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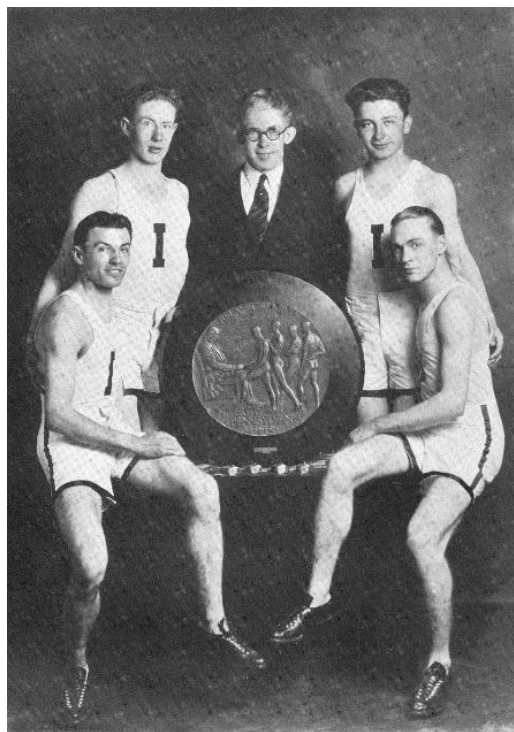
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Biographical Note

Dr. Walter Glenn Patterson (May 4, 1906-October 20, 1998) was a 1927 graduate of Indiana State Teachers College, which had recently changed its name from Indiana State Normal School (ISNS, later IUP). He was on the ISNS football and track team, and he was a member of the Championship One Mile Relay Team in the 1925 season (Normal School Championship of America), please see the picture of the team below with the Franklin medal (Walter Patterson is top left). His team won the Penn Relays two years in a row, please see the [Road to Glory](#) (2011) article by Robert Fulton.

Walter Patterson was born and grew up in West Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and he graduated from Elders Ridge Vocational School in 1924. The Patterson family lived on a farm outside of [Whiskey Run](#), and Walter Patterson worked in the mines to pay for school. After graduating from Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) in 1927, Walter Patterson married June E. Logan. He went onto earn his masters' degree from Columbia University in 1933 and his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado in 1953. From 1956 to 1961, Dr. Patterson was the principal of Needham High School in Needham, Massachusetts. He later became assistant superintendent of the Needham School System. After retiring in 1970, Dr. Patterson became the executive director of the Education Cooperative in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where he worked as an educational consultant for 22 years.



Scope and Content Note

This collections contains memorabilia that belonged to Walter Glenn Patterson including coal mining tools and equipment that was used by the Patterson family. The collection also contains historical information written by Dr. Patterson including stories about [Whiskey Run, Pennsylvania](#).

Provenance

This collection was donated by his son Robert L. Patterson in 2011-2012.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on February 26, 2015.

Content List (See [Record Group 53 Box 37 Folder 4](#))

Walter Glenn Patterson, ISNS Class of 1927

1. [Mining tools and equipment used in local mines near Indiana, Pennsylvania](#) – working tools used by Walter Patterson and family members in the mines near West Lebanon and Whiskey Run, Pennsylvania. These items were mounted by Walter Patterson and are on permanent display in the IUP Special Collections & University Archives reading room in Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr. Library, Room 302 (listed in top to bottom order)
 - a. Copper Needle (would not cause sparks while setting explosive charge)
 - b. Copper-tipped Tamper (tamping bar or rod)
 - c. Small Bore Auger (auger extension)
 - d. Undermining Coal Pick (left)
 - e. Alexander Holstein's coal pick with hand-hewn Hickory handle (right)
 - f. Carbide Cadger (hand crank auger with pressure breast plate)



2. History: "From Miner to Mentor" by Walter G. Patterson
3. History: "Stories of Whiskey Run before 1926" by Walter G. Patterson (1978)
4. History: "Whiskey Run," by Eileen Cooper, *Indiana Evening Gazette*, 1978
5. History: "The Company Town of Whiskey Run" by Eileen Mountjoy
6. History: "Whiskey Run Coal Company Patch Town" by Eileen Mountjoy
7. History: "Run to Glory" by Bob Fulton
8. History: "Needham's legendary 'feets' from the past: Former Needham High principal was an elite runner in the relays," by Al Becker, *Needham Times*, May 8, 1997. Walter G. Patterson was a Principal and Assistant Superintendent of Needham Public Schools, Norfolk County, Massachusetts
9. History: "From the coal mines to the classroom: Former NHS Principal Walter G. Patterson has spent 65 years as a Rotarian" by Sherry Briggs, *The Needham Chronicle*, June 29, 1995.

10. History: "Union Membership, United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) and Lake Carriers' Association" by Walter G. Patterson
11. History: "Football game with Kent State: Indiana 7, Kent State 0" by Walter G. Patterson
12. History: "Coal mining and work experiences" by Walter G. Patterson
13. Photographs of coal mining equipment used by Walter G. Patterson before graduating from Indiana State Teachers College in 1927.