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David B. Kraybill Papers, 1834-1971

Summary:

Title: David B. Kraybill Papers  
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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:


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 refoldering historical papers from their previous housing in non-archival folders and providing more descriptive folder titles.

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Container Contents

Series I: Diaries

Box 1

Volume 1 Five year diary for 1916/1917 and 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921

For 1914/1915, refer to Volume 43, a partially undated notebook in Box 3

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
Volume 13 Daily reminder, 1942
Volume 14 Daily reminder, 1943
Volume 15 Daily reminder, 1944
Volume 16 Daily reminder, 1945

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Volume 17 Daily reminder, 1946
Volume 18 Daily reminder, 1947
Volume 19 Daily reminder, 1948
Volume 20 National diary, 1949
Volume 21 Marshall College alumni souvenir diary, 1950
Volume 22 National diary, 1951
Volume 23 National diary, 1952
Volume 24 National diary, 1953
Volume 27 Becker's music year book, 1956
Volume 28 Becker's music year book, 1957

**Box 3**

Volume 29 Appointments, 1958
Volume 30 National diary, 1959
Volume 31 Becker's a daily record, 1960
Volume 32 National diary for 1961
Volume 33  Daily reminder, 1962  
Volume 34  National diary for 1963  
Volume 35  National diary for 1964  
Volume 36  Daily appointments, 1965  
Volume 37  One year diary, 1966  
Volume 38  Five year diary, 1967  
Volume 39  One year diary, 1968  
Volume 40  One year diary, 1969  
Volume 41  My diary, 1970  
Volume 42  1971 Diary  
Volume 43  Undated notebook, probably 1914  

Series II: Research Materials  
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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  
Folder  Oregon Trail  

Series III: Other Historical materials  
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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  
Volume  George William Millar “The Wanamaker Diary” for 1921 and 1922  
Volume  George William Millar Diary for May 5, 1925-April 15, 1926  
Volume  George William Millar Diary for April 16, 1926-February 5, 1927
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