClain
- Cotton, Dorothy Barker, born 1916 -- Photographs
- Cotton, Dorothy
- Gewinner, Lucile Lawrence
- Lawrence, Edgar L.
- Rogers, Eunice Barker

Subject(s)

- Denver (Colo.)--Photographs.
- Drawing.
- Frontier and pioneer life--Colorado--Denver.
- Frontier and pioneer life--United States--Photographs
- Land claims--Colorado.
- Pioneers--Colorado.
- Speeches, addresses, etc.

Collection Inventory

Series 1 Correspondence, 1880-1966 3.0 File folder(s)

FF 1 1880-1891 5.0 Item(s)

FF 2 1894-1950 8.0 Item(s)

FF 3 1951-1966, Undated 11.0 Item(s)

Series 2 Anselm H. Barker material, 1842-1895 11.0 File folder(s)

FF 4 Methodist Episcopal Church Quarterly Tickets 1842-1844 11.0 Item(s)

FF 5 Cert. of Membership of the Sons of Temperance, Claims 1849-1859 6.0 Item(s)

Flat-Box

FF 6 Certificate of Commission 1864 1.0 Item(s)

FF 6

FF 7 Receipts, Certificates, etc. 1860-1881 7.0 Item(s)

Flat-Box

FF 8 Scrapbook 1875-1876 1.0 Item(s)

FF 8

FF 9 Rules of the Constitutional Convention 1876 1.0 Item(s)

Amos L. "Link" Barker material,

FF 10 Mining Deed 1876 1.0 Item(s)

FF 11 Map of Denver [1883] 1.0 Item(s)

FF 12 Receipt from Pacific Express Company May 6, 1884 1.0 Item(s)

FF 13 Receipts, Certificates, etc. 1888-1895 10.0 Item(s)

FF 14 Misc. Material 1888, Undated 5.0 Item(s)

Series 3 Amos L. "Link" Barker material, 1873-1922 19.0 File folder(s)

FF 15 Biography Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 16 Certificates: Lawrence Street Sunday School Certificate Fireman's Certificate of Service
Certificate of Service 1873-1882 3.0 Item(s)

FF 17 Diary 1889 1.0 Item(s)

FF 18 Oath of Captain of Steamer No. 2, Denver Fire Dept. May 6, 1889 1.0 Item(s)

FF 19 Annual Report of the Denver Fire Dept. Dec. 31, 1890 1.0 Item(s)

FF 20 Fire Service of Denver 1890 1.0 Item(s)

Flat-Box

Amos L. "Link" Barker material,

FF 21

FF 21 Certificate of Membership of the Society of Colorado Pioneers Feb. 4, 1891 1.0
Item(s)

FF 22 Certificate of Appointment to Captain, Denver Fire Dept. May 8, 1891 1.0 Item(s)

FF 23 Winnebago Mining Company Contract Oct. 10, 1892 1.0 Item(s)

FF 24 Tax Statement 1895 1.0 Item(s)

FF 25 V.V.F.A. Constitution and Bi-Laws Booklets 1895-1896 2.0 Item(s)

Flat-Box

FF 26

FF 26 Certificate of Membership to the Veteran Volunteer Fireman's Assoc. Jan. 13,
1896 1.0 Item(s)

FF 27 Charter of the City and County of Denver 1904 1.0 Item(s)

FF 28 Certificate of Appointment to Alderman May 23, 1906 1.0 Item(s)

FF 29 Memo Jan. 21, 1907 1.0 Item(s)

FF 30 Tickets: 7th Annual Ball of the V.V.F.A., Loyola Club Grand Annual Smoker, Denver Firemen's
Protective Association Honorary Membership Certificate 1909-1917 3.0 Item(s)

FF 31 Memorial Book 1919 1.0 Item(s)

FF 32 V.V.F.A. Record Card 1914-1920 2.0 Item(s)

Emma S. Barker material,

FF 33 Certificate of Membership [Undated] 1.0 Item(s)

FF 34 Business Cards: Denver Chapter No. 59, O.E.S., 4 Denver Fire Reporter and Protective Co., A.H. Barker Business Card [Undated] 6.0 Item(s)

Series 4 Emma S. Barker material, 1879-1952 11.0 File folder(s)

