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**David B. Kraybill Papers, 1834-1971**

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James E. Morrow Library  
Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia  
2019

## David B. Kraybill Papers, 1834-1971

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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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### **Access and Use:**

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## **Container**

## **Contents**

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### **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

**Box 2**

- 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 25           Becker’s music year book, 1954
- Volume 26           Becker’s music year book, 1955
- 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**

##### **Box 4**

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**

##### **Box 5**

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