



## **Wither Family Collection**

**NUMBERS:** 06-123, 14-123-1, 81-13-265, 81-13-264-5, 74-13-200

**TITLE:** Wither Family Collection

**CREATOR:** Frances Colt Wither, Archie Wither, Pearl Wither, Dorothy Wither

**DATES:** 1862-1979

**MEDIA:** Papers, postcards, handbook

**LOCATION:** Collection Facility, upstairs, Rack 1, Sec. D, Shelf 4: Folders 1-10 Wither Family Collection box, and People Collection Oversize Box 1: Folders 1-2

**ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** Collection is open for Research and Use. Permission to publish material must be obtained from Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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**ACQUISITION INFORMATION:** The Wither Family papers were donated to the Tread of Pioneers Museum by Dorothy and Archie Wither.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** The processing, arrangement, and description of the Papers was completed in 2018 by curator Katie Adams.

### **BIOGRAPHY:**

George and Archibald Wither originated from Scotland. George came to Steamboat Springs in 1889, with Archie joining in 1898. The brothers operated a successful mercantile business in Hahns Peak before moving it to Steamboat Springs in 1902. Archie married Pearl Carleton of Snake River in 1899 and they had their first child, George in 1900. The Wither Brothers Store in Steamboat Springs was the largest in the region at 25,000 square feet, with a 25'x60' warehouse in the back. Archie and Pearl's children George, Eva Dorothy, Donald (Pete) and Robert (Bob) grew up in Steamboat Springs and served as valued community members.

The Dorothy Shop, owned and operated by Dorothy Wither, opened on Lincoln Ave. in 1939 and was an iconic business for the next 50 years. The shop sold women's clothing. In 1967 Dorothy Wither received Woman of the Year. Wither was intricately involved with the community at large and founded the Tread of Pioneers Museum in 1959.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF COLLECTION:**

Collection of Frances Colt Wither's (Robert Wither's wife) school teacher certificates and contracts. Personal papers of Archie Wither and A. & G. Wither Merchandise items, family postcards, and Dorothy Shop advertisements, Pearl Wither cooking notebook

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:**

The Wither Family collection is organized by people, includes some business items

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	Wither, Frances Colt: Teaching certificates and letters (06.123.3)	June 1937-1938
	2	Booklet/Handbook "In Time of Emergency"	March 1968
	3	Wither, Archie: personal papers: Card, prayer "Health Commandments" Deed, Warranty to Steamboat Springs Company Certificate of Naturalization Mining Deed between Wither and Charles Olson, Columbine Certificate of "entry of birth" Archibald Wither Letter (1) to A. Wither from W. Macfarlane Last Will & Testament for A. Wither Automobile Id. card, A. Wither	1862-1926 Oct. 24, 1889 May 9, 1898 Dec. 2, 1914 June 22, 1862 Oct. 17, 1924 1926
	4	Wither, Robert: Revenue Bond	Dec. 1948
	5	Wither, Dorothy: Personal letters, biography, report card	1908-1987
	6	Wither family: Postcards	1908-1917
	7	Wither family: Olympic tryout pgm, Invitation to Whipple	1909-1931
	8	Dorothy Shop: newspaper clippings	1969
	9	A&G Wither Mercantile blotter card (67.140.2, 81.13.265) Account book, First Nat'l Bank	1912
	10	Pearl Wither: recipes notebook (74.13.200)	

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[People Oversize Box 1, folder 8]			
		Dorothy Shop: Posters	1979
		A&G Wither Mercantile: ad. calendar	1904
		Diploma, Eva Dorothy Wither	1921