

Guide to the Walter Langford Smith Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1126

CREATOR: Smith, Walter Langford, 1885-1952

TITLE: Walter Langford Smith papers

DATES: 1901-1911

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, financial papers, photographs, and memorabilia chiefly relating to Smith's term as a special student at the Yale Law School (1905-1906). Also included are sixteen letters (1904-1906) written to him by his father.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Warren H. Smith, 1952.

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Biographical / Historical

Walter Langford Smith was born on April 12, 1885, in Rochester, New York. His mother, Helena Laura Denton, was the daughter of a deaf-mute who had inherited a large fortune. As his mother died when Walter was five, Walter inherited this fortune when he came of age. In 1905, Smith entered Yale Law School as a special student, but dropped out after inheriting his fortune in 1906. He spent the rest of his life in Rochester, New York, traveling to Europe and American resorts and driving sports cars. He died in Rochester, on August 6, 1952.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, financial papers, photographs, and memorabilia chiefly relating to Smith's term as a special student at the Yale Law School (1905-1906). Also included are sixteen letters (1904-1906) written to him by his father.

Collection Contents

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| Correspondence | | |
| b. 1, f. 1 - 4 | William Henry Smith | 1904-1906 |
| | Walter Langford Smith | |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Outgoing | undated |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Incoming | 1901-1911, undated |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Bills and receipts | 1905-1906 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Photographs: unidentified people in Paris, Florida, and other places | undated |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Postcards, one decorated with feathers | 1906, undated |
| Memorabilia | | |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Yale Cooperative Society membership card | 1905-1906 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Cigarette card | undated |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Theater ticket stubs | undated |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Advertising card for the Chorus Girls' Masque Ball after a Yale-Columbia football game | undated |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Receipt, baggage checks, and envelope for a train trip to Rochester, New York | undated |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Fathers and sons
Law

Names

Smith, Walter Langford, 1885-1952
Smith, William Henry, 1850-1922

Corporate Bodies

Yale Law School
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