

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Munce, T. Edward, Jr. (1914-1980)** **MC 2005.5**

Material: Papers (1785-1980; bulk 1935-1959)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box; 2 Artifact Boxes; 1 Oversized Folder)

Donation: Gift of Edward Munce (1959-1981)

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

T. Edward Munce, Jr. was born in 1914. He lived in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and attended Harrisburg Academy before enrolling at Dickinson College, where he received his B.A. degree with a major in philosophy. Munce graduated from Dickinson with the class of 1939 and later went on to get his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law. Munce served in the military during World War II and achieved the rank of captain during his career as a soldier. He met his wife, Nadia Yartseff, a Russian woman living in Italy, during the war. During his career as a soldier, Munce became the editor of *Basic News*, which was a publication of the Psychological Warfare Branch of the military. Following the war, Munce worked for the State Department from 1950 to 1953 as vice consul and information officer in India. Munce ultimately returned to the Harrisburg area where he became a lawyer for the Public Utility Commission. He served on the commission for 27 years until his death at age 66 in 1980. Munce also appears to have had a great love of books and literature, which perhaps accounts for the presence of correspondence with writers such as Robert Frost, Logan Pearsall Smith, and Nancy Byrd Turner within his papers.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The T. Edward Munce, Jr. collection is housed in one document box, two artifact boxes, and one oversized folder. It has been organized into four series: Correspondence, Christmas Cards, Miscellaneous, and Artifacts. These materials include items donated to Dickinson College by Munce over a period of approximately twenty years.

The first series in this collection is Correspondence. It contains letters sent to Munce by authors Robert Frost, Logan Pearsall Smith, and Nancy Byrd Turner. It also includes communications with Lord Wilfred Arthur Greene regarding the acquisition of a piece of rock from London's Inner Temple for the Dickinson School of Law. In addition, this series includes a letter to a Dr. T. E. Munce, possibly Munce's father, from then Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Delano Roosevelt. These letters are arranged in alphabetical order according to author, with letters of uncertain authorship placed at the end.

The next series is Christmas Cards, and it contains many years worth of Christmas cards received by Munce from the poet Robert Frost. Each of these Christmas cards includes a poem by Frost, and some include a personal note to Munce from Frost. This series also contains a Christmas card to Munce from Nancy Byrd Turner. These cards are arranged in chronological order.

The Miscellaneous series includes an invitation to a ball in Italy and a patent for Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania land that once belonged to Munce's family. This patent is housed in an oversized folder separate from the rest of the collection due to its size.

Finally, the Artifacts series includes two items that are housed separately in the college's general artifacts collection. One of these artifacts is a plate given to supporters of the Lord Mayor of London's War on Want Campaign in 1967. The other is a shadow box containing four medals bestowed upon Munce by the British government in recognition of his military service during World War II.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2005.5

CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 01) Beauclerk, Charles (Duke of St Albans) – Aug. 31, 1973
- Folder 02) Frost, Robert – Oct. 15, 1943
- Folder 03) Greene, Lord Wilfred Arthur – Aug. 7, 1945-Aug. 21, 1950
- Folder 04) Roosevelt, Franklin Delano – Mar. 18, 1918
- Folder 05) Smith, Logan Pearsall – Aug. 9, 1939-July 5, 1945
- Folder 06) Turner, Nancy Byrd – Nov. 6, 1942
- Folder 07) Miscellaneous – Sep. 12, 1974-June 9, 1980

CHRISTMAS CARDS

From Robert Frost

- Folder 08) "Neither out Far nor in Deep" – 1935
- Folder 09) "Triple Plate" – 1939
- Folder 10) "Our Hold on the Planet" – 1940
- Folder 11) "An Unstamped Letter . . ." – 1944
- Folder 12) "Closed for Good" – 1948
- Folder 13) "On a Tree Fallen across the Road" – 1949
- Folder 14) "Doom to Bloom" – 1950
- Folder 15) "A Cabin in the Clearing" – 1951
- Folder 16) "Does No One but Me at All . . ." – 1952

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CHRISTMAS CARDS (cont.)

From Robert Frost (cont.)

Folder 17) "One More Brevity" – 1953

Folder 18) "Kitty Hawk" – 1956

Folder 19) "My Objection to Being Stepped On" – 1957

Folder 20) "A-Wishing Well" – 1959

From Nancy Byrd Turner

Folder 21) "To You at Christmas" – undated

MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 22) Invitation to a ball in Italy – Sep. 20, 1944

ARTIFACT BOX 1 - AC 2005.5

ARTIFACTS

Item 01) Plate from Lord Mayor of London's War on Want Campaign – 1967

Item 02) World War II medals awarded to Munce by the British government – 1945

OVERSIZED FOLDER - OC 2005.5

MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 01) Patent for Westmoreland County, Pa land purchased by Andrew Bunner –
July 5, 1785

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