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Summary:

Title: David B. Kraybill Papers

Span Dates: 1834-1971 (bulk 1920-1971)

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1977/01.0185

Date Completed: August, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 2 feet

Donor: Mrs. Burdette

Search Terms:

Diaries

Educators

Marshall University alumni

West Virginia history

Farmers

Biographical Notes:

David B. Kraybill (Dec. 28, 1886-Jan. 12, 1976) was a noted educator and a dean of the West Virginia Institute of Technology. Kraybill earned an A.B. at Franklin and Marshall College, an M.A. at Columbia University Teachers College, and a doctorate at Pennsylvania State College. During his career, Kraybill was a superintendent of schools in Wheeling, WV and a psychologist for the Veterans Administration in Huntington, WV. He was also a president of the West Virginia State Historical Society. Kraybill lived in Huntington from 1945 until his death in 1976.

He married Kathryn Millar Kraybill and had two children, Margaret Adeline Shafer and William H. Kraybill.

Bibliography:

"Educator's Rites Set." The Huntington Advertiser, 13 Jan. 1976.

Scope and Content:

This collection has been divided into three series: diaries, research material, and other historical material.

The diaries series is composed of 57 years of diaries by Kraybill recording everything from the weather to his professional life. They encompass time he spent in Wheeling, WV, parts of Pennsylvania, and living in Huntington, WV since 1945.

The research material series is composed of copies of papers read at various West

Virginia history meetings, copies of primary source documents, and other papers written or collected by Kraybill in pursuit of his interest in local history.

The other historical materials series is composed of materials that were found in the collection but were not created or compiled by Kraybill. These materials include an 1834 letter related to a contract with the Kanawha Saline Company and materials created by George William Millar, an ancestor of Kraybill's wife Kathryn. Those materials include three diaries, two financial ledgers, and an album of pressed flowers and other plants.

Processing Notes:

This collection is primarily composed of diaries or other volumes and required minimal processing. The only processing completed was placing diaries in order and refolding historical papers from their previous housing in non-archival folders and providing more descriptive folder titles.

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Series I: Diaries

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| Volume 2 | Five year diary for 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, and 1926 |
| Volume 3 | Five year diary for 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930 |
| Volume 4 | Five year diary for 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1937 |
| Volume 5 | Ready reference diary, 1923 |
| Volume 6 | Ready reference diary, 1924 |

- Volume 7 The business year book, 1931
- Volume 8 The business year book, 1932
- Volume 9 The excelsior diary for 1938
- Volume 10 “Unforeseen events...need not (so often) change and shape the course of man’s affairs” Diary for 1939 by The Maryland Casualty Company
- Volume 11 National diary 1940
- Volume 12 Daily reminder, 1941
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| Volume 38 | Five year diary, 1967 |
| Volume 39 | One year diary, 1968 |
| Volume 40 | One year diary, 1969 |
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| Volume 43 | Undated notebook, probably 1914 |

Series II: Research Materials

Box 4

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| Folder | Elizabeth Zane |
| Folder | Buffalo Guards |
| Folder | The Burning of the Bedford |
| Folder | History Term Papers |
| Folder | The American Legion Magazine, March 1969 |
| Folder | WV History Research |
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Series III: Other Historical materials

Box 5

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| Volume | George William Millar, York Springs, Adams Co., Pennsylvania Receipt and Expenditures Ledger for 1890-1897 |
| Volume | George William Millar, York Springs, Adams Co., Pennsylvania Receipt and Expenditures Ledger for 1898-1901 |
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- Volume George William Millar Notes for Natural Sciences, Botany, and Physics, 1890-1901 and Diary for 1927
- Volume George William Millar pressed flower and plant book, undated
- Folder Letter from William Phillips to William Tompkins, 1834, regarding a business contract with the Kanawha Saline Company