

# Guide to the Dudley Landon Vail Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1579

**CREATOR:** Vaill, Dudley Landon

**TITLE:** Dudley Landon Vaill papers

**DATES:** 1897-1959

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist primarily of correspondence received by Dudley Vaill from Clarence Day, former roommate and fellow graduate of the Yale Class of 1896. Day, author of the hit Broadway play, "Life with Father," was a prolific correspondent who enlivened his letters with ink sketches. The correspondence deals with personal matters as well as alumni activities. Memorabilia and photographs of Vaill's college days complete the collection.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Secretary's Office, Yale University, 1989.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Dudley Landon Vaill was born on August 30, 1873, in Winsted, Connecticut. He graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, in 1892 and from Yale in 1896. Vaill served as class secretary from 1916 until his death. Upon graduation Vaill joined the firm of George Dudley and Son, a leather manufacturer in Winsted, and became treasurer of the company in 1898. He was president of the Winsted Savings Bank from 1914 to 1953. Vaill died on October 8, 1967.

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## Scope and Contents

The Dudley Vaill Papers consist primarily of correspondence received by Vaill from Clarence Day, former roommate and fellow graduate of the Yale Class of 1896. Day, author of the hit Broadway play, "Life with Father," was a prolific correspondent who enlivened his letters with ink sketches. Day's correspondence with Vaill, class secretary from 1916 to 1967, dealt with personal matters as well as the alumni activities of former classmates. Memorabilia and photographs of Vaill's college days complete the collection.

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Correspondence to Dudley Vaill		
b. 1, f. 1 - 13	Day, Clarence	1897-1912
b. 2, f. 14 - 17	Day, Clarence	1917-1935, undated
b. 2, f. 18	Day, George Parmly	1900-1943
b. 2, f. 19	Day family members	1901, [1910?], 1936, 1959
b. 2, f. 20	General	1921-1936
b. 2, f. 21	Johnston, Henry Selden: correspondence from Clarence Day	1900
b. 2, f. 22	General correspondence: from Clarence Day to others	1924, 1926, 1935, undated
b. 2, f. 23	Clippings about Clarence Day	1922, 1935-1939, undated
b. 2, f. 24	Memorabilia/miscellany	1907-1959, undated
b. 2, f. 25	Photographs: college days	1897

## **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.

### **Names**

Day, Clarence, 1874-1935

Vaill, Dudley Landon

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1887- ). Class of 1896

Yale University -- Alumni and alumnae