

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: Rahn, Earl H (Class of 1913) MC 2018.07  
Material: Scrapbook, circa 1910-1912  
Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 document box)  
Donation: Donor and date of gift unknown  
Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Earl Eugene Rahn was born on September 27, 1887 in Weavertown, PA to John P. and Maggie DeTurk Rahn. His family lived in Douglassville, PA, and he attended school at Reading High School and Perkiomen Seminary.

Rahn enrolled at Dickinson College in September 1909. While a student, he was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, the YMCA, and the Comus Club. He joined the Union Philosophical Society, serving for a time in the position of the society's Critic. Rahn joined the *Dickinsonian* newspaper staff and was stage manager for the Dramatic Club. Within the athletics program, he was a member of the class track team, served as assistant manager for the baseball team, and held the position of assistant gymnasium manager. In 1910, Rahn recited "The Old Man" by Eugene Field and won first prize in the Department of Oratory's contest for men. He graduated in 1912 after three years of study.

After college, Rahn served as principal at Ontelaunee Vocational School near Reading, PA. He served in France as a Second Lieutenant during World War I where he saw action at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He died on Oct. 18, 1918 from wounds received in Cunel, France. He is buried in St. Paul's Church Cemetery in Amityville, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

This Earl Eugene Rahn collection is housed in one document box and contains two series: Scrapbook and Loose Items. The Scrapbook comprises the bulk of the collection. It was created by Rahn while a student at Dickinson College between his enrollment in Sept. 1909 and his graduation in May 1912. The scrapbook includes primarily photographs and photograph

postcards that depict people, places, and events at Dickinson, as well as in his hometown of Weaverville, PA. Few of the people in the photographs are identified, but they appear to include Rahn himself, his close friends, and members of his family. The Loose Items series contains a formal portrait, likely that of Rahn, and a small news clipping. Both came loose from the scrapbook and are stored separately in folders.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1

#### SCRAPBOOK

- Page 01) Blank
- Page 02) Blank
- Page 03) Photo of woman on horseback
- Page 04) Blank
- Page 05) Landscape view of Dickinson College campus
- Page 06) Blank
- Page 07) Post card of Denny Hall
  - News clip photo of Dr. Eugene Allen Noble
  - Class of 1912 photo
- Page 08) News clip photo of The College Band 1911
  - “Day month year Dickinson Gettysburg 11-0” sticker
  - Photo of Old West
- Page 09) South College and Fraternity post card
  - Cumberland Valley Depot post card
  - Bosler Memorial Library postcard
- Page 10) Photo of Old West
  - Photo of unidentified young man and woman
  - Old West postcard
- Page 11) Brochure from First Presbyterian Church
  - Photo of unidentified young man
  - First Presbyterian Church postcard photo
- Page 12) Phi Kappa Sigma label
  - Newspaper clip photo of Dr. Charles F. Himes
  - Seal of Phi Kappa Sigma
- Page 13) Photo of unidentified group of young men
  - Photo of unidentified group captioned “Notice the pose! After one of Mrs. Miller’s Good Dinners”
- Page 14) Black & white photo of dog on porch
- Page 15) Black & white photo of John A. F. Hall
  - Black & white photo of Thompson S. Martin
  - Postcard photo of Phi Kappa Sigma house
- Page 16) Black & white Group photo of Phi Kappa Sigma gathering

**BOX 1 - MC 2018.07 (cont.)**

SCRAPBOOK (cont.)

- Page 17) Black & white Group photo on carriage  
Black & white group photo of four unknown women  
Black & white group photo on staircase
- Page 18) Black & white photo of women holding dog  
Black & white photo of couple  
Black & white photo duplicate from page 3  
Black & white photo rowing a boat
- Page 19) Black & white photo of unidentified woman in front of scenery  
Black & white photo of unidentified woman in front of bushes  
Black & white photo of unidentified man in front of bushes  
Black & white photo of unidentified couple in front of tree
- Page 20) Black & white photo of unidentified group  
Black & white photo of unidentified woman in grass
- Page 21) Black & white photo of unidentified group  
Black & white photo of unidentified man lying in grass
- Page 22) Black & white photo of unidentified group of women in front of tree  
Black & white photo of unidentified group in front of building  
Black & white photo of unidentified child on steps  
Black & white photo of unidentified group on stairs  
Black & white photo of unidentified man in front of tree
- Page 23) Black & white photo of unidentified two men on horse  
Black & white blurred photo of unidentified group on boat  
Black & white photo of unidentified couple in carriage  
Black & white photo of unidentified woman on horse
- Page 24) Black & white photo of unidentified clown during freshman parade –  
Feb 22, 1910  
Black & white photo of unidentified Earl dressed as clown during freshman  
parade –Feb 22, 1910  
Blurred photo of clown  
Group of crowd in front of Lloyd Hall – Feb 22, 1910
- Page 25) Postcard of Tone Scientific Building  
Postcard of Bosler Memorial Hall  
Postcard of East College
- Page 26) Postcard of Conway Hall  
Postcard of W. Louther Street  
Postcard of brick gate
- Page 27) Postcard of Molly Pitcher  
Postcard of Old Toll Gate, Mount Holly, Pa  
Postcard of group line up in courtyard
- Page 28) Postcards of Weavertown, PA (2)

**BOX 1 - MC 2018.07 (cont.)**

SCRAPBOOK (cont.)

- Page 29) Photo of wooded lane
  - Postcard "Along the Manatawny near Locust Dale"
  - Photo of dog in yard
- Page 30) Photo of family outside
- Page 31) Ticket stub, Frank Deshon in "The Beauty Spot"
  - News clipping, "Symphonic Poem, 'Les Preludes' Liszt
  - Ticket stub, Eurydice – May 7, 1912
  - News clipping, *The Onion*, Vol. 5 no. 1
  - Program, "Odds and Ends in the Weavertown Chapel" – Aug. 26, 1911
  - News clipping of "Pink" [Noah Pinkney]
  - Program, Musical, St. Paul Lutheran Church – [Apr.] 30, 1912
- Page 32) Dickinsonian news clippings

LOOSE ITEMS

- Folder 01) Portrait, Earl Rahn [?]
- Folder 02) News clipping, "Musical Club at Mechanicsburg"

This collection register was prepared by Isabella Silvis, May 2018.