

**Donor / Source :** Douglas County Historical Society

**Collection:** Pearl Ratcliff Papers



**Identity Statement:**

Title: Pearl Ratcliff Papers

Physical description: 14 x 16 cm; 14 x 9 cm; 2 items; 1 file folder; paper

**Repository:** Douglas County History Research Center, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, CO. <sup>DCHS logo</sup>

**Collection Identification:**

Object ID: 1992.001.0021

Accession#: 1992.001

Other#:

Container:

**Conditions of Access & Use:**

Access conditions: Douglas County History Research Center material is non-circulating, requires staff retrieval and is available by appointment during normal library hours.

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Preferred Citation: Pearl Ratcliff Papers. Courtesy of the Douglas County History Research Center, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, Colorado.

Language of material: English

Finding Aids: None.

Received as Donation

Received date 01/01/1992

**Archival History:** The material was collected by the Douglas County Historical Society, which was the main historical institution of Douglas County until it disbanded in 1992. The documents were included in the paper-based collections that were donated to the Douglas County History Research Center.

**Scope and Content / Abstract:**

The collection consists of two items that were sent to Pearl Ratcliff; a penny postcard from St. Philip-in-the-Field Episcopal Church and a bill from Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

The postcard is addressed to "Miss Pearl Ratcliff, Sedalia, Colo." and is postmarked "Sep. 10 9 AM" [1925]. The text on the back reads: "St. Philips Church, Sunday 13th at 3 p.m. Evening Prayer, & Confirmation Service, by Bishop Ingley - Your presence is most earnestly desired. Very sincerely yours, Allen Moore, Vicar." Dr. Allen Moore was vicar of St. Philips from 1924 to 1927.

The bill is dated July, 1931 and is addressed to "Pearl Ratcliff, City". She was charged \$1.50 for Commercial and Residential Lighting; the bill is stamped that it was paid on 8-3-1931. Castle Rock town officials approved the installation of a municipal light and power plant in 1921 with the energy to be supplied by the DuPont Company. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation took over the electrical plant from DuPont in 1929, with the intention of supplying power to several small communities in the county.

**Creditline:** Douglas County Historical Society materials. Courtesy of the Douglas County History Research Center, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, Colorado.

**Processed By:** North, Cecily

**Processing Date:** 10/19/2005

**Structure:**

System of Arrangement: The manuscript/small items collection is arranged by accession number.

**Context:**

Name of Creator or Compiler of the Collection: Ratcliff, Pearl

Administrative / Biographical history: Pearl Ratcliff was a daughter of George Ratcliff and Mary Nickson. In 1850 George Ratcliff and a party of men came to West Plum Creek and liked the area enough to settle there. Ratcliff eventually became joint owner of what was known as the Upper Ranch, where Pearl was born in 1868. She never married and died in Castle Rock in 1945.

**Allied Materials:**

Related units of description in this repository: The Douglas County History Research Center and the Reference Department of the Philip S. Miller Library, Douglas County Libraries holds material on the Ratcliff family, St. Philip-in-the-Field Episcopal Church,

and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation including:

Douglas County Historical Society. "Our Heritage: People of Douglas County" (Douglas County: Douglas County Historical Society, c 1984)

Appleby, Susan Consola. "Fading Past: The Story of Douglas County, Colorado" (Palmer Lake, Co.: Filter Press, 2001)

Clippings Notebook - Churches, Book I

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**Notes**

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**Dataset**

**Container List**

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<b>Container</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Creator</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
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1		Allen Moore	Sept [1925]	
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**Description** *Penny postcard from Allen Moore, Vicar of St. Philips Church, to Miss Pearl Ratcliff. 14 x 9 cm. Note: Dirty, stained.*

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1		Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	July, 1931	
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**Description** *Bill from CUC to Pearl Ratcliff. 14 x 16 cm. Note: Dirty, stained, worn folds. Stamped - Paid.*