

# Gaujot, Antoine, and Gaujot, Julien E., Papers

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1840-1999



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### Abstract

The Antoine Gaujot and Julien E. Gaujot Papers contains the papers of two brothers who both attended Virginia Tech and received the U. S. Medal of Honor. The collection includes articles, correspondence, military documents, and research from about 1840-1999.

### Creator

Gaujot family

### Creator

Coulter, John A., 1953-

### Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

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## Source of Acquisition

The Antoine Gaujot and Julien E. Gaujot Papers were donated in 1992 and 2000.

## Processing Information

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# Biographical Note

Julien Edmond Victor Gaujot and Antoine August Michel Gaujot are brothers who both attended Virginia Tech and received the Medal of Honor. There are only a few brothers to receive the Medal and the only set of brothers to receive from different wars.

Antoine August Michel Gaujot attended VAMC 1896-97 (class of 1900, non-graduate). He received "the medal for actions as an army corporal at the Battle of San Mateo during the Philippine Insurrection. He made persistent effort under heavy enemy rifle fire to locate a ford in order to help his unit cross the swollen river to attack. Unable to accomplish this he swam with a companion again under fire and against a dangerous current across the river to the enemy side. There, he secured an enemy canoe and returned it to the friendly side of the river."

Julien E. Gaujot attended Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (VAMC) from 1889-90, class of 1893; now Virginia Tech. After Antoine earned his medal, "Julien, his brother and a regular army officer, became obsessed with his brother's achievement. Referring to Antoine, Julien said 'He wears it for a watch fob, the damn civilian, I got to get me one of them things for myself if I bust.' Julien Gaujot received the medal for actions on the Mexican Border in 1914. He is the only soldier ever awarded the Medal for actions of a peacekeeping nature. In Douglas, Arizona, stray bullets from fighting among Mexican rebels and government troops caused American casualties. Julien Gaujot crossed the border under heavy fire. He moved between the two groups of belligerents for an hour, amongst heavy fire. This secured the safe passage of the Mexican soldiers and American prisoners over the border to the United States. His actions saved five Americans taken prisoner by the Mexicans, 25 Mexican soldiers plus Americans and Mexican rebels who would have died in continued fighting."

Source:

"Medal of Honor Recipients at Va Tech", Virginia Tech Army ROTC, [http://www.armyrotc.vt.edu/aboutus/Medal\\_Honor.html](http://www.armyrotc.vt.edu/aboutus/Medal_Honor.html), archived at [https://web.archive.org/web/20131029200332/www.armyrotc.vt.edu/aboutus/Medal\\_Honor.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20131029200332/www.armyrotc.vt.edu/aboutus/Medal_Honor.html), archived version accessed Jan. 24, 2023.

See also:

"War Memorial Court: Medal of Honor recipients", Virginia Tech, <https://www.vt.edu/about/locations/buildings/war-memorial-chapel-honor.html>, accessed Jan. 24, 2023.

# Scope and Contents

The Antoine Gaujot and Julien E. Gaujot Papers contains the papers of two brothers who both attended Virginia Tech and received the Medal of Honor, and the collection includes articles, correspondences, military documents, and photographs.

Julien Gaujot's papers consist of copies from Julien Gaujot's military file giving testimony towards his bravery and service at Agua Prieta, Mexico, on April 13, 1911, and documents awarding him the medal in August 1912. Antoine Gaujot papers include citations and military service, information regarding Antoine's murder by Julien's son in 1936, photographs, correspondence, Lt. Col. John Coulter's notes (for book on Virginia Tech Medal of Honor winners) with descriptions of battles and newspaper articles. Some parts of the collection include photocopies of the originals.

## Related Materials

This collection contains John Coulter's notes for the book, *Ut prosim "above & beyond" : the story of Virginia Tech's Medal of Honor recipients* by John A. Coulter II ; editor, Richard T. Ball ; art editor, Carol Lee Irwin. A copy is in the Rare Book Collection with call number LD5655.A5 C5 2001.

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Gaujot, Antoine August Michel, 1878-1936

Gaujot, Julian Edmond Victor, 1874-1938

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### Articles

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### Medal of Honor

**Unit Date** 1956

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### Family Records

**Unit Date** 1840-1994

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### Military Documents

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