

# Guide to the William Steen Gaud Papers

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## Collection Overview

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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

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Eleanor Smith Gaud in 1979.

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## Biographical / Historical

(This vita was prepared shortly before Mr. Gaud's death in 1977.)

### WILLIAM S. GAUD

- 1929                      ○ Received B.A. degree from Yale College.
- 1931                      ○ Received LL.B. degree cum laude from Yale Law School. Was editor of Yale Law Journal.
- 1931 - 1933              ○ Instructor, Yale Law School.
- 1933 - 1935              ○ Law practice with Van Vorst, Siegel & Smith, 25 Broad Street, New York City.
- 1935 - 1941              ○ Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York.
- 1941 - 1945              ○ 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              ○ Special Assistant to Secretary of War Patterson.
- 1946 - 1961              ○ Law practice as a partner in Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, 2 Wall Street, New York City.
- 1961 - 1964              ○ Assistant Administrator for the Near East and South Asia, Agency for International Development.

**WILLIAM S. GAUD**

- 1964 -1966      ○ Deputy Administrator, Agency for International Development.
- 1966 -1969      ○ Administrator, Agency for International Development.
- 1969              ○ Consultant, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Washington, D. C.
- 1969 - Aug. 1974      ○ Executive Vice President, International Finance Corporation.
- Oct. 1974 -1976      ○ Consultant, World Bank Group
- 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.

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## **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.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1925-(1942-1978)

3 linear feet (3 boxes, 2 volumes)

Letters		
b. 1, f. 1-19	William S. Gaud to Eleanor (Smith) Gaud	1943 November 21-1945 October 21
b. 1, f. 20	William S. Gaud to Mrs.W. Mason Smith	1944 March 12
b. 1, f. 21	William S. Gaud to Eleanor (Smith) Gaud -- cables	1945 October 2
b. 1, f. 22-23	William S. Gaud to Eleanor (Smith) Gaud -- transcripts	1943 November 21-1944 April 16, 1945 May 3-7
b. 1, f. 24	Letters from persons other than William S. Gaud	1943-1945, undated
b. 1, f. 25	William S. Gaud to Eleanor (Smith) Gaud	1955 September 13-18, 1956 October 16-26, 1959 August 15, 1962
b. 1, f. 26	Condolences	1977-1978
b. 2, f. 27	Military papers	1942-1945, undated
b. 2, f. 28-30	Clippings	1944-1945, 1961-1962, 1967-1969
b. 3, f. 31	Yale memorabilia	1925-1931, 1941, 1978
b. 3, f. 32	Scrapbook of clippings and memorabilia	1937-1943
b. 3, f. 33	"Colonel W. S. Gaud, Jr., A. U. S., Personal Files": "Army papers" English	1943-1953
b. 3, f. 34	Speeches	1943 May 6-September 28
b. 3, f. 35	Diary	[1943] November 21-[1944] March 7
b. 3, f. 36	Narrative of the trip to China (not completed)	[post-1943]
b. 3, f. 37	Photographs	[1943-1945]
b. 3, f. 38	Passports	1959-1973

b. 3, f. 39	Photographs	1961, 1968, undated
b. 3, f. 40	A. I. D. personnel papers	1961-1969
b. 3, f. 40	A. I. D. memorabilia, including letters patent	1961-1969, undated
b. 3, f. 41	Asian Development Bank, Inaugural Meeting: slides	1966
b. 3, f. 42	The Business Council: guest lists and agenda	1966-1968
b. 3, f. 43	Speeches	1967-1969
b. 3, f. 44	Papers of Eleanor (Smith) Gaud	1968, undated
b. 3, f. 45	Bank Group report	1969
b. 3, f. 46	International Finance Corporation: miscellaneous papers	1969, 1976
b. 3, f. 47-52	Speeches	1972-1977
b. 3, f. 53	Oral history interviews	1966, 1971
b. 3, f. 54	Financial papers re: ownership of a yacht	1971-1978
b. 3, f. 55	Obituaries	1977
b. 3, f. 56	Miscellaneous papers	Undated
b. 4	"Scrapbook of William S. Gaud on Nomination as Administrator of A. I. D.": photographs, clippings, correspondence, pamphlet	1966, 1968, undated
b. 5	Scrapbook of U. S. government photographs	1964-1968

## **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**

Lawyers  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Campaigns -- East Asia

### **Geographic Names**

Asia

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Occupations**

Public officers  
Soldiers

### **Names**

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

### **Corporate Bodies**

United States. Agency for International  
Development  
Yale College (1887- ). Class of 1929  
Yale University -- Students