Dean Mathey Papers, 1896-2010 (bulk 1906-1972): Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Abstract: Dean Mathey (d. 1972), Class of 1912, was a member of the Board of Trustees and an ardent supporter of the University. The collection documents Mathey's familial relationships, service to Princeton, tennis career and other activities from his undergraduate days to the end of his life.
Location: This collection is stored onsite at the Mudd Manuscript Library.
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Dean Mathey (d. 1972), Class of 1912, was a member of the Board of Trustees and an ardent supporter of the University. As a student he twice won the national intercollegiate tennis doubles championship and was captain of the tennis team his senior year. Mathey continued to play tennis competitively after graduating from Princeton, and he served as 1st Lieutenant with the American Expeditionary Force during and immediately after the first World War. Mathey built a successful career in finance, and, while on the Finance Committee, helped to substantially increase the University's budget and grow its investments. He was an alumni trustee of the University from 1927 to 1931, charter trustee from 1931 to 1960, and trustee emeritus from 1960 until his death. At various times he served on each of the board's nine standing committees including 34 years on the Committee of Grounds and Buildings, of which he was chairman from 1942 to 1949. Mathey College, dedicated on November 6, 1983, is named for him. Mathey was predeceased by his first wife Gertrude, and his second wife Helen. Mathey and Gertrude had three sons, Dean, David and Donald.

The collection documents Mathey's familial relationships, service to Princeton, tennis career, and other activities from his undergraduate days to the end of his life. The collection includes correspondence relating to Mathey's undergraduate career, his time as 1st Lieutenant with the American Expeditionary Force, his service as a member of Princeton's Board of Trustees, and personal correspondence from Mathey and his wife Gertrude to their sons. The collection also contains newspaper clippings related to Princeton and to Mathey's tennis career, small publications by Mathey, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, medals, photo albums.

Access

The collection is open for research, with the exception of personal correspondence between Dean and Gertrude Mathey and their three sons, Dean, David and Donald. This material is to be closed during the lifetimes of the sons.

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition
Materials in Series 3, Dean Mathey Letters to Malcolm Warnock ’1925, were a gift of Eleanor Warnock in 2018 [AR.2018.109].

Appraisal
No materials have been separated.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation
Identification of specific item; Date (if known); (Collection Title), Box and Folder Number; 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
· Mathey, Dean.
· Princeton University. Trustees.
· Princeton University. Tennis.
· Princeton University
Series 1: Correspondence and Scrapbooks, 1896-2009

accessionnumber: AR.2010.061

Size: 3 linear feet

Arrangement: The order of the materials at the time of donation has been maintained.

Description: Consists mainly of correspondence between Dean Mathey and family members. Also includes scrapbooks and newspaper clippings.

Athletic Almanac and Crusaders Club Booklet, 1912, 1919

Correspondence to Dave Mathey from Gertrude and Dean Mathey, 1945-1947

Access:
Restricted during the lifetime of Dean Mathey's sons.

Pretty Brook Farm, House and Garden Article, 1929

Scrapbooks with Correspondence, News Clippings and Photographs, 1896-2009

Magazines, Class of 1912 Publications, 1912-1930

Newspapers, 1917-1933

Correspondence to Dean Mathey from Parents, 1912-1913

Correspondence to Dean Mathey from Friends and Family, Senior Year, 1912-1913

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, Sophomore Year, 1910

Correspondence with First Lieutenant Dean Mathey, 1919

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1906-1931

Size: 3 folders

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Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1918  Box: 2
Postcards and Photographs, 1925  Box: 2
Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1911  Box: 2
Size: 3 folders
Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1907  Box: 3
Postcards, 1916  Box: 3
Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1914  Box: 3
Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1906  Box: 3
Postcards, 1917  Box: 3
Postcards, Unused, undated  Box: 3
Size: 2 folders
Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1909  Box: 3
Size: 3 folders

**Series 2: Writings, Photographs and Memorabilia, 1905-2010**

accessionnumber: AR.2011.024

Size: 3 linear feet

Description: Includes small publications by Mathey, diaries, photographs, medals, photo albums, and related materials.

Arrangement: The order of the materials at the time of donation has been maintained.

Men and Gothic Towers, 1967  Box: 4
The Open Road Calendar, 1931  Box: 4
Red Leather Diary, 1919  Box: 4
Diary, 1924-1949  Box: 4

accessionnumber: AR.2016.103

Description: Green leather diary kept by Dean Mathey between 1924 and 1949.

Daily Strength for Daily Needs, 1905  Box: 4

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: (Contains loose materials.)

Red Photo Album, circa 1910-1970  Box: 4

Description: (Contains photographs, postcards and newspaper clippings.)

Red Leather Calendar Diary, 1918  Box: 4
Series 3: Dean Mathey Letters to Malcolm Warnock '1925, 1921-1924

accessionnumber: AR.2018.109
Size: 1 folder

Acquisition and Appraisal: Materials in Series 3, Dean Mathey Letters to Malcolm Warnock '1925, were a gift of Eleanor Warnock in 2018 [AR.2018.109].

Arrangement: The order of the materials at the time of donation has been maintained.

Description: Series 3 consists of letters from Dean Mathey to Malcolm Warnock '1925 between 1921 and 1924. Warnock, like Mathey, came from Cranford NJ, and was recipient of the
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Captain Newell Fiske Memorial Scholarship, recommended by Dean Mathey. The series also contains clippings on Dean Mathey playing tennis and a few various other papers relating to Warnock's time as a student at Princeton.

Dean Mathey Letters to Malcolm Warnock '1925, 1921-1924

Box: 7