
Summary Information

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Abstract: The John D. Davies Collection on Hobey Baker, located in the University Archives, contains research materials gathered by Davies for the publication, The Legend of Hobey Baker (Little, Brown & Company, 1966). These papers contain correspondence, research notes, manuscript drafts, photographs and printed material pertaining to Hobey A. H. Baker's career as an athlete at St. Paul's Preparatory School, at Princeton University, and as a member of the American Expeditionary Force during World War I. Baker died in an airplane crash in 1918.
Location: This collection is stored onsite at the Mudd Manuscript Library.
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Biography/History

Hobart Amory Hare Baker was born on January 15, 1892 in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, the second son, into a proper Philadelphian family. His father, A. Thornton Baker was a manufacturer of plush upholstery, his mother, Mary Augusta Pemberton, a belle of Philadelphia society. He attended St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire where he excelled in athletics, and was an industrious student as well. In 1910 he entered Princeton University and continued his athletic career, playing baseball, football and hockey. After graduation in 1914, Baker worked at the J. P. Morgan Bank of New York City and played amateur hockey with the St. Nick's team in New York City in 1915-1917. With American entry into World War I, he enlisted, embarked for Europe in August 1917 and by April 1918 served with the Lafayette Escadrille (103rd Aero Squadron). On December 21, 1918 Baker was killed when the Spad he was flying crashed.

Description

Consists of research material collected by Davies (Princeton Class of 1941) for his book The Legend of Hobey Baker (1966). Included are correspondence, research notes, manuscript drafts, photographs, and printed material—all pertaining to Baker’s career as an ice hockey and football athlete at St. Paul’s Preparatory School and Princeton University, and as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I.

Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition
John Davies donated his research material including his notes and original materials to the University Archives in 1967. The provenance of original photographic material and a scrapbook is unknown.

**Processing and Other Information**

**Preferred Citation**
Identification of specific item; Date (if known); John D. Davies Collection on Hobey Baker, Box and Folder Number; University Archives, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

**Encoding**

**Descriptive Rules Used**
Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

**Subject Headings**

- Baker, Hobey.
- Princeton University -- Hockey.
- Princeton University -- Students -- 20th century.
- St. Paul's School (Concord, N.H.)
- College athletes -- New Jersey -- Princeton -- 20th century.
- Football players -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Hockey players -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Correspondence.
- Notes.
- Photographs.
- Scrapbooks.
- Princeton University
Series 1: Henry W. H. Baker Files, 1918-1959

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 1: the Henry W. H. Baker Files, contains correspondence, including typescripts of Hobey A. H. Baker correspondence and notes collected by Baker in 1959. Baker was a nephew of Hobart A. H. Baker and was interested in the legacy of his uncle.

- Correspondence, Baker, Hobart A.H., copies, 1917-1918 (2 folders), 1917-1918
- Correspondence, 1956-1964, undated (2 folders), 1956-1964, undated
- Notes, undated
- Manuscript, undated
- Manuscript Drafts, undated

Series 2: Correspondence, 1957-1969

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 2: Correspondence (1959-1969), is arranged chronologically. Much of this correspondence documents Davies' attempts to collect information about Baker from his classmates, teachers and acquaintances. Correspondence relating to the publication of The Legend of Hobey Baker is also found in this series.

- General, 1957-1964 (7 folders), 1957-1964
- General, 1965-1969, undated (3 folders), 1965-1969, undated
- Fragments, undated
- Interviews, undated

Series 3: Manuscript Notes, 1965-1966

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 3: Manuscript Notes (1965-1966) contain rough and final drafts of the manuscript The Legend of Hobey Baker as well as notes, note cards, and information distilled from Davis' research.

- The Legend of Hobey Baker 1965 (2 folders), 1965
- Rough Draft, undated
Series 4: Notes ... (Continued)

Final Draft, undated (2 folders), undated  Box: 2
Published Copy of The Legend of Hobey Baker, undated (2 folders), undated  Box: 2

Series 4: Notes, 1963-1966

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.


Note Cards, 1963-1966  Box: 3
Notes, 1963-1966 (2 folders), 1963-1966  Box: 4

Series 5: Printed Material, 1910-1997

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 5: Printed Material (1910-1918) contains articles from various newspapers and news magazines on Hobey Baker's career as an athlete, a member of the American Expeditionary Force during World War I and an address by President John Grier Hibben of Princeton University at Baker's memorial service in 1918.

News clippings, 1912-1997  Box: 4
Articles, 1910-1918  Box: 4
Address, Memorial Service, 1918  Box: 4

Series 6: Photographs, 1910-1918

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 6: Photographs (1910-1918) include scenes from Baker's family life as well as his athletic and military careers. Photographs used in the publication The Legend of Hobey Baker are represented, as well as the original photographs reproduced in the publication.

Social Scenes, 1910-1918  Box: 5
St. Paul's School, 1908-1910  Box: 5
Princeton Football, 1910-1914  Box: 5
Princeton Hockey, Baseball, 1910-1914  Box: 5
Princeton Committees, 1913-1914  Box: 5
Cartoons, 1910-1918  Box: 5
Europe, 1917-1918  Box: 5
### Paintings of Baker, undated

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#### Series 7: Scrapbook, 1910-1914

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 7: Scrapbook (1910-1914) documents the athletic career of Baker during his college career at Princeton University.