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Descriptive Summary

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Language

Materials in this collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection largely consists of journals written by John Preston in which he recorded his daily activities. Entries include accounts of his work with the Red Cross, home improvement projects, time spent with friends, and various hobbies such as golfing. The collection also includes some paper ephemera, collected by Preston in his diary from 1982. This includes photographs, newspaper clippings, golf scoresheets, and other memorabilia.

Creator

Preston, John, d. 1982

Extent

0.8 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The John Preston Journals were donated to Special Collections and University Archives in June 2018.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

John Preston (d. 1982) was descended from Col. William Preston and lived at Greenfield in Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia.

Scope and Content

This collection largely consists of journals written by John Preston in which he recorded his daily activities. Entries include accounts of his work with the Red Cross, home improvement projects, time spent with friends, and various hobbies such as golfing. He records temperatures daily and notes his involvement in many organizations such as the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Botetourt Country Club. As his health declines, he notes doctor's visits and hospitalizations.

The collection also includes some paper ephemera, collected by Preston in his diary from 1982. This includes photographs, newspaper clippings, golf scoresheets, and other memorabilia.

Keywords

Botetourt County (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Journals

Unit Date August 2, 1949 through January 24, 1952

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 25, 1952 through December 31, 1954

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1955 through January 2, 1957

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 3, 1957 through December 31, 1958

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1959 through December 31, 1961

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1962 through December 31, 1963

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1964 through December 29, 1966

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date December 30, 1966 through December 31, 1968

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1969 through December 31, 1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1971 through December 31, 1972

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1973 through December 31, 1974

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1976

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1978

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1980

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Journals

Unit Date January 1, 1981 through August 22, 1982

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Container 7 (folder)