

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Smith, Spencer Bauman (1911-1984)** **MC 2011.4**

Material: Papers (1927-1934)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box)

Donation: Wilhelmina LaBar Smith, 1991

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

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Spencer Bauman Smith was born in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Smith. He attended the Upper Darby Senior High School and graduated from Dickinson College in 1934, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and editor of the *Dickinsonian*. After graduating from Dickinson he went on to attend the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Smith spent his adult life as a pastor of the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church for thirty-four years, retiring in 1975. He had also served as interim pastor in the Dillsburg and Carlisle areas. Additionally, he was a member of the Carlisle and Syracuse Presbyteries and helped to organize the Christ Presbyterian Church in Allendale and the Faith United Presbyterian Church in Colonial Park.

Outside of Spencer Smith's work in ministry, he was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served on the board of directors for the Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School and the Meadow Lake Fishing Club. He died in the Harrisburg Hospital in 1984 of injuries acquired when he was struck by a car in downtown Carlisle.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Spencer Bauman Smith Collection is one document box and is organized into three categories: Dickinson College, General Correspondence, and Miscellaneous. Most of the material in this collection reflects Smith's student days at Dickinson College, as well as his journalistic activities.

The Dickinson College materials include from letters from the college president and faculty members regarding admission and freshman activities, as well as a course registration and grade report. Programs from campus events and some materials from student groups are included, along with photocopies of the articles Spencer Smith wrote for the *Dickinsonian*. The

most interesting material is found in the scrapbook, which includes photos of friends, various college activities, and ephemeral material reflecting Spencer Smith's college days. Most of the material in the scrapbook is clearly labeled.

The General Correspondence category includes letters, organized alphabetically by author, from newspapers and from individuals interested in Smith's editorship, as well as a few personal notes of congratulation.

The Miscellaneous category includes a draft of an editorial, co-authored with a friend, and a delegate badge from a newspaper convention that Spencer Smith attended.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2011.4

DICKINSON COLLEGE

College Business

- Folder 01) Letters re: admission and freshman activities - 1927-1930
Psychological test given to the freshman class of 1934 - 1930
Semester progress report - 1930-1931

Dickinsonian

- Folder 02) Photocopies of editorials and articles by Smith - 1933-1934

Events

- Folder 03) Program for incoming freshmen - Sep. 15-18, 1930
Pin worn by Spencer Smith at College Reception - Sep. 19, 1930
James Henry Morgan Lectures - 1930
Twenty-Ninth Annual Doll Show - Dec. 18, 1930
Seminar of Inter-Religious Harmony - Feb. 24, 1932
Dickinsonian Annual Banquet - Feb. 25, 1932
Sesqui-Centennial Pageant - Jun. 10, 1933

Organizations

- Folder 04) Union Philosophical Society Letter - Sep. 8, 1930
Kappa Sigma Newsletter - Dec. 1930

Scrapbook

- Folder 05) Photographs and ephemera - 1930-1933

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Smith, Spencer – Letters Sent

- Folder 06) To David Stern - Nov. 7, 1933

Smith, Spencer – Letters Received

- Folder 07) From Anonymous - Feb. 9, 1933
From Becker, Gerhard - Nov. 6, 1933
From Gabell, Walter - Nov. 9, 1930
From Hartman, Emory - Feb. 9, 1933
From Holmes, Charles Wendell - Feb. 21 and 28, 1933
From Saylor, Harry T. - Nov. 13, 1933
From Smith Family - Feb. 8, 1933

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MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 08) Draft of editorial by S. Smith and F. Kepler - undated
Badge from Intercollegiate Newspaper Association Fall Convention

This collection register was prepared by Melissa O'Sickey, November 2011.