

# **NEAL AND GODDARD FAMILY COLLECTION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

David Neal married Sarah Catherine Whitely in 1869 in Virginia. David and Sarah had nine children, including Clyde Neal who would eventually move to Livingston, Montana. Daniel and Margaret Ann Goddard had eight children, including Crandall Goddard, who eventually moved to Livingston in 1890 to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Crandall Goddard married widow Henrietta Estelle Cole Wynne, in 1891. Crandall and Henrietta had five children, which they raised in Livingston. Ethel Goddard was the oldest of the five.

Clyde Neal, son of David and Sarah Neal, spent his first eighteen years in Ozark, Missouri. In 1908, he moved to Montana to work for his sister Gerti and her husband Ed Compton on the Ballinger Ranch. He returned to Ozark to convince his parents to relocate to Montana. Ethel Goddard, daughter of Henrietta and Crandall Goddard was born and raised in Livingston, Montana. Clyde Neal and Ethel Goddard were married on June 10, 1913 in Livingston. They lived on the Neal family ranch until 1922 when the post WWI farm prices plunged. Then Clyde went to work for an ice company in Livingston. In 1924, Clyde began his career at the Livingston Fire Department. Clyde worked for the fire department for twenty-six years, the last six as fire chief.

Clyde and Ethel Neal had seven children: Robert "Bob" (b.1914), Clifford (b.1916), Jack (b.1918), Dorothy (b.1919), Merle (b.1921), and twins Richard, "Rich" and Raymond "Ray" (b.1924). Jack died in 1927 when he was nine years old. The children were raised in Livingston. Bob, Dorothy, Merle, Rich, and Ray all served during WWII. Bob served in the U.S. Navy Sea Bees, Dorothy worked as a Civil Aeronautics Communicator, Merle served in the U.S. Navy Waves, Rich served with the U.S. Army 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and Ray also served with the U.S. Army. Dorothy and Merle never married. All six children left Montana.

Clyde Neal died of a heart attack May 11, 1953. Ethel Goddard Neal died on Sept. 15, 1975. Robert "Bob" Neal died in a plane crash that also took the life of his son, Bob, near Miles City in 1964. Richard Neal died in Albuquerque on Sept. 25, 1994. Ray Neal died on June 17, 1997. Dorothy Neal died on Aug. 10, 1998, Clifford Neal died circa 2008. Merle Neal died on July 7, 2012.

**Please note: Box 3 FF17 contains an extensive family history and genealogy written by Merle Neal.**

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The material in the collection consists of family papers spanning four generations. The collection is organized chronologically beginning with a few documents from the ancestors in the Whitley, Neal, Cole, and Goddard families. These papers comprise of clippings, memorial cards, obituaries, wills, and autograph books. Ethel Goddard Neal's papers consist of a few documents from her high school years, letters between her and Clyde, and her daily journals. Her journals contain daily entries from 1945-1974.

When Merle Neal served in the Navy Waves, she and her family wrote extensively. Most of the correspondence in the collection is letters between Merle and her parents. In addition, she exchanged letters with two admirers. The correspondence provides insight into Merle's service and the family bonds. The papers of the other siblings are limited but provide information on their jobs, marriages, and children.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

### **SERIES 1 PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS 1836–1997 BOX 1-3**

The series contains the personal family papers primarily of Ethel Goddard Neal and daughter Merle Neal. Ethel Goddard's daily journals and Merle Neal's correspondence comprise the bulk of the series.

### **SERIES 2 OVERSIZE, 1907-1947 OVERSIZE FOLDER 1**

The series comprises Ethel Neal's sheet music and high school diploma.

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### SERIES 1

Box 1	Family Papers	Dates
FF1	Unknown individual: handwritten copies of poems, clippings	ca 1878
FF2	Whitley, Augustus: plat of Lincoln, Virginia (copy)	1848 (copy)
FF3	Whitley, William J. (son): diary	1897
FF4	Whitley Family: Sarah, Catherine, Lillian, Ralph, Clinton, Beverly and John: muster roll and wills (copies), clipping, memorial card, obit	1836-1876 (copies)
FF5	Gusewelle, Lillian (married Ralph Whitley): autograph book	1891-1894
FF6	Neal, Myda: birthday book	1918
FF7	Neal, Myda: correspondence, clipping, memorial card	1946-1977
FF8	Neal, Joseph (Joe): obituary	April 5, 1923
FF9	Neal Family: Emery L. and Leda, Clifford, Guy Emery, Ted: holiday cards, memorial cards, obituaries	1922-1929, 1977 undated
FF10	Mortimer, Lena Neal: obituary	undated
FF11	Neal Family history	undated
FF12	Sumner, Fred and Gertrude Neal: clippings and obituaries	ca. 1953-1956, undated
FF13	Danks, David and Ivy Neal (daughter Adena marries James House): clippings, obituary	1958, undated
FF14	Compton Family: Ray, Charles E., Mildred: obituaries	1962, 1965, 1994
FF15	Wayne, Thomas and Henrietta Cole: discharge certificate, obituary, teaching certificate, contract	1865, 1880-1890
FF16	Cole Family: John, Glen H. and Mayme, Wells V. and Bertha, George, Mercy Ann Fisk: obituaries, clippings, family history	1894, ca. 1940-1960 undated
FF17	Goddard, Nettie Cole Wynne: State Normal School: notebook includes McGregor High School graduation program	1878-1888

