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

Summary Information

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Princeton University Archives.
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6 boxes
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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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Biography/History

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.

Description

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 and Use

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

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.

Processing Information

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
Box: 1

Correspondence to Dave Mathey from Gertrude and Dean Mathey, 1945-1947
Box: 1

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

Pretty Brook Farm, House and Garden Article, 1929
Box: 1

Scrapbooks with Correspondence, News Clippings and Photographs, 1896-2009
Box: 1

Scrapbooks with Correspondence, News Clippings and Photographs, 1908-2009
Box: 1

Scrapbooks with Correspondence, News Clippings and Photographs, circa 1920-1960
Box: 1

Scrapbooks with Correspondence, News Clippings and Photographs, 1896-1919
Box: 1

Magazines, Class of 1912 Publications, 1912-1930
Box: 1

Newspapers, 1917-1933
Box: 1

Correspondence to Dean Mathey from Parents, 1912-1913
Box: 2

Correspondence to Dean Mathey from Friends and Family, Senior Year, 1912-1913
Box: 2

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, Sophomore Year, 1910
Box: 2

Correspondence with First Lieutenant Dean Mathey, 1919
Box: 2

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1906-1931
Box: 2

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1908
Size: 3 folders

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1920-1931
Box: 2

Correspondence to Dean Mathey, 1915
Box: 2
### 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.

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<td>Red Leather Calendar Diary, 1918</td>
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Description: (Contains loose materials.)

Brown Decorative Diary and Expression Book, circa 1910-1970
Box: 4

Black Leather Photo Album, 1912-1918
Description: (Contains loose photographs.)
Box: 4

Visitors Book, Pretty Brook Farms, Princeton, New Jersey, 1925-1967
Box: 4

History of 314th Field Artillery, 1918
Description: (Contains loose photographs, newspaper clippings, and other materials.)
Box: 4

Appraised Inventory of Household Furnishings, 1927
Box: 4

Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States Award, 1953
Box: 4

Portraits of Mathey, 1910-1930
Box: 4

Blueprints, Princeton University Buildings, 1960
Box: 4

Miscellaneous Photographs and Clippings, 1915-1968
Box: 4

Printouts of Biographical Information, 2008-2010
Box: 4

Even Threes by Owen Johnson, 1930
Box: 4

Disraeli: Gladstone's Revival, 1969
Box: 4

Original Manuscripts, 1910-1922
Box: 4

Princeton Tennis Medals, 1907-1908
Box: 4

Miscellaneous Family Photographs and Notes, 1908-1971
Box: 5
Description: (Materials housed in binder.)

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"Morningside" Photo Album, circa 1910-1970
Box: 6

Portraits of Mathey and Family, 1929-1933, 1950
Box: 6