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1917-1922; 1970

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MSS 15056

Unit ID

[Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1917-1922; 1970

Unit Date

1917-1922

Language

English

Extent

1.6 Cubic Feet 4 document boxes 456 items

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research use.

Provenance

Purchased 13 August 2010.

Biographical Note

Addison H. Smith enrolled in the United States Ambulance Service in 1917 at the age of twenty-two years old. He arrived in Italy in June 1918, and was transferred to the front in France in September 1918. Most of the letters he wrote were to his mother, Martha Smith.

Scope and Contents

The Addison H. Smith papers (1917-1970; 1.6 cubic feet) includes many letters between 1917 and 1919 to Addison Smith's mother and his battlefield diary from 1918, which describes in vivid detail the voyage to Europe and his work as an ambulance driver in France. It also includes his certificates of discharge and service in the United States Army Ambulance Service, photographs, postcards, and newspaper clippings. The majority of the collection dates between the years of 1917 to 1922, and there are also newspaper clippings and legislation letters from the 1970s.

Keywords

diaries

Soldiers -- United States -- Correspondence

photographs

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and subarranged chronologically within each folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence, Journals, Bibles, and Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/47771

Mixed Materials [X030898964] 1 (box)

Language English

Extent 0.4 Cubic Feet

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/238

Unit Date 1917-1918-07

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 17 items

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/239

Unit Date 1918-08-1919, 1922

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 24 items

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/240

Unit Date undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 6 items

Correspondence- Congress

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/241

Unit Date 1932, 1970-1978, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 6 items

Scope and Contents

Addison Smith and his representative about investing in stock for a sales firm, and letters from Addison Smith's widow about veteran's compensation. There are also letters from Addison's widow and her congressman about legislation to support veteran benefits

Correspondence Financial

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/242

Unit Date 1935

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 1 items

Scope and Contents

Buckeye Commercial Savings Bank about stock investments and debts.

Correspondence- Postcards

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/243

Unit Date 1917-1919, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Extent 46 items

Correspondence- Postcards in German

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/244

Unit Date 1904-1912, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Extent 14 items

Scope and Contents

Postcards written in German between Anna Gurgin and the Leppin family

Certificates

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/245

Unit Date 1919, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Extent 3 items

Scope and Contents

Addison Smith's certificate for Honorable Discharge and his certificate for being a Charter Member of the United States Army Ambulance Service Association

Journals and Bibles

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/246

Unit Date 1918, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Extent 4 items

Scope and Contents

A common prayer book, the New Testament, and an agenda book in which Addison Smith wrote a diary. He also described women, bohemians, his trip across the Atlantic, his time in Italy, on the front, and the armistice.

Newspaper Clippings- Miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/247

Unit Date 1971, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Extent 8 items

Scope and Contents

Addison Smith's marriage announcement to Phyllis Frizzell

Newspaper Clippings- War related

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/248

Unit Date 1917-1919, 1924, undated

Text [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Extent 7 items

Photographs from the war and Europe

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/249

Unit Date 1917, undated

Photographs [X030898964] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Extent 132 items

Photographs, Postcards, Programs, and Wartime material

Unit ID Box 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/47772

Mixed Materials [X030898965] 2 (box)

Language English

Extent 0.4 Cubic Feet

Photographs and Negatives from the war and Europe

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/250

Unit Date undated

Photographs [X030898965] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Extent 59 items

Postcards (labeled)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/251

Unit Date undated

Text [X030898965] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Extent 30 items

Postcards (blank)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/252

Unit Date undated

Text [X030898965] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Extent 79 items

Programs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/253

Unit Date 1919, undated

Text [X030898965] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extent 5 items

Scope and Contents

Theater programs and a copy of a miscellaneous painting

Wartime Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/254

Unit Date 1922, 1947, undated

Text [X030898965] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Extent 12 items

Scope and Contents

A letter from the War Department about an Italian Commemorative medal Addison Smith received, an Italian train ticket, and information for soldiers about how to get a job after they were discharged from the army

Buttons and uniform parts, souvenirs, and medals

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/255

Unit Date 1910-1920s

Mixed Materials [X030866785] 3 (artifacts) (box)

Extent 0.4 Cubic Feet

Buttons and uniform parts, souvenirs, and medals

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/256

Unit Date 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials [X030866782] 4 (artifacts) (box)

Language English

Extent 0.4 Cubic Feet