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
FF18	Goddard, Nettie Cole Wynne: letters, teachers' certificate, Temperance Union membership card, invitation	1877-1890
FF19	Goddard, Nettie Cole Wynne: summons, letters	1879, 1918-1919
FF20	Goddard Family: Daniel, Crandall, Titus, Joseph, Everett, Addison: letters, postcards, census, clippings, notes, memorial card	ca. 1880-1920
FF21	Goddard, Verne: memorial card	Mar. 7, 1901
FF22	Goddard Family: obituaries, wedding notice, clippings, grave photos	ca. 1904-1998
FF23	Goddard, Crandall H.: letters, clippings, will, rail pass, invitation, deed, certificate	ca. 1890-1932
FF24	Neal, Ethel Goddard: Livingston Public School report cards	1898-1905
FF25	Neal, Ethel Goddard: 5 <sup>th</sup> grade composition book with handwritten copies of poems, notes on commencement	ca. 1902-1909
FF26	Neal, Ethel Goddard: Park County Free High School report cards	1905-1909
FF27	Neal, Ethel Goddard: Park County High School 10 <sup>th</sup> grade composition book with notes	ca. 1906-1907
FF28	Neal, Ethel Goddard: autograph book	1906-1908
FF29	Neal, Ethel Goddard: Park County High School current events, notes	ca. 1907-1909
FF30	Neal, Ethel Goddard: school notebooks with class notes, magazine illustrations glued on top of some pages, junior/senior banquet program	ca. 1908-1909
FF31	Neal, Ethel Goddard: My Commencement Scrapbook: notes, clippings, dance card, program, class role	June 1909
FF32	Neal, Ethel Goddard: letters received	1907, 1911, undated
FF33	Neal, Ethel Goddard: postcard scrapbook and loose postcards sent to Ethel and other family members	1910
FF34	Neal, Ethel Goddard: teaching certificate	1910-1912
FF35	Neal, Ethel Goddard: letters received from Clyde prior to marriage	ca. 1911-1912
FF36	Neal, Clyde: letters received from Ethel prior to marriage	ca. 1911-1912

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FF37	Neal, Clyde and Ethel Goddard: marriage certificate, license, clippings	June 10, 1913
FF38	Neal, Clyde: dance card, check, cards, clipping, postcard	1908-1910, undated
FF39	Neal, Clyde: receipt	Nov. 15, 1915
FF40	Neal, Ethel Goddard: Mother's Day cards, letters	1914, 1938
FF41	Neal, Clyde: letters to children and grandchildren, includes clipping	ca. 1946-1949
FF42	Neal, Clyde – Fire Department: Fire Relief Association certificate, clippings, certificate of appointment to Deputy State Fire Marshall	1947-1948, undated
FF43	Neal, Clyde and Ethel Goddard: letters received	1914, 1918, 1960
FF44	Neal, Clyde and Ethel Goddard: war ration book	1943
FF45	Neal, Ethel Goddard: 2 spiral notebooks with notes on lodge meetings, recipes, and flowers	undated
FF46	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1945
FF47	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1950
FF48	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1951 (?)
FF49	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1952

<b>Box 2</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
FF1	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1953
FF2	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1954
FF3	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1957
FF4	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1958
FF5	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1959
FF6	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1960 (?)
FF7	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1962
FF8	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1963

<b>Box 2</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
FF9	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1964
FF10	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1966
FF11	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1967
FF12	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1968
FF13	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1970
FF14	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1971
FF15	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1972
FF16	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1973
FF17	Neal, Ethel Goddard: daily journal	1974
FF18	Neal, Ethel Goddard: voter registration school census records	1946, 1966
FF19	Neal, Ethel Goddard: invoice	1954
FF20	Neal, Clyde and Ethel Goddard: Neal family coat of arms	undated
FF21	Neal, Clyde and Ethel Goddard - Park County Pioneers Society: membership cards	1948-1950
FF22	Neal, Clyde: Missouri State Board of Health: birth certificate request	undated
FF23	Neal, Clyde - contents of wallet: driver's license, auto insurance card, Conoco card, Independent Order of Odd Fellows cards, sons' addresses	1953
FF24	Neal, Clyde: death certificate, obituaries, memorial program	May 11, 1953
FF25	Neal, Ethel Goddard - Park County Pioneers Society, Order of Odd Fellows, Yellowstone Club, church: membership cards	1973, 1975, undated
FF26	Neal, Ethel Goddard: obituary, memorial program, tribute	Sept. 12, 1975
FF27	Neal, Robert "Bob" and Stella W. Rau, children Bob and Martha: clippings, postcards	1922, Dec. 28, 1964, undated
FF28	Tegtmeyer, Raymond and Martha Neal: wedding invitation, birth announcements	1977, 1982, 1987



