

Guide to the William Winter Dean Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1793

CREATOR: Dean, William Winter, 1895-1929

TITLE: William Winter Dean papers

DATES: 1894-1929

BULK DATES: 1914-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers mostly consist of entries from William Winter Dean's diaries, and original letters written by him to various family members, particularly covering his years in the United States Army during World War I. There is also a notebook of letter transcripts, photocopies of photographs, and biographical information on Dean prepared by his two daughters.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

William Winter Dean was born on July 5, 1895, in St. Paul, Minnesota. After attending public schools in St. Paul, and the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Dean attended Yale University and graduated in 1917 from the Sheffield Scientific School. That same year he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. After promotion to first lieutenant, Dean captained a machine gun battalion in France until the end of World War I. He was twice wounded and received several medals for bravery. After the war he worked in St. Paul as a businessman and married Jane Ernest. They had two daughters. William Winter Dean died in 1929.

Scope and Contents

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Collection Contents

Inventory, 1894-1929

b.1	Transcripts of letters and diary entries, photocopies of photographs, and biographical information on William Winter Dean	1894-1929
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Letters and diary entries (originals)

b.1	1894-1914
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b.1	1914 Jul - 1916 Dec
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b.1	1917 Feb - 1917 Dec
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b.2	1918 Jan - 1918 Jul
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b.2	1918 Aug - 1918 Dec
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b.2	1919 Jan - 1919 Sep
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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

Soldiers -- United States
World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- France
World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives,
American

Names

Dean, William Winter, 1895-1929