Guide to the William Steen Gaud Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 941

CREATOR: Gaud, William Steen, 1907-1977

TITLE: William Steen Gaud papers

DATES: 1925–1978

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, diary, speeches, Yale memorabilia, and papers relating to his service as an administrator with the U.S. Agency for International Development (1961-1969) in the Near East and South Asia. The most important papers are his letters to his wife, speeches, diary and other papers documenting his military service in Asia, 1943-1945. Other letters to his wife describe trips to Japan in 1955 and 1956. Included also are two oral history interviews made for the Kennedy and Johnson presidential libraries, 1966 and 1971.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical
(This vita was prepared shortly before Mr. Gaud’s death in 1977.)

WILLIAM S. GAUD
1929  o Received B.A. degree from Yale College.
1931  o Received LL.B. degree cum laude from Yale Law School. Was editor of Yale Law Journal.
1931 - 1933  o Instructor, Yale Law School.
1933 - 1935  o Law practice with Van Vorst, Siegel & Smith, 25 Broad Street, New York City.
1935 - 1941  o Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York.
1941 - 1945  o Army of the United States. Two years’ service overseas in China-Burma-India Theater. Attained grade of Colonel. Awarded Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Order of the British Empire.
1945 - 1946  o Special Assistant to Secretary of War Patterson.
1946 - 1961  o Law practice as a partner in Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, 2 Wall Street, New York City.
1961 - 1964  o Assistant Administrator for the Near East and South Asia, Agency for International Development.
1964 -1966  o Deputy Administrator, Agency for International Development.
1966 -1969  o Administrator, Agency for International Development.
WILLIAM S. GAUD
1976 - ?

National Chairman, Population Crisis Committee, Washington, D. C.

Born August 9, 1907, New York, N.Y. Grew up in Charleston, S.C. In 1935 married the former Eleanor Mason Smith of New York City. They had one daughter, Anne Timothy Tinker, a graduate of Vassar College.

Prior to 1961 political and civic activities in Greenwich included: Member of Board of Estimate & Taxation; Member of Representative Town Meeting; Chairman of the Flood and Erosion Control Board; President of the Community Chest and Council; President of the Field Club.

Member of the Council on Foreign Relations; The Metropolitan Club; The American College of Trial Lawyers.

Scope and Contents

The William S. Gaud Papers consist of correspondence, a diary, speeches, personal papers, photographs, printed matter, and memorabilia spanning his entire adult life. The most important papers are letters, speeches, a diary, and miscellaneous papers richly documenting his military service in Asia between 1943 and 1945. His service with the Agency for International Development is represented by photographs, clippings, speeches, memorabilia, and oral history interviews for the Kennedy and Johnson presidential libraries. There are also memorabilia from his years at Yale, letters to his wife from trips to Japan in 1955 and 1956, speeches from the 1970s, and letters of condolence to his widow.

The William S. Gaud Papers were given to Yale University Library by Eleanor Smith Gaud in 1979.
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Selected Search Terms
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Subjects
Lawyers
World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- East Asia

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Asia

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Occupations
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Names
Gaud, Eleanor Smith
Gaud, William Steen, 1907-1977

Corporate Bodies
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