FF 35 Autograph Book 1879-1888 1.0 Item(s)

FF 36 Print of the State Normal School, Platteville, WI 1894 1.0 Item(s)

FF 37 Appointment Book 1910-1912 1.0 Item(s)

FF 38 Order of the Eastern Star 1912-1951 5.0 Item(s)

FF 39 Order of the Eastern Star: Rosters 1939-1942 4.0 Item(s)

FF 40 Order of the Eastern Star: Rosters 1950-1952 3.0 Item(s)

FF 41 Pioneer Women Roster Booklet 1940-1950 5.0 Item(s)

FF 42 Medical Material: Bill from Porter Sanitarium and Hospital Bill, Check to Porter Sanitarium and Hospital, Receipt from Porter Sanitarium and Hospital, Bill from D.W. Darwin, M.D., Check to D.W. Darwin, M.D. 1952 5.0 Item(s)

FF 43 Funeral Material: Bill from Hofmann Mortuary, Bill from Fairmount Cemetary, Check to Fairmount Cemetary, Check to Hofmann Mortuary, Receipt from Hofmann Mortuary 1952 5.0 Item(s)

Barker Family material,

FF 44 Recipes Book Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 45 Mailing Address Undated 1.0 Item(s)

Series 5 Barker Family material, 1883-1951 22.0 File folder(s)

FF 46 Certificates of Promotion 1883-1886 2.0 Item(s)

FF 47 Programs: Program for Orpheum Theatre, Program from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show 1897-1898 2.0 Item(s)

FF 48 My Mother's Life Story by "Aunt Lizzie" (Elizabeth L. Davies) 1904 1.0 Item(s)

FF 49 History of the City of Denver by J.E. Wharton and revised by D.O. Wilhelm 1909 1.0 Item(s)

FF 50 Piano Books 1912, 1917 2.0 Item(s)

FF 51 Program, Certificate, Receipt: 4th of July Program, Barnes Commercial School Pocket Certificate, Receipt from Barnes Commercial School Registration Certificate 1913-1917 4.0 Item(s)

FF 52 Contract regarding Bonnie Brae Area of R.E. Barker 1923 1.0 Item(s)

FF 53 "The Song of the Kitchen Clock" Sheet Music 1923 1.0 Item(s) 1 Sheet Music

FF 54 V.V.F.A. Announcement May 27, 1926 1.0 Item(s)

FF 55 Receipts from Knights of Columbus to W.C. Rogers 1926-1928 4.0 Item(s)

Obituaries,

FF 56 Denver Catholic Register 1927-1928 4.0 Item(s)

FF 57 Receipts from the Woodmen of the World to W.C. Rogers July 20, 1928 1.0 Item(s)

FF 58 Harry Stevens, Public Service Co. 1929 2.0 Item(s) Receipt from Public Service Co. of Colorado to Harry Stevens Official Radio Log

FF 59 V.V.F.A. Dinner Dance Program March 28, 1936 1.0 Item(s) 1 Program

FF 60 Social Security Card of Olive J. Barker Sept. 1936 1.0 Item(s) 1 Card

FF 61 Pamphlet of Denver Masonic Lodge No. 5 Sept. 1939 1.0 Item(s) 1 Pamphlet

FF 62 Cancelled Check from Eunice L. Rogers Jan. 5, 1951 2.0 Item(s) Souvenir Booklet of Denver Tramway Corp. Cancelled Check

FF 63 Donation Request Undated 1.0 Item(s) Donation Request

FF 64 Poster advertising "My Wife's Family" Undated 1.0 Item(s) 1 Poster

FF 65 Programs of "My Wife's Family" Undated 9.0 Item(s) 9 Programs

FF 66 "Women in History" Speech Undated 1.0 Item(s) 1 Speech

FF 67 "Log Cabin to Skyscrapers" by Lucile Lawrence Gewinner Undated 2.0 Item(s) 2 Typescript

Series 6 Obituaries, 1895-1959 2.0 File folder(s)

Miscellaneous material,

FF 68 1919-1952 1919-1952, undated 5.0 Item(s)

FF 69 1959 1959 3.0 Item(s)

Series 7 Miscellaneous material, 1876-1948 13.0 File folder(s)

FF 70 Newspaper Sections 1876-1926 4.0 Item(s)

