
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.
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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

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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

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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


Fragments, undated

Interviews, undated

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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 Davies' research.

The Legend of Hobey Baker 1965 (2 folders), 1965

Rough Draft, undated

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Series 4: Notes, 1963-1966

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


- Note Cards, 1963-1966

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
- Articles, 1910-1918
- Address, Memorial Service, 1918

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
- St. Paul's School, 1908-1910
- Princeton Football, 1910-1914
- Princeton Hockey, Baseball, 1910-1914
- Princeton Committees, 1913-1914
- Cartoons, 1910-1918
- Europe, 1917-1918
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.