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

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 Botswick 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

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.

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.


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.
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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
VanBuskirk, David