FF 71 Newspaper Clippings 1892-1909 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 72 Newspaper Clippings 1941-1949 1.0 File folder(s)

Flat-Box

FF 73 Souvenir Magazine 1922 1.0 Item(s)

FF 73

FF 74 Bookmark and Pressed Leaves Undated 2.0 Item(s)

FF 75 Drawing of Harline Stevens Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 76 Envelope labelled "Mother's Birthday Party and Ocean Trip" Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 77 Lock of Hair of Clarence Barker Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 78 Sommers Oil Company Print Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 79 Print of Drawing of Lucinda Barker [Undated] 1.0 Item(s)

Photographs,

FF 80 Wallet with engraving "Knights of Columbus" Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 81 Wallet with engraving "Carey-Ized Salt" Undated 1.0 Item(s)

FF 82 Miscellaneous family material undated

FF 83 Miscellaneous Family Material: 4 Newspaper Clippings, Holy Baptism Card, American Creed Card, Poem, Englishmen's Tribute Card, Written Note, Wallet, Society of Colorado Pioneers Book, Leather Image, Drawing 1898-1950 1.0 File folder(s)

Flat-Box

FF 84 Miscellaneous Family Material Oversized: Lambert's Piano Method for Beginners Book Undated 2.0 File folder(s)

FF 84

FF 85 Miscellaneous Family Material: "Johnny Wise" Musical Program "Twilight Songs" Music Book "A Perfect Day" Music Book Undated 3.0 Item(s)

FF 85

Series 8 Photographs, circa 1866-1945 1.0 Linear feet (765 photographs in 2 boxes)

Separated Materials note

Photograph 92.270.156 is stored with the Ambrotype collection. Additional photographs that were originally part of this donation may also be found in the Tintype collection.

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 765 photographs (198 loose photographs, 3 tintypes, 1 ambrotype, and 563 photos in three albums) that document the Barker family in Denver, Colo. circa 1866-1945. The bulk of the collection is snapshots and studio portraits of family members including Anselm H. Barker (1822-1895), Amos L. Barker (1860-1919), Emma Stevens Barker (1862-1952), Donald Barker (1899-1959), Olive J. Barker (born 1895), Robert Barker (1890-1927), Fred Cavally (born 1879), Ina Cavally (born 1855),

Photographs,

Dorothy Barker Cotton (born 1916), Sharon Cotton, Teresa Cotton, Eunice Barker Rogers (1898-1987), and Ruth Baker Sandison (born 1896) among many others. Photographs of note include a hand-colored tintype of Emma Stevens and her siblings Till, Dick, Minnie, Harry, John, and Will posing outdoors circa 1870-1880; a hand-colored tintype of Emma Stevens Barker at age 4 in 1866; Amos L. Barker in a firefighter uniform; and a photograph of a drawing depicting the first house built in Denver, which was located on the corner of Wynkoop & 12th St. and erected by Anselm Barker.

FF 86 Anselm Barker 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 87-90 Barker family group photographs 4.0 File folder(s)

FF 91 A. L. (Link) and Emma Barker 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 92 Clarence Barker (A. L. and Emma Barker's first child- died in infancy) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 93 Donald Baker (son of A. L. and Emma Barker) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 94 Margaret Barker (A. L. Barker's Sister) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 95 Olive J. Barker (daughter of A. L. and Emma Barker) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 96 Robert and Jennie Barker (A. L. and Emma Barker's son and daughter-in-law. Parents of Dorothy L. Barker Cotton) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 97-98 Dorothy L. Barker (daughter of Robert and Jennie Barker, mother of Sharon and Teresa Cotton). 2.0 File folder(s)

FF 99 Sharon and Teresa Cotton (daughters of William and Dorothy Barker Cotton) 1.0 File folder(s)

Photographs,

FF 100 Fred and Ina Cavally 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 101 McClain (A. L. Barker's sister and brother-in-law) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 102 John and Eunice Barker Rogers (son-in-law and daughter of A. L. and Emma Barker) 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 103 Jim and Ruth Barker Sandison and children 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 104 Emma Stevens Barker's family 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 105 Miscellaneous 1.0 File folder(s)

FF 106-107 Photograph albums of Barker family 2.0 File folder(s)

FF 108 Photograph album of Stevens family 1924 1.0 File folder(s)