<b>Box 2</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
FF29	Neal Clifford and Vivian Crabtree, children Jack, Jaret, Jeffrey, Jerry: clipping, envelope with notes	1938, undated
FF30	Neal, Jack: diphtheria health record, tuft of hair	1927
FF31	Neal, Dorothy: Livingston City Schools report cards	1925, 1933
FF32	Neal, Dorothy – assigned to Custer Air Field, Goldwater’s Dept. Store: clippings	ca. 1945, 1964
FF33	Neal, Merle: tuft of hair	July 9, 1922
FF34	Neal, Merle: Park County High School diploma	June 19, 1939
FF35	Neal, Merle: Montana State Normal College diploma	June 4, 1942
FF36	Neal, Merle: Fromberg Public School teaching contract	Aug. 18, 1942
FF37	Neal, Merle: Teachers Retirement System membership card	1943
FF38	Neal, Merle: Navel Reserve uniform order forms	Oct. – Nov. 1943
FF39	Neal, Merle: War Ration book	ca. 1943-1945
FF40	Neal, Merle: diary	1943-1944
FF41	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Oct. 1943
FF42	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Nov. – Dec. 1943
FF43	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Jan. – April 1944
FF44	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	May – July 1944
FF45	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Aug. – Oct. 1944
FF46	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Nov. – Dec. 1944
FF47	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Jan. – Mar. 1945
FF48	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	April – May 1945
FF49	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	June – Aug. 1945
FF50	Neal, Merle: letters sent to parents, Clyde and Ethel	Sept. – Dec. 1945
FF51	Neal, Merle: letters received from parents, Clyde and Ethel	1941-1953

<b>Box 2</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
FF52	Neal, Merle: letters received from brother Bob (Robert)	1944
FF53	Neal, Merle: letters received from brother Dick (Richard)	1944-1945
FF54	Neal, Merle: letters received from brother Ray	ca. 1944-1945
<b>Box 3</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
FF1	Neal, Merle: letters received from Peer Gandil	June – Sept. 1943
FF2	Neal, Merle: letters received from Peer Gandil	Oct. – Dec. 1943
FF3	Neal, Merle: letters received from Peer Gandil	Feb. – Aug. 1944
FF4	Neal, Merle: letters received from Edward Kowalski	1945
FF5	Neal, Merle: East Side School teacher agreement, clipping	1946
FF6	Neal, Merle: University of Denver BFA diploma, clippings, subsistence allowance notice	1947-1948
FF7	Neal, Merle: Pioneer Trails Council of Girl Scouts field worker, trail council director, executive director: clippings	1952-1967
FF8	Neal, Merle: executive director of Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts: resolution	Oct. 1978
FF9	Neal, Merle: letters from mother, Ethel	1968-1975
FF10	Neal, Merle: letters, invitation, cards	ca. 1980-1981, undated
FF11	Neal Ray and Richard: birth certificate, Park County High School Graduation announcement	1924, 1942
FF12	Neal, Ray and Dorothy Shearer, children Kathyryn, Daniel: memorial program, marriage and birth announcements	1951-1997, undated
FF13	Neal, Richard and Lynn Rankin, children Mark, Jonathon, David, Gregory and Timothy (died): birth certificate, obituary, memorial program, letter, postcard	1942-1995

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FF14	Neal, Jack and Betty, children Craig, Lisa and Kathleen: birth and adoption notices, commencement invitation	1967-1997
FF15	Maus, Brian and Janet, children Andrea, Carol: birth announcements, brochure	1977, undated
FF16	Neal Family genealogy: article, brochure, clipping	1978, undated
FF17	“The Tree Family” written by Merle Neal is a narrative of the family history and genealogy	June 1992
FF18	Foreign currency	1922-1923, 1942, 1944, undated

## **SERIES 2 OVERSIZE**

<b>Folder 1</b>	<b>Family Papers</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Neal, Ethel Goddard: sheet music with handwritten notes	1907-1910, 1947
	Neal, Ethel Goddard: high school diploma	June 17, 1909