

Guide to the Arthur Bostwick Van Buskirk World War I Diaries

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 2091

CREATOR: Van Buskirk, Arthur B., 1896-1972

TITLE: Arthur Bostwick Van Buskirk World War I Diaries

DATES: 1917-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: .25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: The diaries are written in English with some enclosed documents in French.

SUMMARY: Collection consists of two diaries by Arthur Bostwick Van Buskirk documenting his military experience during World War I. Newspaper clippings, correspondence, tickets, and other ephemera were originally inserted between diary pages. Several pages in volume II detail the Armistice of November 11, 1918 in Paris, France.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of David VanBuskirk in memory of Joseph Van Buskirk and in honor of George Van Buskirk, 2018.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Arthur Bostwick Van Buskirk World War I Diaries (MS 2091). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Processing Information

The materials were arranged by the donor. Manuscripts and Archives created the collection level description and biographical information.

Biographical / Historical

Arthur Bostwick Van Buskirk was born on March 27, 1896 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Yale College in 1918 before attending the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Van Buskirk served as vice-president of T. Mellon & Sons and vice chairman of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, the city's post-World War II urban renewal program. His sons, George, Joseph, and David, all graduated from Yale University.

Arthur Van Buskirk served as a member of the Yale Expeditionary Force and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Section of the Officers Reserve Corps in August 1917. He joined the support efforts on the Western Front, arriving in France in July 1918.

Van Buskirk died on April 6, 1972 in Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

Biographical information in this note is primarily drawn from Wilmarth Sheldon Lewis, *History of the Class of 1918, Yale College, Forty Years On*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1954), 334-337, and the Obituary of Arthur Van Botswick, *New York Times*, April 7, 1972.

Scope and Contents

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Materials that have been removed from the diaries have been sleeved and labeled to indicate their original location, when known.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as received from the donor.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Volume I	1917-1918
b. 1, f. 2	Volume II	1918-1919
b. 1, f. 3	Loose materials	1917-1919

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918

Genres / Formats

Diaries

Geographic Names

Paris (France)

Names

Van Buskirk, Arthur B., 1896-1972

Acquired From

VanBuskirk, David