

# Preliminary Guide to the Clarence Day, Jr. Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1094

**CREATOR:** Day, Clarence, 1874-1935

**TITLE:** Clarence Shepard Day papers

**DATES:** 1894-1947

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of letters written by Clarence Day, many with ink drawings, to family and friends on personal matters and on business relating to the Class of 1896 of Yale University, of which Day was secretary. Also included is the record book of the Raleigh Pipe Club (1894-1907) and miscellaneous newspaper clippings.

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

The son of a stockbroker, Clarence Day, Jr. was born in New York City, on November 18, 1874. He was educated at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, before attending Yale College. Upon graduating in 1896, Day followed his father into the stock market, but quickly came to dislike it and joined the navy. After being stricken with arthritis, Day had to leave the navy. Bound to crutches and a wheelchair, he began to write poems and books with some success. It was not until the last year of his life, however, that one of his books, *Life with Father*, became widely successful, winning awards and reaching the top of nonfiction best-seller lists. Day died of pneumonia on December 28, 1935, in New York City.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Adams, John (Jack) Chester (Accession 1992-M-091)	1908, 1911, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Alexander, Eugene D.	1910, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Clark, W. Hashimura	1914
b. 1, f. 4	Day, George Parmly	1927, 1928
b. 1, f. 5	Day, Sherman	1910-1915
b. 1, f. 6	Day, Wilhelmine Octavia (Johnson) (Mrs. George P.)	1926-1927
b. 1, f. 7	Fisher, Alice (Agnew)	1905
b. 1, f. 8	Gregory, Herbert E.	1905-1912, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Johnson, Frederick B.	1911, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Johnston, Henry Selden	1901-1902, 1908
b. 1, f. 11	Unidentified [letter concerns Anson Phelps Stokes]	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Record book of Raleigh Pipe Club, Yale University	1894-1907
b. 1, f. 13	Printed articles by Day	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Newspaper clippings	1916, 1947

## **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**

Alexander, Eugene D.  
Day, Clarence, 1874-1935  
Day, George Parmly, 1876-1959  
Day, Sherman, 1806-1884  
Day, Wilhelmine Octavia Johnson  
Fisher, Alice Gifford Agnew  
Johnston, Henry Selden  
Stokes, Anson Phelps, 1874-1958

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1887- ). Class of 1896  
Yale University. Raleigh Pipe Club  
Yale University -- Students