

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Harnish, Walter Edward (1898 - c1988)** **MC 2003.3**

Material: Diaries and Ledgers (1911-1920)

Volume: 1.0 linear feet (2 Document Boxes)

Donation: Gift, 1989

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

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Walter Edward Harnish was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on April 11, 1898 to Harry and Clara Bowers Harnish. He attended Carlisle High School before graduating from Dickinson in 1920; his sister Edna Mae Harnish had attended the college also as a member of the Class of 1916. While at Dickinson he was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity and the Inter Fraternity Council. After Dickinson Harnish was educated at the Universities of Pittsburgh, Wisconsin, and Chicago, as well as Northwestern University. He then embarked upon a career in education, teaching high school math in Illinois and serving as a junior college president for a brief period. He was an ardent tennis player and won several championships with the Chicago Town and Tennis Club in the 1930s. He eventually retired to Coral Gables, Florida. Walter Harnish passed away sometime after 1987.

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The Walter E. Harnish collection consists of two series, Diaries and Ledgers, and is housed in one document box. This collection paints a very detailed portrait of Harnish's daily life. The first series, Diaries, is arranged chronologically; the diaries span from his life as a teenager in Carlisle before he came to Dickinson to his first teaching post in 1920. There are accounts of his days in the Student Army Training Corps as well his search for summer employment. The diaries frequently mention dances, dates, parties, checkers, and bowling. Transcriptions of the diaries are housed after the diaries themselves.

The second series, Ledgers, is comprised of two ledger books recording financial information for Harnish; these are arranged chronologically. The "Chicken Account" provides a seemingly complete picture of the finances of his chicken business in the early 1910s. The other ledger records Harnish's expenses as a student at Dickinson from 1916 to 1920.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### **BOX 1 - MC 2003.3**

#### DIARIES

Folder 01)	1913-1914 diary
Folder 02)	1914 diary
Folder 03)	1915 diary
Folder 04)	1917 diary
Folder 05)	1918 diary
Folder 06)	1919 diary

### **BOX 2 - MC 2003.3**

#### DIARIES (cont.)

Folder 01)	1920
Folder 02)	1913-1914 transcription
Folder 03)	1914 diary transcription
Folder 04)	1915 diary transcription
Folder 05)	1917 diary transcription
Folder 06)	1918 diary transcription
Folder 07)	1919 diary transcription
Folder 08)	1920 diary transcription

#### LEDGERS

Folder 09)	Chicken Account - 1911-1915
	Dickinson Expense Ledger - 1916-1920

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