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1910-1960

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English .

Creator

Wise, Jennings C. (Jennings Cropper), 1881-1968

Creator

Kilbourne, Charles E. (Charles Evans), 1872-1963

Creator

Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972

Extent

3.5 cubic feet 7 manuscript boxes and oversized material

Physical Location

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Biographical / Historical

Jennings C. Wise (1881-1968), lawyer and United States Army officer, was born on September 10, 1881 in Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from the Phillip Exeter Academy (New Hampshire) in 1882 and from VMI in 1902. He subsequently received a law degree from the University of Virginia.

Wise spent the majority of his career practicing law, primarily in private practice. He was associated with the firms of Pollard , Wise, and Chichester (Richmond, Virginia), and Munn, Anderson and Munn (Washington, D.C.). In addition, he taught at VMI from 1912 to 1915, and he served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) during World War I.

Following his retirement in 1954, Wise concentrated on researching and writing a book ultimately published under the title "Sunrise of the Virginia Military Institute as a School of Arms."

Scope and Contents

The Jennings C. Wise papers consist primarily of Jennings C. Wise's incoming and outgoing correspondence from the period 1910 to 1960. Included are letters dating from his years as Professor and Commandant of Cadets at VMI, from his practice of law, and from his retirement period in which he devoted himself primarily to writing. Wise was passionately interested in the history and future development of VMI and much of the correspondence reflects his ongoing involvement with the school. He often held controversial views and frequently expressed his dismay at what he perceived to be a lessening of military discipline at VMI. Other items in the papers include: Memoranda Editorials and articles written by Wise Circulars Notebooks Printed material A photograph album (1913-1914) documenting the retirement of the VMI Cadet Battery and the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of New Market, Virginia

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Virginia Military Institute—Biography

Virginia Military Institute—History

Virginia Military Institute—Alumni—Publications

Virginia Military Institute—Class of 1902

Virginia Military Institute—Faculty—Papers

Notebooks

Circular letters

Pamphlets

Correspondence

Speeches, Addresses, etc.

Ezekiel, Moses J. (Moses Jacob), 1844-1917

Virginia Military Institute. Office of the Commandant

Shepherd, Lemuel C., Jr. (Lemuel Cornick), 1896-1990

Accruals

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

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Scope and Contents

These letters pertain to both Jennings C. Wise's professional life and personal interests.

Keywords

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Correspondence

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Correspondence**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6007**Unit Date** 1960 March 21-31**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Extent** 15 items**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6008**Unit Date** 1960 April 4-10**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**Extent** 13 items**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6009**Unit Date** 1960 April 11-26**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Extent** 26 items**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6010**Unit Date** 1960 May**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Extent** 6 items**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6011**Unit Date** 1960 June 3-15**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 21 (Folder)**Extent** 22 items**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6012**Unit Date** 1960 June 16-27**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 22 (Folder)**Extent** 14 items**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/6013**Unit Date** 1960 July**Mixed Materials** 5 (box)**Container** 23 (Folder)**Extent** 17 items

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Unit Date 1922-1960

Language English.

Memoranda

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6021

Unit Date 1922-1924

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Extent 2 items

Scope and Contents

This folder contains memoranda titled "The Future Policy of The Virginia Military Institute" (November 7, 1932) and "In re Virginia Military Institute, I. The Institute as a School of Arms."

Memoranda

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6022

Unit Date 1946-1956

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Extent 24 items

Memoranda

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6023

Unit Date 1958

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Extent 8 items

Memoranda

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6024

Unit Date 1959

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Extent 11 items

Memoranda

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6025

Unit Date 1960

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Extent 11 items

Memoranda

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6026

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Extent 13 items

Articles and editorials

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1922

Unit Date 1950-1959

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Articles and editorials written by Jennings C. Wise.

Editorials

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6027

Unit Date 1955-1959

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Extent 14 items

Editorials

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6028

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Extent 6 items

Articles by Jennings C. Wise

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6029

Unit Date 1932-1960

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Extent 6 items

Articles by Jennings C. Wise

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6030

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Extent 10 items

Printed material

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1923

Unit Date 1950-1959

Language English.

Separated Materials

Additional materials from this series are located in Oversized Case 1, Drawer 5.

Circulars

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6031

Unit Date 1915-1960

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Postcards

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6032

Unit Date 1915-1959

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Extent 21 items

Sunrise of VMI requests for comment

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6033

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Extent 13 items

Sunrise of VMI publicity circulars

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6034

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Extent 21 items

Sunrise of VMI purchase orders and related financial records

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6035

Unit Date 1958-1959

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Extent 12 items

"Wise vs. the Governor of Virginia" petition draft

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6036

Unit Date 1956

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Jennings C. Wise biographical information

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6037

Unit Date 1948-1949

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Extent 3 items

Scope and Contents

This folder contains biographical material written by Jennings C. Wise.

Addresses and speeches

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6038

Unit Date 1882-1959

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Extent 4 items

Scope and Contents

This folder includes one bound address titled "Battle of New Market, Va." given by John S. Wise to VMI on May 18, 1882.

VMI Sportmen's Club memorabilia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6039

Unit Date 1960-1961

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Extent 2 items

Pamphlets

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6040

Unit Date 1915-1946

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Extent 4 items

Notes

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6041

Unit Date 1959 September

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Extent 1 items

Scope and Contents

This folder contains one page of notes related to deficiencies with the VMI Class of 1961.

"Sunrise of the Virginia Military Institute"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6042

Unit Date 1958

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Extent 2 items

Notebooks

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6043

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Extent 4 items

Scope and Contents

These notebooks relate to subscriptions and payments for the book "Sunrise of the Virginia Military Institute" (1958).

J. Edgar Hoover statement and address

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/6044

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Extent 2 items

Photograph album

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/1924

Unit Date 1913-1914

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

The album containing images of the VMI Cadet Battery and of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of New Market, Virginia.

Keywords

New Market, Battle of, New Market, Va., 1864—Anniversaries

Virginia Military Institute—Photographs

Virginia Military Institute—Cadet life—1910-1919

Photograph albums