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1917-1925

Language

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Creator

Federer, Greenland Thompson, 1888-1961

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Biographical / Historical

Greenland Thompson (G.T.) Federer (1888-1961) was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, the son of the Reverend and Mrs. G. A. Federer. In 1897 they moved to Preston County, West Virginia and then to Morgantown in 1908. He received his early education in the public schools and graduated from Fairmont State Normal School in 1915. He attended West Virginia University seeking an A.B. degree, 1915 to 1917, but his education was interrupted by his service during World War I in Company E, 317 Infantry, 80th Division of the United States Army. After the war he returned from France to Morgantown where he started a mercantile business, a meat market, in 1919. He married Thora Leoti Robinson, a teacher at the William R. White School in Fairmont, in 1920.

In 1924, Federer, a Republican, was elected to represent Monongalia County in the West Virginia House of Delegates where he served on the Taxation and Finance Committee, the Prohibition and Temperance Committee, and the State Boundaries and Re-Districting Committee.

For a brief time after WWII Federer sold real estate. He continued to live in Morgantown until his death in 1961.

Excerpted from a marriage notice in The West Virginian (Fairmont, WV) 1920, and the West Virginia Blue Book, 1926.

Scope and Contents

Records of Greenland Thompson Federer, a WWI veteran, Morgantown businessman, and politician. Includes records documenting his WWI service in Company E, 317 Infantry, 80th Division in France, and papers from his campaign and political career as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. Federer's business, a meat market, is shown in photographs, including interior and exterior views. The collection also includes postcards and some artifacts.

The collection is grouped into eight series: 1) World War I Material; 2) Political Material; 3) Printed Ephemera; 4) Postcards; 5) Photographs; 6) Publications; 7) Artifacts; 8) Oversize.

Related A&M Collections

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Keywords

World War, 1914-1918 -- Monongalia County (W. Va) -- Soldiers

Harvey & DeQuaise Grocery

Federer, Greenland Thompson, 1888-1961

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. World War I Materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141665

Unit Date 1917-1919

Two Postcards (President Woodrow Wilson; photograph of nurses)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141673

Unit Date ca. 1917-1918

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Two Manuals (includes "English-French Conversation Book" and "Army and Navy Service Book"; a ticket to a vaudeville show in Bourges, France on the day of the Armistice, November 11, 1918)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit Date ca. 1917-1918

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Enlistment and Discharge Papers (also includes letter from 10-10-1918 with thumbnail sketch of G.T. Federer's military service, and work pass from 12-1918 issued by "Headquarters U.S. Troops Bourges")

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141675

Unit Date 1917-1919

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 2. Political Materials

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141666

Unit Date 1924-1925

Campaign and Election Material (includes broadsides, calling cards, and handbills)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141676

Unit Date 1924

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Legislative Correspondence (includes letters regarding funding of West Virginia University)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141677

Unit Date 1924-1925

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

West Virginia Senate Bills (includes proposed bills and blank roll call form for the State House of Delegates)

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Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Series 3. Printed Ephemera

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141667

Unit Date ca. 1920s, 1943/10/11

Program for Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, West Virginia (attended by G.T. Federer); "The Palmer Method of Business Writing" by A.N. Palmer, 1928 (used by Eloise Yvonne Federer in 1934-1935 in Wiles Hill School in Morgantown)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141679

Unit Date 1925, 1928

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Business Card and Billing Form from Federer's Market House on 229 Chestnut Street, Morgantown

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141680

Unit Date ca. 1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Certificate Licensing G.T. Federer as Class Slaughterer by the U.S. War Food Administration

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141681

Unit Date 1943/10/11

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Series 4. Postcards

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141668

Unit Date ca. 1920s

Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and Washington, D.C. (including mostly buildings and streets)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141682

Unit Date ca. 1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Series 5. Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141669

Unit Date ca. 1900-ca. 1920s

Group Portrait of Students and Faculty of the Normal School at Terra Alta, Preston County, West Virginia (G.T. Federer's sister Beatrice taught here)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141683

Unit Date 1913

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Group Portrait of Loyal Temperance Union of Rock Cave, West Virginia

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141684

Unit Date ca. 1900-1915

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Wrecked Steamboat in River Ice

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141685

Unit Date ca. 1900-1915

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Group Portrait of Employees of Snider Brothers (Bros.) Meat Market (includes G.T. Federer in white coat; he was the butcher at this meat market)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141686

Unit Date ca. 1915-1920

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Exterior of G.T. Federer Meat Market (through window is G.T. Federer on right in white coat; there are fruits stacked in the window); ca. 1920s Box 1; Folder 12; Interior of G.T. Federer Meat Market (G.T. Federer on right in white coat)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141687

Unit Date 1921

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Series 6. Publications

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141670

Unit Date 1914, 1921

Book -- Monticola, West Virginia University Yearbook (includes advertisement on page 296 for Federer's market, on the corner of High and Pleasant Streets)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141688

Unit Date 1921

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Book -- "Preparing for Citizenship" by William Backus Guitteau

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141689

Unit Date 1914

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Series 7. Artifacts

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141671

Unit Date ca. 1918 and undated

World War I Medal (in small box; worn in France by G.T. Federer)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141690

Unit Date ca. 1918

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Masonic Belt Buckle and Chain (in small box)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141691

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Series 8. Oversize

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141672

Unit Date 1911-1922, ca. 1945-1950

Map of Western Front, World War I

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141694

Unit Date 1918

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Map of Europe (in French language)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170292

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Photograph -- Interior of Jamison and Jollife City Meat Market, Morgantown, West Virginia, 230 High Street

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141695

Unit Date 1911

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Photograph -- Parade of John F. Casey Company Employees of Marion County (this was apparently an event to welcome home soldiers returning from WWI)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141696

Unit Date ca. 1917-1918

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Photograph -- Interior of Meat Market of G. T. Federer, Morgantown, West Virginia, High and Pleasant Streets

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141697

Unit Date 1922

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Real Estate Broadside (G.T. Federer was involved with real estate after WWII; his real estate office was located at 295 High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141698

Unit Date ca. 1945-1950

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Souvenir Newspapers from France (includes photocopies of five mastheads from newspapers that were purchased as souvenirs by G.T. Federer in France at the time World War I ended; originals of these five papers were disposed of because of their condition)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141692

Unit Date 1918/11-12

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Souvenir Newspapers from France (includes photocopies of mastheads and original front pages of five newspapers that were purchased as souvenirs by G.T. Federer in France at the time World War I ended; originals are in folders 3-7)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/141693

Unit Date 1918/11

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"Le Journal" (souvenir, original front page of newspaper)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170293

Unit Date 1918 November 11

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"L'Oeuvre" (souvenir, original front page of newspaper)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170294

Unit Date 1918 November 20

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

"Le Matin" (souvenir, original front page of newspaper)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170295

Unit Date 1918 November 20

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

"Le Victoire" (souvenir, original front page of newspaper)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170296

Unit Date 1918 November 20

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

"L'Echo De Paris" (souvenir, original front page of newspaper)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/170297

Unit Date 1918 November 20

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)