

W. C. S. 12/9/48

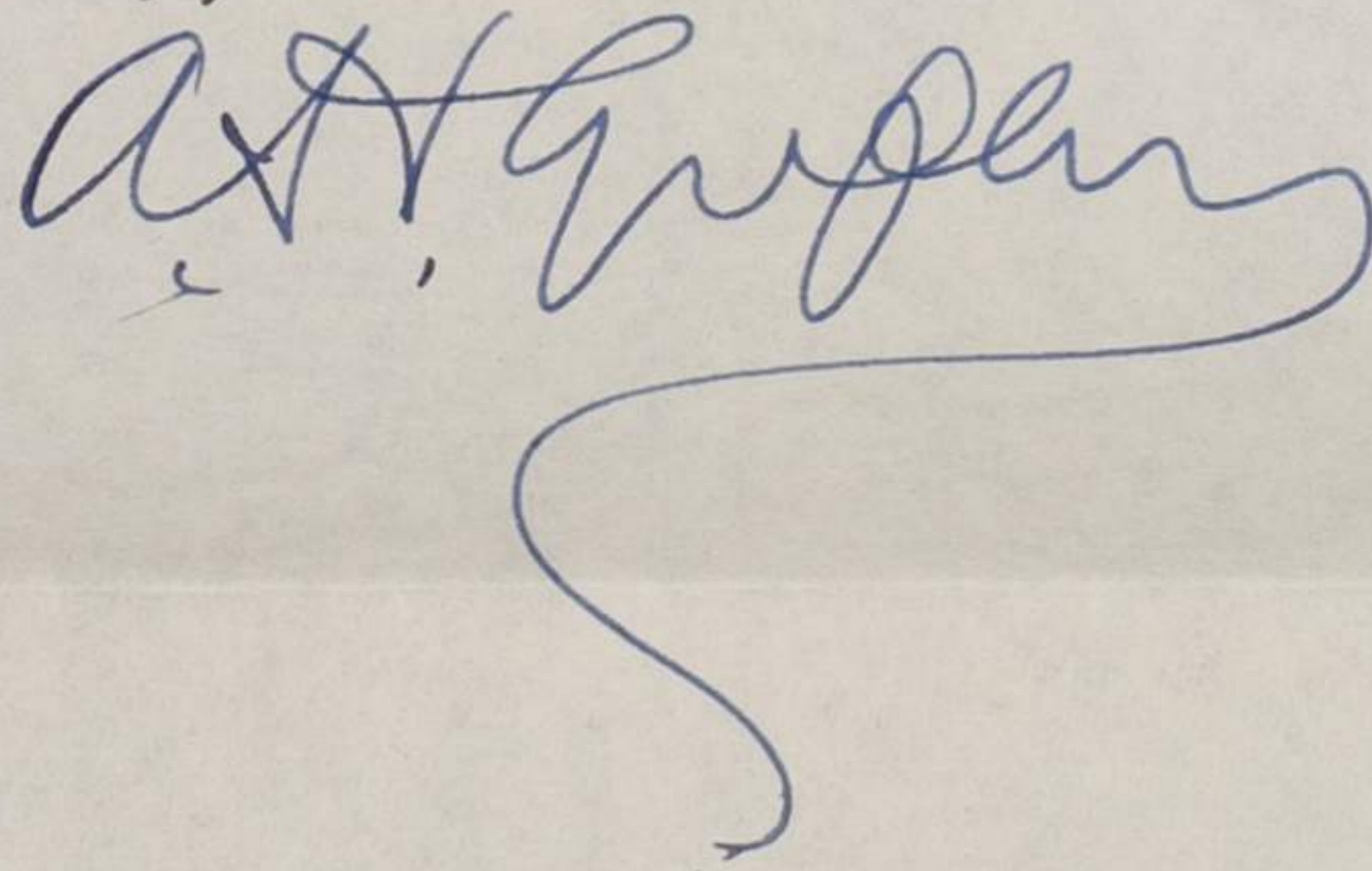
near approach of our Fiftieth anniversary, which Mrs. Gufler and I hope we may be able to spend together with our two sons, five daughters, and eleven grandchildren, next July. All of these swiftly moving scenes that mark the action of the play of life verily prove that "Tempus Fugit."

I also note what you say about the many changes that have taken place with the firm with which I was associated from May, 1887 to May 1947. About the only appropriate comment by me might be (and that is personal) that it "was not planned that way" by the founder of the business and his late associates and operators of the business with most of whom I spent exactly sixty years of mutually happy and fruitful associated service.

I hope, Friend W. C., that I may have the pleasure of a good visit with you before we are called from this more or less disturbed world. Should you ever come to our good little city, in which we have lived since May 1, 1901, please do look me up.

Here are my best wishes to you and all those near and dear for the peace, good will and happiness that Christmas and the Holiday Season represent. You have added much to it for others and justly deserve the legacy to which an upright, forthright citizen is entitled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. H. Gufler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

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